

OHS Preliminary Exams 2026



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PM exam 12:35-3:35 L1SDS L2ENG L2ENS L3GEO L3SAM	PM exam 12:35-3:35 L1GEO L1SAM L2CHE L3CHI L3ESS L3HIS	PM exam 12:35-3:35 L1CHI L2BIO L2GEO L3BIO L3SSS	PM exam 12:35-3:35 L1TON L2MAA L2MAT L3HEA L3MAC	PM exam 12:35-3:35 L1HIS L2DRM L2DTG L3ECO L3PHY

Meet at the Gym for all exams, arrive at least 20 minutes before the scheduled exam time. Check your derived preliminary exam timetable carefully and let Mr Lee (plee@ohs.school.nz) know of any clashes, so that another exam time can be scheduled. Please also refer to the non-examined subjects workshop timetable.

OHS Preliminary Exams 2026 (Workshops)

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	AM Workshop 8:50-10:50 L2PDS L2ARC L3DVC	AM Workshop 8:50-10:50 L1MUS	AM Workshop 8:50-10:50 L3ARA	
	PM Workshop 12:35-2:35 L3PDS	PM Workshop 12:35-2:35 L1ARC L3ARD L3MUS	PM Workshop 12:35-2:35 L3APH	PM Workshop 12:35-2:35 L1PDS L2MUS
Exams take priority over workshops. Check your Workshop timetable carefully and let Mr Lee (plee@ohs.school.nz) know of any clashes. Please also refer to the preliminary exam timetable.				

EXAMINATION GUIDELINES



What you can and can't bring to an exam

You're responsible for bringing the correct equipment to an assessment and making sure that it is working.

Bring equipment into the assessment room in a clear plastic bag.

Students can bring:

- pens (black and blue colours are allowed)
- pencils
- an eraser
- an approved calculator for subjects where a calculator was used during the year.

Approved calculators

Calculators must:

- be silent
- be hand-held
- be non-printing
- work from their own power.

Students cannot keep notes, routines or store files in the calculator memory.

Teachers or supervisors will check the calculator memory is cleared before it can be brought into the assessment room.

Emergency evacuation and student pack

Students are allowed to bring items for an emergency evacuation into the assessment room in a clear, sealable plastic bag.

This pack must stay under your chair. Do not touch or open it without the permission of the supervisor.

Contents could include:

- a mobile phone (switched off) or other electronic device
- keys
- money
- mask or other face covering
- bus pass
- medicines.

Banned items

Do not bring the following items into an assessment room unless they are sealed in the emergency evacuation pack:

- blank paper or refill paper
- correcting fluid
- books, written notes or electronic notes
- mobile phones or pagers
- English dictionaries, foreign language dictionaries, or te reo Māori dictionaries or translators
- watches of any type (digital or analogue)
- any electronic device which has the capability to store, communicate or retrieve information except approved calculators.

On the day of the assessment

Arrive at least 20 minutes before the exam starts so you have time to get to the right room.

If you arrive more than 30 minutes after the assessment has started, you will not be able to sit the assessment or enter an assessment room.

In the assessment room

You must listen to and follow the supervisor's instructions. You must also:

- sit at your allocated desk. The assessment booklets at each desk are selected and coded for each individual student
- for externals, check that the answer booklets have your National Student Number (NSN) and Examination Code on them as listed on your Admission Slip
- check that all pages in each assessment booklet are printed correctly when you are told to do so
- put your hand up if you have a problem.
- not leave the assessment in the first 45 minutes or the last 15 minutes, even to use the toilet. For school exams (Preliminary Exams) you will be required to stay for at least one hour per standard assessed and ideally for the full duration.

During the assessment

You must not:

- borrow equipment from someone else
- talk to or communicate with other students, or do anything to disturb them
- read or copy another student's work.

Writing answers

You must:

- follow all the instructions on the front cover of the assessment booklet
- use black or blue pen only
- not write in pencil unless instructed to do so (we can't accept work in pencil or erasable pen if you apply for a review or reconsideration)
- try to write neatly so the marker can read your answers
- fill in your details at the top of any additional sheets of paper provided and put them inside your answer booklet.
- cross out any work you don't want marked.

You must not:

- write in pencil unless instructed to do so (we can't accept work in pencil or erasable pen if you apply for a review or reconsideration)
- write or draw anything that may be regarded as offensive
- write to the marker
- write in the part of the answer booklet marked 'For assessor's use only'
- write answers for one standard in the answer booklet for another. If you fill up your answer booklet, you can request extra paper.

At the end of the assessment

- Stop writing when the supervisor tells you to.
- Hand all material to be marked to the supervisor before you leave. If you take any work outside the assessment room, it will not be marked.
- You can keep resource booklets and separate question booklets.