

Withdrawal or exemption of students from VALID

VALID should be completed by all students in the relevant cohort at the school. However, some students are eligible to be withdrawn or exempted.

Withdrawn students

Students may be withdrawn from VALID by their parents/carers. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with the principal. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing or the use of technology.

Signed consent forms are required for students withdrawn by their parents/carers. The signed form must be kept by the school.

Exempt students

For very few students, participation in VALID might not be appropriate. These students are eligible for exemption. Consideration for exemptions can be given to:

- students newly arrived in Australia (up to 12 months) from non-English speaking backgrounds
- students with moderate or severe intellectual disabilities who are supported by a personalised learning program with restricted access to regular syllabus outcomes and content. These students are unlikely to be accommodated through special provisions
- students who have a current Disability Confirmation Sheet who cannot be accommodated through special provisions
- students with a medical condition that would affect wellbeing and test performance and who cannot be accommodated through special provisions
- students attending Stewart House.

Signed consent forms are required for students exempted by their parents/carers and the school (see below). The signed form must be kept by the school.

Important note

The school test administrator is required to use the VALID administration portal to accurately document exempt and withdrawn students. A consent form must be completed and kept by the school.

Consent forms for withdrawal and exemptions from VALID

Request for withdrawal

School's name _____

Student's name _____

I have discussed my child's participation in VALID Science 8/ VALID Science 10 with the school Principal/representative and request that my child be withdrawn.

Parent/carer's name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Principal's name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Consent for exemption

School's name _____

Student's name _____

I have discussed my child's participation in VALID Science 8/ VALID Science 10 with the school Principal/representative and request that my child be exempt.

Parent/carer's name _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Principal's name _____

Signature _____ Date _____