

NORWOOD MORIALTA HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Caregiver

Re: Expectations in Stage 1 General Mathematics

Your student has enrolled in Stage 1 General Mathematics and I would like to outline some expectations related to this course.

Graphics Calculators:

Demonstrated use of technology is an integral part of every SACE Mathematics course at Stage 1 and Stage 2. Students are required to demonstrate the discerning use of Graphics Calculators in tests, folio tasks (projects) and exams. The use of this technology must also be obvious at SACE moderation. It is therefore expected that every student **enrolled in Semester 2 General Mathematics** purchases their own graphics calculator. It is in the best interests of all students who want to continue onto Stage 2 Mathematics to purchase their own graphics calculator **as soon as possible as a Graphics Calculator is required for topics during semester 1.**

The Casio fx-CG20 AU is the graphics calculators preferred by Norwood Morialta High School and is available from the online bookstore associated with Norwood Morialta High School. This information is clearly stated in the curriculum guide.

If your family is on a school card and is genuinely unable to purchase a graphics calculator, please contact the Mathematics Coordinator, Jade Clifford via email at jade.clifford210@schools.sa.edu.au.

Deadlines:

Each course will include several Skills and Achievement Tasks (Tests) and Mathematical Investigations (Projects). To be fair and equitable to all students, strict deadlines will be upheld, according to SACE policy. Students will be given at least 5 days' notice of an upcoming Test. Students will be expected to sit the test on the scheduled day at the scheduled time. If a student is too sick to sit a test, they will need to get a certificate of illness from a doctor confirming this, dated on the day of the scheduled test, before an alternative test can be scheduled. Should a student have a prior engagement booked at the time of a scheduled test, which cannot be changed e.g. an excursion for another course or a specialist appointment, they must negotiate an alternative time with the teacher **before the scheduled date of the test.**

In Mathematics students are able to bring 'Test Notes' into each test and exam. Students will be given strict guidelines to follow according to each test, and must submit their 'Test Notes' with each completed test.

Folio Task deadlines will be made very clear and published on Daymap for student and parent reference from the date each Folio is issued. Ample time will be allowed for students to complete each task. Students are encouraged to begin Folio Tasks as early as possible and not to leave them to the last minute. The deadline for a Folio Task will be given as a time and date and must be strictly adhered to.

Teachers are able to send students to the submission support room if checkpoint dates are missed, and parents will be notified on the day that their student has missed a checkpoint. Extensions will only be given in exceptional circumstances, at the teacher's discretion, where the student is able to supply clear evidence of their efforts and reasons for non-completion **before the due date.** Students who are unable to complete a Folio Task within the deadline given are encouraged to submit whatever work they have managed to complete.

If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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Jacqui van Ruiten
Principal

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