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From the publisher

Dear Parent/Teacher

Welcome to the 2022 Edition of the **Excel** Quick Guide! We hope that you will find it useful when planning for the needs of your child's education.

We have been publishing quality educational resources for parents, teachers and students for over 30 years and are the leading publisher of home study resources in Australia.

Our authors are highly qualified—all experienced teachers or lecturers at university, such as James Athanasou, AS Kalra and Kristine Brown. They are all specialists in their fields and people who strongly believe in the importance of education.

The books in our home study range come highly recommended by teachers and are used in many schools. We believe that a complete education for your child is achieved through work at school as well as at home. Research confirms the belief that students who do more homework are more likely to succeed at school.

We always welcome your feedback as we are dedicated to improving our books to best suit your needs.

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Yours faithfully

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Information on the Australian Curriculum

All states have implemented the Australian Curriculum for English, Mathematics, Science and History for Kindergarten/Foundation to Year 10.

Go to www.australiancurriculum.edu.au and click on 'F–10 Curriculum' for more detailed information.

Specific subject areas

Primary English

- There are three interrelated strands: Language, Literature and Literacy.
- It has been described as a 'back to basics' approach.
- There is a renewed focus on teaching phonics to young children.
- There is an emphasis on teaching grammar and punctuation, as well as spelling and vocabulary.
- There is a strong emphasis on the study of literature, including the 'classics' and literature from different cultures.
- There are also requirements that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia, and sustainability are embedded in all subjects, according to the relevance of the subject.

Primary Mathematics

There are three content strands: Number and Algebra; Measurement and Geometry; and Statistics and Probability (these are the topics to be taught).

- There are four proficiency strands: Understanding; Fluency; Problem Solving; and Reasoning (this is how the topics are to be explored).
- All the basic skills are still to be taught.
- The topics that students commonly have difficulty with, such as fractions or decimals, are approached more slowly to give students a deeper understanding.
- There is more of an emphasis on 'experiencing', particularly in the earlier years (egg-collecting information, comparing shapes, creating maps, etc.).

Primary Science

- There are three integrated strands: Science Understandings (divided into Biological Sciences; Chemical Sciences; Earth and Space Sciences; and Physical Sciences); Science as a Human Endeavour; and Science Inquiry Skills.
- The F to Year 6 Science course is to be taught in a similar way as currently, but the content is now specified for each year level. This means that each year level has specific content that must be taught, enabling students to change schools more easily without missing too much work.

Primary History

- History is to be taught as a compulsory subject.
- The aim of the Australian Curriculum is to place Australian history within a world and Asian context.

Junior Secondary English

- There are three interrelated strands (as in Primary): Language, Literature and Literacy.
- There is an emphasis on teaching grammar and punctuation, as well as spelling and vocabulary.
- There is a strong emphasis on the study of literature, including the 'classics' and literature from different cultures.
- There are also requirements that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures, Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia, and sustainability are embedded in all subjects, according to the relevance of the subject.
- There is more emphasis on the use of digital technologies, e.g. computers will be introduced earlier.

Junior Secondary Mathematics

- There are three content strands: Number and Algebra; Measurement and Geometry; and Statistics and Probability (these are the topics to be taught).
- There are four proficiency strands: Understanding; Fluency; Problem Solving; and Reasoning (this is how the topics are to be explored).
- Much of the content is to stay the same, but there is some rearrangement of the years in which that content is studied.
- There is an increased use of digital technologies, not only calculators but also using spreadsheets and graphical software for illustration. However, students are still expected to work mentally and with pen and paper.
- Students are expected not only to have a good understanding of concepts and to develop good skills, but also to be able to solve problems, and to analyse and interpret information.

Junior Secondary Science

- There are three integrated strands (as in Primary): Science Understandings (divided into Biological Sciences; Chemical Sciences; Earth and Space Sciences; and Physical Sciences); Science as a Human Endeavour; and Science Inquiry Skills.
- There is a major emphasis on the theme that humans are constantly seeking to improve their understanding and explanations of the natural world.
- Other major themes include the following:
- how Science influences society by posing and responding to social questions, and in turn how scientific research is influenced by the needs of society
- the influence of different cultures on the development of Science
- how Science affects the way that people live and work
- how Science skills are developed through observing, questioning, planning, experimenting, processing data and making conclusions.

