



Schools Guide to Disability Provisions

Please ensure that the persons in your school/college responsible for Disability Provisions receive a copy of this information

The CSSA Trial HSC Exams Division can provide some Disability Provisions for students who are visually impaired. This provision is available to all schools ordering our papers without additional charge. Applications for Disability Provisions papers for visually impaired students must be received by the Exams Division on or before Thursday 25th March 2021.

Please note the specifics of the production of these examination papers. Please read the information carefully and ensure that the correct information is provided to us for applications to be successful. Applications must be submitted by the due date. This allows time for the application to be processed and for the production of examination papers. Please understand that late orders may not be accepted.

NOTE: The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) provides great flexibility for students with scotopic sensitivity (also known as Irlen syndrome). Scotopic sensitivity is said to be a form of light sensitivity that can cause reading difficulty, particularly from white paper. Diagnosticians of scotopic sensitivity determine a precise colour that is recommended for a particular student. According to the website irlen.com "the cornerstone of the Irlen Method is its precision-tinted coloured overlays and glasses". Students with scotopic sensitivity will be permitted to use a coloured overlay (similar to an overhead transparency) or to wear coloured lenses. Coloured paper will no longer be approved or permitted.

Therefore, the CSSA Exams Division will no longer provide coloured paper for students with scotopic sensitivity as it is no longer approved or permitted by NESA.

Type of Disability Provisions provided by the CSSA Exams Division

- Font size and Font type. The CSSA will provide visually impaired papers in the following:
 - Font Verdana. This is the most common font used for visually impaired students
 - Font size –we will provide papers in the following font size-18, 24 or 36
- Exam Format ie: Booklet Format, Double-sided or Single-sided, Double Spacing

The CSSA Exams Division ARE ABLE TO provide schools with Braille papers. Schools need to understand that some diagrams and mathematical formula may not be able to be increased in size.

Any requests that differ from these offerings must be approved by the Head of CSSA Exams Division.

How to Apply

Please send an email to the Head of the CSSA Exams Division at trial.exams@cssa.catholic.edu.au.

You will receive an application form to complete. Please ensure that forms are filled out correctly otherwise we make not be able to fulfil your requirements. Please remember to order extra copies for the readers and writers.

Should you require any further information, please contact the Exams Division on 9287 1559.