Dear Year 6 Parent or Carer

The *Validation of Assessment for Learning & Individual Development* (VALID) test for Year 6 students will be held between **Monday 2 September** and **Friday 13 September 2024**. The test takes approximately 60 minutes. The ***VALID Science & Technology 6*** test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer.

*VALID Science & Technology 6* contains multiple choice, short response and extended response tasks that are grouped around real-world issues, including scientific investigations and design problems. This is a diagnostic test, with tasks framed on Stage 3 outcomes and essential content in the *NSW Science and Technology K-6 Syllabus (2017)*. Students will be tested on their:

- knowledge and understanding of science and technology
- understanding and skills in the process of scientific investigation and design processes
- ability to evaluate evidence, make judgements and think critically
- ability to access information and communicate scientific ideas.

Students also complete a survey about their opinions, attitudes and values about science and technology.

*VALID Science & Technology 6* contains audio, so each student needs to bring suitable **headphones or earbuds** that connect to a device. Schools will indicate if students need their own device.

If your child has a disability that needs special consideration or has been educated in English for less than one year, please contact your child's school to discuss special provisions or exemption from the test.

Results of the test will be available during Term 4, 2024. Information about each student is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that the right to privacy of all students is maintained. A personalised electronic report describing the knowledge and skills demonstrated by your child in the test will be available from their school. There will also be information about how your child's results compare with overall performance of all students in the test across NSW.

The principal of your child's school can provide you with more details about the VALID program if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely

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