Junior Secondary History

- History is to be taught as a compulsory subject.
- The aim of the Australian Curriculum is to place Australian history within a world and Asian context.
- Years 7 and 8 will focus on ancient civilisations and the medieval period up to the early 18th century.
- Years 9 and 10 will have a focus on Australian and world history.

The new *Excel Quick Guide* makes it easy to find the books you need to help your child. The wide range of *Excel* titles has been organised into groups by year, subject and series. Follow the steps below to find the books you need.

Step 1

Find the pages you want

The Contents page makes it easy for you to find the books you want, as they are arranged according to year level and subject. See below if you would like to find books to help a Year 7 student in Mathematics.

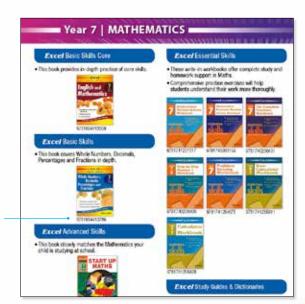


Step 2

• Find the range of books available

Books are grouped together according to series, with useful information provided. These are the books that can help a Year 7 student in Mathematics.

The number under every book is called an ISBN. Every book has its own unique number that bookshops use to find books easily.



Tips to help your child succeed in Primary & Junior High School (Ages 5-15; Years K/F-10)

What makes the Excel range of books unique?

We have developed a system to guarantee your child better results—something no other publisher can offer.

What do we mean by a 'system'?

We provide marking grids in every one of our **Excel** Basic Skills English and Mathematics core books. These grids help you identify the areas of work in which your child needs extra help. You can then purchase books in the **Excel** range to help with specific problem areas. This offers a much more systematic approach to homework than any other series, and we have a large range of up-to-date books covering all the key learning areas.

By using the marking grids, you can immediately see where your child needs help—with no quesswork at all.

How does the system work?

Step 1: Your child completes a unit of work in the **Excel** Basic Skills English and Mathematics core book for the appropriate year level.

Step 2: Mark the unit of work, using the pull-out answer section in the centre of the book. On the marking grid, found at the beginning of the book, mark with a cross the questions your child answered incorrectly in the unit. (There are two separate marking grids in each book—one for English and one for Mathematics.)

Step 3: If your child consistently answers more than 1 in 5 questions in any area incorrect, he or she may need extra help, and you may want to consider purchasing an **Excel** Basic Skills book which offers specific help in the specific area of difficulty. On the page opposite your marking grid, there will be a Sample Marking Grid. Use this grid to find out exactly which **Excel** books you can purchase to help your child.

Let's look at an example. Your child has completed the first two English units in *English* and Mathematics Year 3 and you have filled in the English Marking Grid. By looking at the Sample Marking Grid on the opposite page, you can see which related books are available in the Excel range.

> **Excel** Comprehension and Written Expression Year 3

Question	1	2	3	4	5
Unit 1	X			X	
Unit 2		Х	Х		

Questions 1–5 in Units 1 and 2 are comprehension questions. As your child answered two questions incorrectly in both units, the Sample English Marking Grid recommends **Excel** Basic Skills Comprehension and Written Expression Year 3 for extra practice and tuition in comprehension.

Year 7: the first year of high school

Year 7 represents a big change for students. There is a wide range of subjects with a different teacher for each subject. Students have to be well organised, both at school and with their homework. There will also be more homework and more competition. Students are placed into classes according to their performance in the school entrance test and their report from primary school. If students don't have a good foundation in a particular subject, they may need extra help to build up the necessary skills and knowledge needed.

Tips for Year 7–10 students

Students' notes have to be kept up to date and complete if they are to be good study aids for tests and exams. If a day of school is missed, students should ask a reliable friend for the day's notes.

- Assignments have to be completed on time.
- Tests and exams become a way of life and students should learn how to prepare for them
- Remember that how well students do in class determines what classes they will be in. If their work improves, they may be able to change classes.
- Students must learn to work consistently, which means settling into a routine of study at home. Most students like to have a small break after school and then do some homework. Make sure they have a quiet spot without television blaring in the background. They can then have dinner and study afterwards. Research shows that the more homework students do, the more likely they are to succeed at school.

