

Year 10 Science

Work rate calendar (WRC) 2025

Term 1

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Assessment

Supervised assessment Summative exams are to be supervised by the student's official exam supervisor.

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Week	Dates	Unit	Topic	Class work / Assessment to be submitted
1	27 Jan – 31 Jan	Unit 1: Biology	Monday 27 January — Australia Day Holiday	
			Introduction Become familiar with the 10 Science course.	
2	3 Feb – 7 Feb		DNA and genes Understand how traits are inherited.	
3	10 Feb – 14 Feb		Friday 14 February — Senior orientation day: Years 10–12	
			Reproduction and variation Compare asexual and sexual reproduction.	
4	17 Feb – 21 Feb		Cell division- mitosis and meiosis Understand the processes of cell division.	Biology Mandatory Quiz
5	24 Feb – 28 Feb		Patterns of heredity Understand the relationship between genes and patterns of inheritance.	
6	3 Mar – 7 Mar		Predicting inheritance of traits Investigate methods to predict the patterns of inheritance of traits	SA1 Draft 7 March
7	10 Mar – 14 Mar		Practical 1- Drosophila simulation Apply the principles of Mendelian inheritance by experimentation.	
8	17 Mar – 21 Mar		Evolution by natural selection Explain the change in species over time.	SA1: Report (final) 21 March
9	24 Mar – 28 Mar	Mandatory Practical 2- Natural selection Apply the principals of evolution by natural selection.		
10	31 Mar – 4 Apr	Thursday 3 April — Cross country / Fun run: Prep – Year 12		
		Evolution case study Understand how allele and phenotype frequency in populations can change over time.	Mandatory Practical 2 (Stile)	

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1	21 Apr – 25 Apr	Unit 2: Chemical science	Monday 21 April — Easter Monday	
			Friday 25 April — Anzac Day	
Atoms, elements and the Periodic Table				
Investigate the structure of atoms and their organisation into the periodic table of elements.				
2	28 Apr – 2 May		Electron configurations and ions	
Investigate ions and the bonds they can form.				
3	5 May – 9 May		Monday 5 May — Labour Day	
			Periodic Trends	
Investigate the trends in chemical properties found across the elements of the periodic table.				
4	12 May – 16 May		Types of chemical reactions	Chemistry Mandatory Quiz
Investigate chemical change as described by chemical reactions.				
5	19 May – 23 May	Conservation of mass and balancing equations		
Investigate the law of conservation of mass.				
6	26 May – 30 May	Rate of reaction	SA2 Practice Data test 30 May	
Investigate the rate of chemical reactions.				
7	2 Jun – 6 Jun	SA2 Data test	SA2 Data test 6 June	
Complete assessment				
8	9 Jun – 13 Jun	Mandatory Practical 3- Reaction rate	Mandatory Practical 3 (Stile)	
Conduct a given student experiment and write up the results in a report.				
9	16 Jun – 20 Jun	Mandatory Practical 4- Reaction Rate modified		
Plan and conduct a modified student experiment.				
10	23 Jun – 27 Jun	Friday 27 June — Athletics carnival / Sports day: Prep – Year 12	Mandatory Practical 4	
		Mandatory Practical 4 – Reaction Rate modified		
Complete modified student experiment.				

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1	14 Jul – 18 Jul	Unit 3: Physics	Introduction to energy Forces, energy, energy transfers, and energy transformations	
2	21 Jul – 25 Jul		Speed and Velocity Explore the concepts of speed and velocity.	
3	28 Jul – 1 Aug		Acceleration Investigate the acceleration of objects.	
4	4 Aug – 8 Aug		Mandatory Practical 5 - Speed Conduct a given student experiment and write up the results in a report.	Physics Mandatory Quiz
5	11 Aug – 15 Aug		Wednesday 13 August — Royal Queensland (Ekka) Show Holiday Kinetic and gravitational potential energy Investigate kinetic and gravitational potential energy.	SA3 Student Experiment released to students
6	18 Aug – 22 Aug		Mandatory Practical 6 – Speed Modifications SA3 Student Experiment Plan and conduct a modified student experiment	
7	25 Aug – 29 Aug		Mandatory Practical 6 – Speed Modifications SA3 Student Experiment Plan and conduct a modified student experiment	SA3 Student Experiment Draft due
8	1 Sept – 5 Sept		Friday 5 September — Student free day Newton's First and Second Laws of Motion Investigate Newton's first and second laws of motion	
9	8 Sept – 12 Sept		SA3 Student Experiment Final Submission Complete assessment and upload to QLearn	
10	15 Sept – 19 Sept		Friday 19 September — Connect day: Years 11–12 Newton's Third Law Investigate Newton's 3rd law of motion.	SA3 Student Experiment Final due

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1	6 Oct – 10 Oct	Unit 4: Earth and space sciences	Monday 6 October — King's Birthday Holiday	
			Global systems	
			Investigate the four main global systems – the geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, and biosphere.	
2	13 Oct – 17 Oct		Energy and Ecosystems	
			Investigate ecosystems and how energy flows through the biosphere.	
3	20 Oct – 24 Oct		The carbon cycle and the greenhouse effect	
4	27 Oct – 31 Oct		Climate and global warming	
			Investigate the Earth's climate and changes caused by global warming.	Earth Science Mandatory Quiz
5	3 Nov – 7 Nov		The big bang theory	
			Investigate the Big Bang theory as a theoretical explanation for the origin of the universe.	
6	10 Nov – 14 Nov	The life cycle of stars		
		Investigate the life cycle of stars.	SA4 Practice Exam	
7	17 Nov – 21 Nov	SA4 Exam		
			SA4 Final Exam	
8	24 Nov – 28 Nov		Friday 28 November — Final day: Years 10–11	
		The sun and beyond		
		Investigate the sun and model ecosystems		
9	1 Dec – 5 Dec			
10	8 Dec – 12 Dec			