



ST. ALOYSIUS
CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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Dear Parents/Guardians

PAT Testing Program 2018

During the first five weeks of term four students from Grades 1 to 9 in all systemic Catholic schools will participate in Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in Spelling, Mathematics, Vocabulary and Reading Comprehension. PAT tests are designed to assess each student's current capability against the appropriate standard for their age.

Unlike NAPLAN, the PAT assessments do not have a student/parent report. However, student data is available to our College and is a valuable source of information on each student's development. St Aloysius uses PAT data towards student grades in Maths and English and as moderation to ensure that our classroom assessment of each student is accurate. Teachers also use the results to track each student's development from year to year. This information is another useful tool for identifying students requiring extra support or extension in their studies.

The PAT testing process will be explained to all students and should not be seen as a stressful "pass or fail" assessment. Students will be encouraged to view the tests as a way for teachers to learn more about their capabilities and then design learning programs that will help them improve.

Please do not hesitate to contact the College if you have any concerns about the PAT testing process.

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