Studying for tests

- Students should find out from their teachers exactly what is in each test and write it in their diaries.
- The relevant textbook for the subject of the test should be easily accessible at home.
- Students' notes should be complete and up to date.
- All assignments completed for the subject should be kept with the student at home to use for revision.
- When studying for a test, students should read through their notes, redo questions which they have answers to, and then check that they can do them correctly for the test. They should also read their textbooks and refer to them while studying, and try to complete extra questions if they can.

Studying for Maths tests

For each section of work, students should first read through their notes explaining the relevant concepts, then practise actual questions and always check the answers. The more problems students practise, the better they will perform. Redoing questions for which they already have

worked solutions will help, but they should choose a range of problems—not just the easy ones.

Studying for Science tests

To study for Science, students should follow the same procedure as for Maths. It is more difficult to complete large numbers of problems, but students should read all their notes thoroughly and make sure they understand the key concepts. Then they should redo the questions they already have answers to and mark them.

Studying for English tests

Encourage students to read more—not only novels and poetry, but newspapers, magazines and other publications on topics which interest them. This will improve their vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Planning and organisational skills are important in English as a lot of work is assignment based and has to be handed in on time.

It is also important for students to keep good class notes and to review these and their assignments before tests.

Studying for half-yearly and yearly exams

These exams are always a few weeks after the holidays. They test half a year's work so students have to plan their study well in advance! The key to success is for students to have a solid study plan which is followed as closely as possible. They can do this by drawing up a study timetable outlining what subjects will be studied on which weeknights and on weekends. Study techniques for specific subjects are described above. Students should keep a copy of all their test paper questions and marked test papers. This is useful for students to redo their tests and mark their answers



Tips to help your child succeed in Senior High School (Ages 16-18; Years 11-12)

Years 11 and 12 can be very stressful for both students and their parents. With Statewide examinations looming at the end of Year 12, these two years can be vital in giving your child the best range of choices when it comes to further study or employment.

Excel study guides can help your child follow his or her chosen post-school path. We are the most experienced study guide publishers in Australia—with over twenty years experience. By tailoring their approach to each individual subject, our classroom-experienced authors are able to provide all the essential information in a concise, user-friendly form. For example, our Science Study Guides contain hundreds of illuminating diagrams while the Mathematics titles have plenty of fully worked questions and solutions.

The **Excel** range of study guides for Years 11 and 12 can help take the stress out of exams and ensure your child does their best in these final, crucial years of high school.

Each state in Australia sets its own external examinations based on that state's syllabus. For information about external examinations applicable to your state or territory, refer to the relevant website as listed below.

ACT

ACT Board of Senior Secondary Studies (ACTBSSS) www.bsss.act.edu.au

New South Wales

NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au

Northern Territory

The Northern Territory Board of Studies (NTBOS) www.education.nt.gov.au

Oueensland

Oueensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) www.qcaa.qld.edu.au

South Australia

South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE) www.sace.sa.edu.au

Tasmania

Office of Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification

www.tasc.tas.gov.au

Victoria

To look inside these books go to www.pascalpress.com.au/excel

Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA)

www.vcaa.vic.edu.au

Western Australia

School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA)

www.scsa.wa.edu.au

Important information

NATIONAL

NAPLAN Online

ACARA (the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority), the authority responsible for NAPLAN, has been working towards moving NAPLAN online Australia-wide in the past few years. The aim has been for students to complete NAPLAN Tests using a computer or other electronic device, such as

For more detailed information see www.nap.edu.au/ online-assessment/naplan-online.

The timeline for full implementation of NAPLAN Online for all schools is 2022.

Excel paper-based resources

All books in the **Excel** range will help you be fully prepared for both the paper-based NAPLAN Tests and the NAPLAN Online tests

Excel online resources

Excel has online NAPI AN tests available at www.exceltestzone.com.au, which students can subscribe to.

NSW

NAPLAN Tests Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

What? Australia-wide literacy and numeracy testing in line with the national benchmarks set by the Federal Government. Four tests in Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation), Writing and Numeracy (Mathematics).

