

Overview of the parent survey about the ESSA 2006 Pilot test report

Surveys were completed online or written and posted.
Approximately ten percent of responses included a comment.

ESSA means Essential Secondary Science Assessment. Your child completed the ESSA 2006 Pilot test at the end of Year 8. You have just received a student report about your child's results in the ESSA 2006 Pilot test.

We are very interested in your opinions about how well the report describes your child's achievement and your views about the teaching and learning of science in secondary schools.

Please rate the statements below as honestly as you can.

		% Strongly disagree	% Disagree	% Agree	% Strongly agree
1	The student report provides important information to support my child in future progress in learning science.	2	10	69	19
2	The student report provides information in a way that is suitable and appropriate for parents and students.	2	7	74	17
3	My child has indicated that he/she enjoys science lessons at school.	7	24	52	18
4	I think that my child is interested in science.	5	21	53	21
5	I think that science is the most difficult subject to learn in Years 7 to 10 at school.	10	60	23	7
6	I will encourage my child to study physics in Years 11 and 12 at school.	11	41	35	12
7	I am interested in science.	4	18	55	22
8	I enjoyed science lessons when I was at secondary school.	7	20	52	22
9	I think it is important that all students learn science in Years 7 to 10.	2	4	43	52

10 My child is a boy = 977 girl = 1024

Some comments

Many parents:

- believe that science is very important
- would like copies of the test (available through schools)
- are curious to know how the teacher will use the ESSA results to help their child
- think that Science should be taught by trained, enthusiastic, passionate teachers
- will encourage their children to do subjects for which they have aptitude and interest
- believe that science could and should be made more relevant to students and their lives
- want to know that students have been given opportunity to learn what is in the test at school
- think that the ESSA report provides excellent information about their child's progress in science
- believe that Science lessons are more interesting when they include more hands-on practical activities.