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## Release of examiner's reports — Year 11 external assessment trials, Semester 1, 2017

### Purpose

To provide information about the release of examiner's reports for the Year 11 external assessment trials held in Semester 1, 2017.

### Background

To support the introduction of external assessment, QCAA conducted trials with volunteer schools in a range of subjects. This process gave schools and students the opportunity to become familiar with subject-based external assessments and enabled QCAA to evaluate the effectiveness of processes for delivering external assessments.

### Information

In Semester 1, 2017, QCAA trialled external formative assessments with Year 11 students in six subjects: English, French, Japanese, Mathematics B, Physical Education and Visual Art. A total of 16 472 students from 266 participating schools and 53 host schools and test centres were involved in the trials, and 415 teachers participated in the online marking operation.

The QCAA provided volunteer schools with details of individual student achievement and cohort analysis at the conclusion of the trials.

Examiner's reports and assessment instruments for the Semester 1, 2017 trials are now available to all schools on the QCAA website: [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/external-assessment/semester1-2017](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te/external-assessment/semester1-2017). The reports contain information on each of the assessments, including specifications, expected responses and the performance characteristics of students.

The trials were conducted using current syllabuses. Commentaries and indicative responses should be viewed with this in mind.

### Finding out more

For more information, visit the QCAA website: [www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te](http://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/senior/new-snr-assessment-te).

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