When? Tests held in May each year.

Purpose? To measure literacy and numeracy standards in schools against the national benchmarks. They also provide parents and schools with information on each child's skills in literacy and numeracy.

Contact: Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) at www.naplan.edu.au

Opportunity Class Placement Test Year 4

What? Three test papers: Reading, Mathematical Reasoning and Thinking Skills.

When? Tests held in July each year.

Purpose? To gain entry to an opportunity class in a public school for Years 5 and 6. OC placement provides intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for academically gifted and talented children.

Contact: Enquiries may be directed to the principal of the government primary school your child is currently attending or the Selective Schools Unit at the NSW Department of Education and Training on (02) 9707 6262 or email ssu@det.nsw.edu.au. See the website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/k-6assessments/ ocplacement.php

Selective High School Placement Test Year 6

What? Four tests in Reading, Mathematical Reasoning, Thinking Skills and Writing.

When? Tests held in March each year.

Purpose? For students to gain entrance to a selective or agricultural high school in Year 7. These schools cater for high-achieving, academically talented students by providing an educationally enriched environment. Agricultural high schools emphasise the study of agriculture with some residential facilities for isolated students.

Contact: High Performing Students Unit, Locked Bag 53, Darlinghurst, NSW 1300 or email ssu@det.nsw. edu.au. See the website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ learning/k-6assessments/selectiveschools.php

Independent Schools Scholarship Testing Various

See information under Independent Schools Scholarship Testing in Victoria.

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VICTORIA

NAPLAN Tests Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

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Contact: Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) at www.naplan.edu.au

Independent Schools Scholarship Testing Various

What? Academic tests in areas such as Written Expression, Reading and Viewing, Humanities— Comprehension and Interpretation, Mathematics and Science. The format of the tests depends on whether the school uses the Australia-wide ACER tests or its own custom examinations.

When? Tests usually held in February each year.

Purpose? The tests are for students wishing to gain entrance into an independent school. If the school takes part in the Cooperative Scholarship Testing Program run by the Australian Council of Educational Research (ACER), students may sit for exams in Year 4 (Primary level), Year 6 (Secondary level 1), Year 8 (Secondary level 2) or Year 10 (Secondary level 3).

Contact: The participating school should be your first port of call. If the school uses an ACER test, see www.acer.edu.au or phone (03) 9277 5555 for more information.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

NAPLAN Tests Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

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Contact: Start with the relevant independent school, or contact the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia at office@ais.sa.edu.au or phone (08) 8179 1400. If the school uses an ACER test, see www.acer. edu.au or phone (03) 9277 5555 for more information.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

NAPLAN Tests Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

What? Australia-wide literacy and numeracy testing in line with the national benchmarks set by the Federal Government. Four tests in Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation), Writing and Numeracy (Mathematics).

When? Tests held in May each year.

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Purpose? To measure literacy and numeracy standards in schools against the national benchmarks. They also provide parents and schools with information on each child's skills in literacy and numeracy.

Contact: Ministerial Council on Education, Training and Youth Affairs at www.naplan.edu.au

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Contact: Start with the relevant independent school, or contact the Association of Independent Schools of Western Australia on (08) 9441 1600. If the school uses an ACER test, see www.acer.edu.au or phone (03) 9277 5555 for more information

QUEENSLAND

NAPLAN Tests Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

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Contact: Start with the relevant independent school, or contact the Association of Independent Schools of Oueensland on (07) 3228 1515 or at office@aisq.qld. edu.au. If the school uses an ACER test, see www.acer. edu.au or phone (03) 9277 5555 for more information.

ACT

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When? Tests held in May each year.

Purpose? To measure literacy and numeracy standards in schools against the national benchmarks. They also provide parents and schools with information on each child's skills in literacy and numeracy.

Contact: Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) at www.naplan.edu.au

Independent Schools Scholarship Testing Various

See information under Independent Schools Scholarship Testing in Victoria.

TASMANIA

NAPLAN Tests Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

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Contact: Start with the individual school. Most of the larger independent schools have links from the Association of Independent Schools of Tasmania website at www.aist.tas.edu.au Numeracv (Mathematics).

