Earth & Environmental Science

Advice for Year 11 and 12 students learning from home

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) understands that the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the way many senior students are accessing their learning.

We've prepared some suggestions to help you with your studies.

Resources to support preparation for assessment

Assessment type	Suggestions to support learning from home
Data test (IA1)	 Review the Internal assessment 1 (IA1) section of the subject report that can be found on the Teaching tab on the Earth & Environmental Science subject page. Focus on the points about effective practices. Review the mandatory and suggested practicals, activities and case studies from
	Unit 3.
	 Create practice data test questions using primary data from practicals you have done in class.
	• Use the IA1 sample assessment instrument: Data test (10%) as a practice data test.
	• Mark your responses to the sample data test using the IA1 sample marking scheme: Data test (10%).
Student experiment (IA2)	 Review the Internal assessment 2 (IA2) section of the subject report that can be found on the Teaching tab on the Earth & Environmental Science subject page. Focus on the points about effective practices.
	• Consult with your teacher to determine a method that allows you to collect primary data remotely.
	 Consider strategies to modify your research question to suit the data that you may be required to collect remotely.
	• Use the IA2 high-level annotated sample response: Student experiment (20%) for Earth & Environmental Science and the samples from similar Science subjects (e.g. Marine Science, Biology) as examples of high-level responses.
Research investigation (IA3)	 Review the Internal assessment 3 (IA3) section of the subject report that can be found on the Teaching tab on the Earth & Environmental Science subject page. Focus on the samples of effective practices.
	• Consult with your teacher to determine a method that allows you to collect primary data remotely.
	• Consider strategies to modify your research question to suit the data that you may be required to collect remotely.
	• Use the IA3 high-level annotated sample response: Research investigation (20%) for Earth & Environmental Science and the samples from similar Science subjects (e.g. Marine Science, Biology) as examples of high-level responses.
External assessment (EA)	• Review past papers and the sample external assessment that can be found on the Assessment tab on the Earth & Environmental Science subject page.
	• Review the External assessment section of the subject report that can be found on the Teaching tab on the Earth & Environmental Science subject page. Focus on
	 examples of effective student responses and practices practices to strengthen, including recommendations to consider when preparing for external assessment.

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