MINISTER’S MESSAGE TO YEAR 12 STUDENTS UNDERTAKING THE QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS TEST

Dear Year 12 student,

Tomorrow, you’ll be among some 30,000 students throughout Queensland who’ll be undertaking QCS.

As you know, the test doesn’t assess your knowledge of particular topics; instead it covers 49 “common curriculum elements” such as analysing, hypothesising, or estimating.

These are skills you will have gained over the past 12 years of formal education. So there’s no need for last minute study in an 11th hour attempt to boost your result. Instead, the best preparation is to have a good night’s sleep, a healthy and filling breakfast, and a positive attitude.

Keep in mind too that while it’s important to do your best on the QCS Test, your OP (if you’re aiming for one) is primarily based on your grades for your five best Authority subjects. All subjects are weighted equally.

You’ll receive your QCS Test grade, OP and any relevant FPs (Field Positions) with your final subject results in December.

If you can’t wait for your results by mail, you can log into your student learning account on Saturday 20 December at www.studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au with your Learner Unique Identifier and password.

During the test, use your time effectively, think and plan before answering, and review your work. You should already have all the skills necessary to succeed in the QCS Test – stay calm and focused, and you’re sure to do your best.

Good luck.

Hon John-Paul Langbroek MP
Minister for Education, Training and Employment