NORTHERN TERRITORY

NAPLAN Tests Years 3, 5, 7 and 9

What? Australia-wide literacy and numeracy testing in line with the national benchmarks set by the Federal Government. Four tests in Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, vocabulary, grammar and punctuation), Writing and Numeracy (Mathematics).

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Contact: Speak to the independent school you are interested in.

NEW ZEALAND

School Entry Assessment Tests

First Year of Schooling

What? Numeracy and literacy tests which children sit as soon as they start school. These tests are not compulsory and therefore not carried out by all schools.

When? Tests are held in the first two months of schooling.

Purpose? These tests are designed to assess children's skills in literacy, numeracy and oral language, and can be used to diagnose strengths and weaknesses in children.

Six Year Net Age 6

What? Non-compulsory reading and writing tests given when a child turns six (usually at the end of their first year at school).

National Education Monitoring Project Years 4 and 8

What? Assessment tasks undertaken by a random selection of Year 4 and Year 8 students (3000 students in 260 schools each year). A different learning area is assessed each year, and the same learning areas are assessed every four years. Each student participates in about four hours of assessment activities spread over one week.

When? Assessments take place in the second half of the school year, between August and November.

Purpose? The project aims to identify trends in educational performance and provide information to assist curriculum development and educational policies.

Contact: Phone 0800 808561 or see the website at nemp.otago.ac.nz

Progressive Achievement Tests Years 3–10

What? Non-compulsory, annual tests in Listening Comprehension, Reading Comprehension and Mathematics from Years 3-10.

When? Tests held in February–March each year.

National Certificate of Educational Achievement Year 11

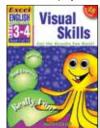
What? Nationwide tests in all subjects.

When? Tests held in November-December each year.

Contact: For more information, contact the New Zealand Qualifications Authority on 0800 623243 or see the website at www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea

Excel Early Skills

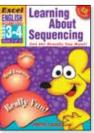
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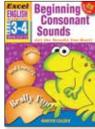
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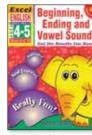
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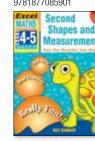
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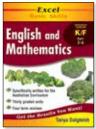
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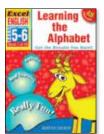




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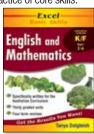
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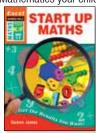
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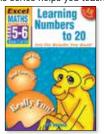


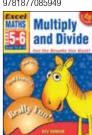
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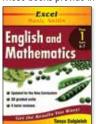




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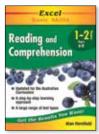
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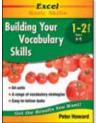
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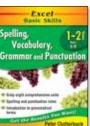


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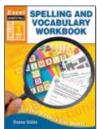
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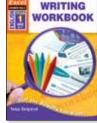




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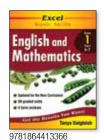


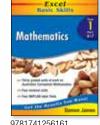
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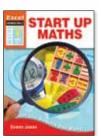




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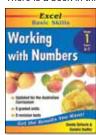


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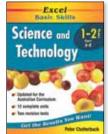


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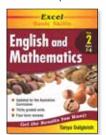




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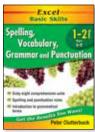


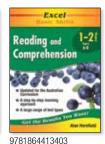
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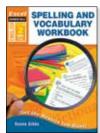
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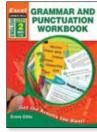
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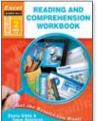
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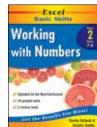
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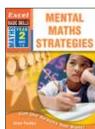




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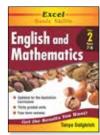


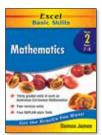


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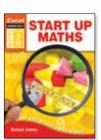


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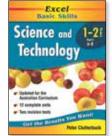
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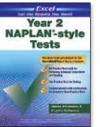




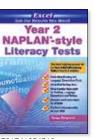


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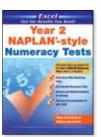
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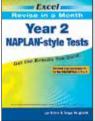




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- The NAPLAN tests are very important. Did you know that the results go on your child's school
 - ✓ These books are written for the year before the actual test to help parents and their children prepare a year ahead of time.
 - ▼ These books are also fantastic to use as general all-round books for your child during the year. They cover Mathematics and English, with lots of useful explanations and detailed answers.

