



## ESSA 2009 exemption form

As all Year 8 students are candidates, it is expected that students with learning difficulties and many of those with mild intellectual disabilities will undertake the ESSA test. This often also includes students in Schools for Specific Purposes (SSPs). For a very few students, participation in the ESSA test will not be appropriate. These students are eligible for exemption from testing.

Consideration for exemptions can be given to:

- some students newly arrived in Australia (up to 12 months) from non-English speaking backgrounds
- students with moderate or severe intellectual disabilities who are supported through a personalised learning program with restricted access to regular syllabus outcomes and content. These students are unlikely to be accommodated through special provisions (see below)
- students who have a current Disability Confirmation Sheet who cannot be accommodated through special provisions
- students with a medical condition that would affect wellbeing and test performance and who cannot be accommodated through special provisions
- students attending Stewart House on the test day.

Signed parent/carer consent forms are required for students exempted from the ESSA test. The signed form must be kept by the school. Exempt students must be listed by the school on an ESSA 2009 *Log sheet*.

### ESSA 2009: Consent for exemption

**School's name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's name** \_\_\_\_\_

I have discussed my child's participation in the Essential Secondary Science Assessment with the school principal/representative and give permission for my child to be exempt from the 2009 test.

**Parent/carer's name** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal's name** \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_