Senior assessment techniques and conditions

Science learning area

Subject	Assessment information	
Agricultural Science General senior subject	Summative internal assessment 1 (IA1): Data test (10%)	 Time: 60 minutes plus 10 minutes perusal. Length: up to 500 words in total, consisting of short responses, i.e. sentence or short paragraphs (fewer than 50 words) paragraphs, 50–250 words per item other types of item responses, e.g. interpreting and calculating, should allow students to complete the response in the set time. Other: QCAA-approved graphics calculator permitted unseen stimulus.
	Summative internal assessment 2 (IA2): Student experiment (20%)	 Time: 10 hours class time. This time will not necessarily be sequential. Students must perform the majority of the task during class time, including performing background research and developing the methodology conducting the experiment processing and analysing evidence and evaluating the methodology preparing and presenting the response (e.g. writing the scientific report, constructing and presenting the scientific poster). Length: written (e.g. scientific report), 1500–2000 words or multimodal presentation (e.g. scientific poster presentation), 9–11 minutes. Other: students may work collaboratively with other students to develop the methodology and perform the experiment; all other stages (e.g. processing of data, analysis of evidence and evaluation of the experimental process) must be carried out individually the response must be presented using an appropriate scientific genre (e.g. report, poster presentation, journal article, conference presentation) and contain a research question a rationale for the experiment



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Agricultural Practices Applied senior subject	Project A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	At least two different components from the following: • Written: 500–900 words • Spoken: 2½–3½ minutes • Multimodal: 3–6 minutes • Performance: continuous class time
	Collection of work A response to a series of tasks relating to a single topic in a	At least three components from the following: • Written: 200–300 words • Spoken: 1½–2½ minutes

	module of work.	 Multimodal: 2–3 minutes Performance: continuous class time
	Investigation A response that includes locating and using information beyond students' own knowledge and the data they have been given.	Presented in one of the following modes: • Written: 600–1000 words • Spoken: 3–4 minutes • Multimodal: 4–7 minutes
	Extended response A response that assesses the interpretation, analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.	Presented in one of the following modes: • Written: 600–1000 words • Spoken: 3–4 minutes • Multimodal: 4–7 minutes
	Examination A response that answers a number of provided questions, scenarios and/or problems.	 60–90 minutes Up to 250 words per item (diagrams and workings not included in word count)
Aquatic Practices Applied senior subject	Project A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	At least two different components from the following: • Written: 500–900 words • Spoken: 2½–3½ minutes • Multimodal: 3–6 minutes • Performance: continuous class time • Product: continuous class time
	Investigation A response that includes locating and using information beyond students' own knowledge and the data they have been given.	Presented in one of the following modes: • Written: 600–1000 words • Spoken: 3–4 minutes • Multimodal: 4–7 minutes
	Extended response A response that assesses the interpretation,	Presented in one of the following modes: • Written: 600–1000 words • Spoken: 3–4 minutes

	analysis/examination and/or evaluation of ideas and information in provided stimulus materials.	• Multimodal: 4–7 minutes
	Examination A response that answers a number of provided questions, scenarios and/or problems.	 60–90 minutes 50–250 words per item (diagrams and workings not included in word count)
	Performance A response that assesses physical demonstrations as outcomes of applying a range of cognitive, technical and physical skills.	Performance: continuous class time to develop and practice the performance
Science in Practice Applied senior subject	Project A response to a single task, situation and/or scenario.	At least two different components from the following: • Written: 500–900 words • Spoken: 2½–3½ minutes • Multimodal: - non-presentation 8 A4 pages max (or equivalent) - presentation 3–6 minutes • Performance: continuous class time • Product: continuous class time
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	Collection of work A response to a series of tasks relating to a single topic in a module of work.	At least three different components from the following: • Written: 200–300 words • Spoken: 1½–2½ minutes • Multimodal:

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