What is NAPLAN?

NAPLAN stands for National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy.

It is conducted in May every year and the tests are sat by students Australia-wide in Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in the tests.

There are four tests:

- The Numeracy Test—a Maths Test
- The Reading Test—a Reading and Comprehension Test
- The Conventions of Language Test—a Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Test
- The Writing Test-students have to complete a piece of writing.

What is NAPLAN Online?

In the past all NAPLAN tests were paper tests. From 2022 all students will be taking the NAPLAN tests online. This means students will be completing the NAPLAN tests on a computer or on a tablet.

MAXIMISE YOUR RESULTS IN NAPLAN ONLINE

STEP 1: USE THE WORKBOOKS

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How Excel books can help you prepare for NAPLAN, Opportunity Class Placement Tests or Selective Schools & Scholarship Tests:

- While a book is not exactly the same as the online environment, we include Standard, Intermediate and Advanced NAPLAN Online-style Tests—both mini tests and the longer sample tests in our NAPLAN*-style Numeracy, Literacy and Revise in a Month books—to allow students more ways to study and practice.
- In our NAPLAN*-style Tests books we include questions graded at Standard, Intermediate and Advanced levels to allow students to prepare with confidence for tests at different ability levels.

Remember the advantages of revising in book form

There are many benefits to a child using books to prepare for the online tests:

- One of the most important benefits is that writing on paper will help your child retain information. It can be a very effective way to memorise. High-quality educational research has shown that writing by hand is more effective than using a keyboard for remembering what you write and assisting in learning.
- Students will be able to prepare thoroughly for topic revision using books and then practise computer skills easily. They will only succeed with sound knowledge of topics; this requires study and focus.
- Some students find it easier to concentrate when reading a page in a book than when reading on a screen.

STEP 2: PRACTICE ONLINE with Excel Test Zone

Excel Test Zone helps you practise online for NAPLAN, Opportunity Class Placement Tests or Selective Schools & Scholarship Tests. It also provides practice throughout the year!

Benefits are:

- For optimal performance we recommend students gain practice at completing online tests as well as completing revision in book form.
- Students should practise answering questions on a digital device to become confident with this process.
- Students will also be able to gain valuable practice in onscreen skills such as dragging and dropping answers, using an online ruler to measure figures and using an online protractor to measure angles.

Remember that Excel Test Zone has been helping students prepare for NAPLAN since 2009; in fact we had NAPLAN online questions even before NAPLAN tests went online!

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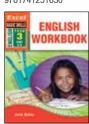
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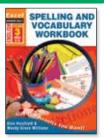




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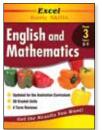




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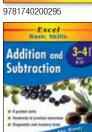
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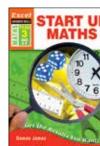
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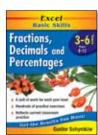
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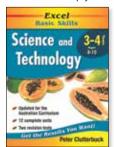
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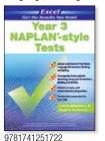


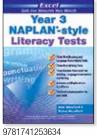
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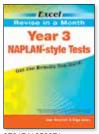
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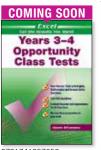


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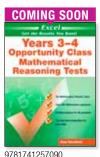
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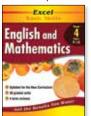


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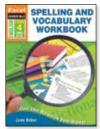
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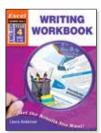
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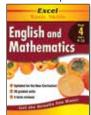
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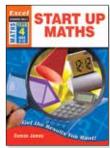


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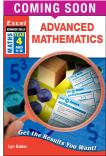
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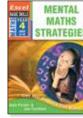
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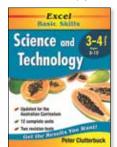


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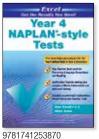


