



Computer Skills Assessment

Information sheet for parents and caregivers

Each year in May Year 6 students participate in the pencil-and-paper component of the Computer Skills Assessment (CSA6).

The test is produced by the Student Assessment and Reporting Unit of the Department of Education and Training and is a comprehensive test of the students' computer knowledge and understandings.

Students are requested to provide their name, gender, date of birth, information as to whether they are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander or from an English or non-English speaking background.

This information is used for assessing and reporting student achievement in computer skills. The information is treated confidentially and is held securely to ensure the right to privacy of all students is maintained. Any personal information provided by a student may be corrected at any time by contacting Student Assessment and Reporting on (02) 9707 6283.

The results of the test provide important information about what each student can do, and indicate where any student may need help. The reports are sent to schools and are used to support teaching and learning programs that improve the computer skills of students.

In addition each child's parent or caregiver receives a personal report about their child's achievement in the test. The information you receive as a result of your child's participation in the CSA6 will be valuable in helping you assess your child's progress in the area of computing skills.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the test or the report with your child's teacher, telephone the school to make an appointment for a meeting. If you need an interpreter to assist you to make the appointment, telephone the Telephone Interpreter Service on 131 450 and they will phone the school for you. The school can also arrange to have an on-site interpreter present at the meeting, if requested. These services will be free of charge to you.