# HAST Higher Ability Selection Test

HAST is a selection test used by schools to identify academically gifted students for participation in accelerated learning or enhancement programs.



The HAST program delivers:

### Quality

- Rigorous tests in reading comprehension, mathematical and scientific reasoning, abstract reasoning and written expression
- Tests that discriminate between students at the top-end of performance
- Tests that are skill based rather than curriculum based and designed to identify innate ability rather than acquired knowledge
- Tests that are monitored according to strict performance standards

### Choice

- Schools can choose from a range of test packages that will meet particular educational needs
- Tests are available at all levels of secondary school including first level entry
- Schools choose the test date

### Service

- Test package includes test booklets, answer booklets, candidate information bulletin and test administration guidelines
- 10 working day turn around between receipt of the completed tests and the provision of results
- Merit order school report includes raw and standardised scores, percentiles and stanines using Australian referenced data
- Accessible student report charts each individual performance against the cohort
- Complimentary assistance in the interpretation of results
- Customised analysis and reporting available on request

The HAST program is used in secondary schools across Australia and internationally. For a list of HAST participating schools go to: www.acer.edu.au/tests/hast-secondary/participating-schools l

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## Candidate Rate Sheet

<b>Test packages</b> Junior, Middle and Senior Secondary levels	<b>Description</b> Tests are available at the Junior, Middle and Senior Secondary levels.	2016 per Candidate Rate GST included
<b>4 test package:</b> 3 multiple choice tests 1 written expression test	Reading Comprehension (35–40 items) Written Expression I or 2 – Discussion or creative topic Mathematical Reasoning (Junior Secondary – 28 items) or Mathematics & Science (Middle and Senior Secondary – 30 items) Abstract Reasoning (30 items) Test administration time: 3 hrs 20 mins	\$63.00
<b>3 test package:</b> 2 multiple choice tests 1 written expression test	Reading Comprehension (35–40 items) Written Expression I or 2 – Discussion or creative topic Mathematical Reasoning (Junior Secondary – 28 items) or Mathematics & Science (Middle and Senior Secondary – 30 items) Test administration time: 2 hrs 40 mins	\$60.00
<b>3 test package:</b> 3 multiple choice tests	Reading Comprehension (35–40 items) Mathematical Reasoning (Junior Secondary – 28 items) or Mathematics & Science (Middle and Senior Secondary – 30 items) Abstract Reasoning (30 items) Test administration time: 2 hrs 45 mins	\$58.00
4 test package: and 3 test package:	Test packages ordered but not used will incur an unused test package charge	\$5.50

• The per candidate rate applies to the final number of candidates who sit the test.

- A minimum per-candidate rate equivalent to 10 candidates applies to each test date.
- A total of less than 10 students will be charged as 10.

#### The 2016 per candidate rate\* includes:

- Candidate Information Bulletin
- Tests
- HAST Answer Booklets
- HAST Administration Guidelines

- Supervisor's Directions for testing
- Alphabetic and Merit Order Listing of Results electronic copy
- Individual Student Certificates electronic or hard copy

The total fee is based on the final number of candidates who sit the test plus one batch charge of \$105 for each test date. Schools will be invoiced after results are sent.



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## **Registration Form**

To register your school for HAST return this form to  ${\bf e}$  hast@acer.edu.au or register online at www.acer.edu.au/hast-secondary/school-registration

See HAST Administration Guidelines for information on test dates and closing dates.																					
Test Date	/	/		/						С	losing	g Date	2		/			/			
												To meet delivery deadline for tests it is requested that the closin date for applications be a minimum of 7 working days prior to test date.									
See HAST Secondary Test Levels schedule for information on test levels. Test level and number of students expected to sit* Approximate number only – final numbers need to be confirmed 7 working days prior to test date. Number of students at the Number of students at the Number of students at the																					
* Please check with ACER if you are still unsure about the correct test level to select. Number of students at the Middle Secondary level Senior Secondary level																					
See HAST Candidate Rate Sheet for description and cost details of test packages.   Test Package/Written Expression test (tick box)   4 test: 3 test:   • Reading   • Written Exp I • Reading   • Written Exp 2 • Written Exp 2   • Mathematics • Mathematics   • Abstract Reasoning • Mathematics																					
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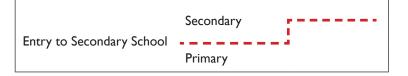
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## **Test Levels**

HAST test packages are available at the Primary, Junior Secondary, Middle Secondary and Senior Secondary levels. The choice of test level is determined by the candidate's current year level at the time of the HAST test and not the age of the candidate. Test packages can be used for entry into a year level in the same calendar year as the test date or for entry in the following calendar year.

## HAST test levels and candidate placement according to the state or territory

Candidate's current year level and approx. age <sup>1</sup>	VIC	NSW	ACT	TAS	NT	WA	QLD	Candidate's current year level and approx. age	SA
Year 11 (15.5 – 17 years of age)	Senior Secondary	<b>Year 11</b> (15 – 16.5 years of age)	Senior Secondary						
<b>Year 10</b> (14.5 – 16 years of age)	Senior Secondary	<b>Year 10</b> (14 – 15.5 years of age)	Senior Secondary						
<b>Year 9</b> (13.5 – 15 years of age)	Middle Secondary	<b>Year 9</b> (13 – 14.5 years of age)	Middle Secondary						
<b>Year 8</b> (12.5 – 14 years of age)	Middle Secondary	<b>Year 8</b> (12 – 13.5 years of age)	Junior Secondary						
<b>Year 7</b> (11.5 – 13 years of age)	Junior Secondary	<b>Year 7</b> (11 – 12.5 years of age)	Junior Secondary						
<b>Year 6</b> (10.5 – 12 years of age)	Junior Secondary	<b>Year 6</b> (10 – 11.5 years of age)	Junior Secondary						
Year 5	HAST-P	Year 5	HAST-P						
Year 4	HAST-P	Year 4	HAST-P						



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> There are no age restrictions to sitting the HAST at the primary or secondary level. While age is taken into consideration in the development of the tests at the Primary, Junior Secondary, Middle Secondary and Senior Secondary levels the age of the candidate does not determine placement into a particular test level.