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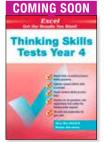
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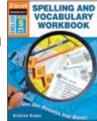
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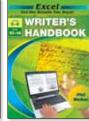
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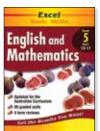
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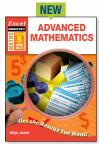
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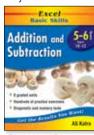
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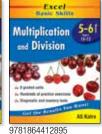
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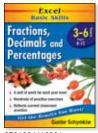
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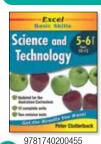
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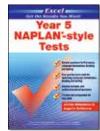


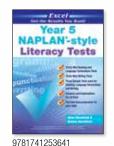
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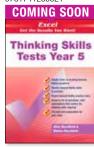


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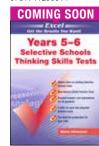


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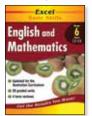
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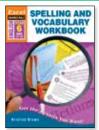


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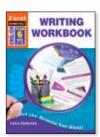
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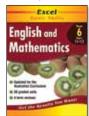




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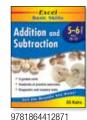


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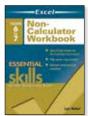


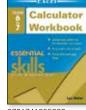


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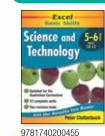


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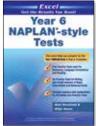


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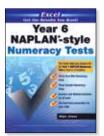
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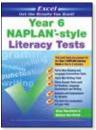
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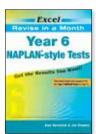
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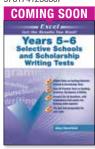


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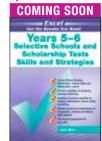


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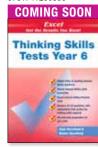
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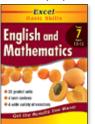


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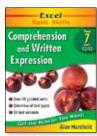
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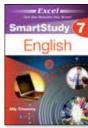
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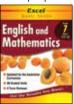


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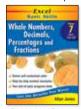
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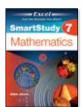
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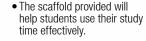


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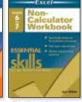
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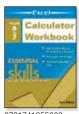
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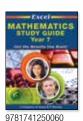
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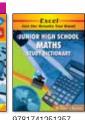
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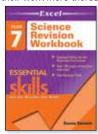




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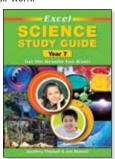
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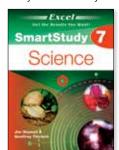
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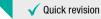


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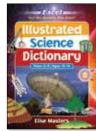


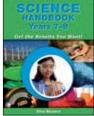




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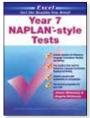
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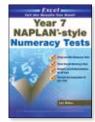
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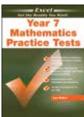
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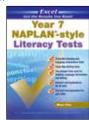
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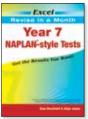
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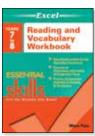
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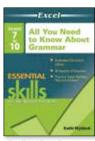


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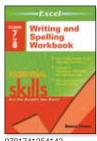




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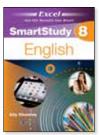
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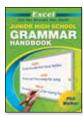
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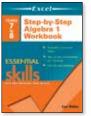
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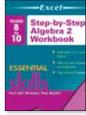
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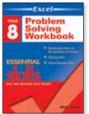
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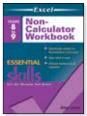
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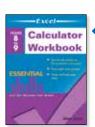
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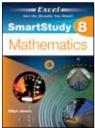


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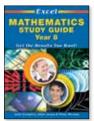
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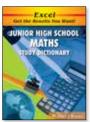
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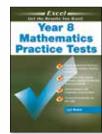
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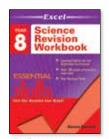


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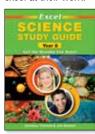
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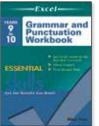
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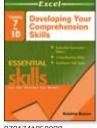
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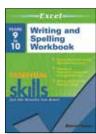
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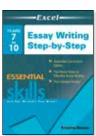
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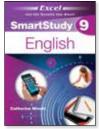
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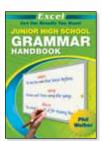
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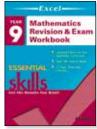
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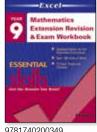
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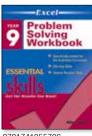


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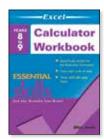


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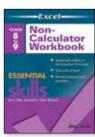
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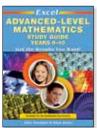
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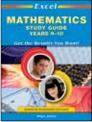


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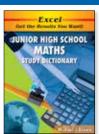


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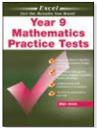
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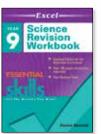
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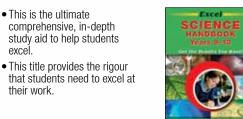
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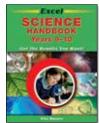


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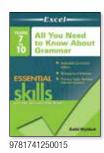
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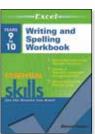


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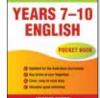
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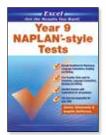


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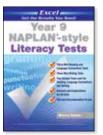
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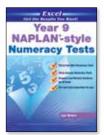
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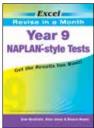
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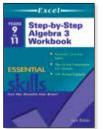


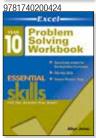
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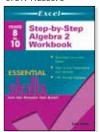
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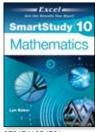
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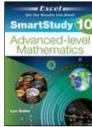
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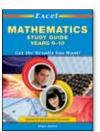
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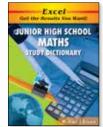


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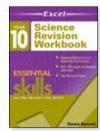
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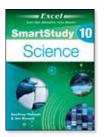


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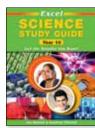
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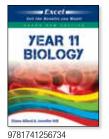


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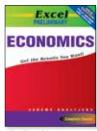


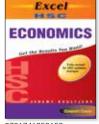


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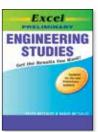


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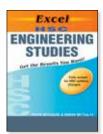
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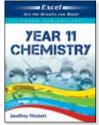






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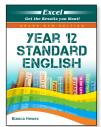


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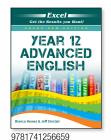
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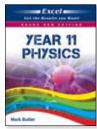


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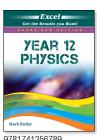


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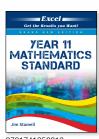




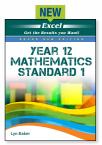
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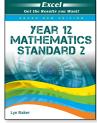
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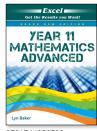
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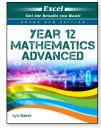
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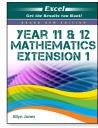
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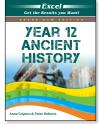
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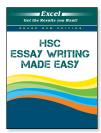
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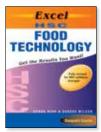
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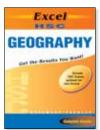
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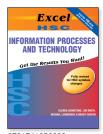
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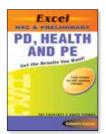
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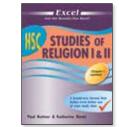
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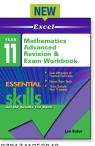
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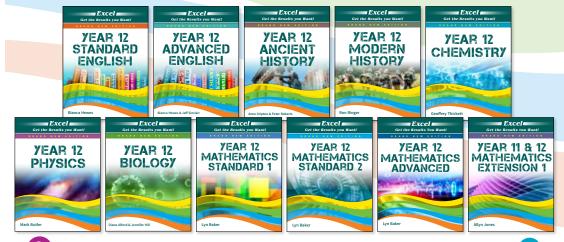
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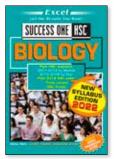
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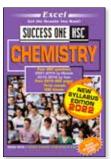


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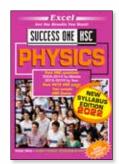
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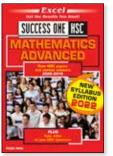
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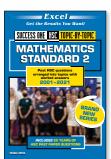
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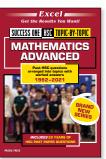
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