

Dear Year 9 Parents,

This year in Science your child will cover a range of topics including some basic Chemistry, Geology and resources, Physics and some Biology. Whilst developing the student's knowledge of these areas we will also be working to advance their practical, written and research skills.

We have developed a significant amount of online resources to support your child in their learning throughout the year. These are available at <http://web3.woolgoolga-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/moodle> and your child's school username and password will provide them with access to this site. On this site they will find vocabulary exercises, games and activities, quizzes, practice tests and links to useful resources and information. Homework will, on occasion, be set from this site, please encourage your child to utilise it as fully as possible.

Later in the year, students will be required to complete a Student Research Project which is to be conducted at home. This project, is designed to test the students' ability to manipulate an Independent Variable within a controlled experimental procedure, to achieve and record measurable results.

Formal in school assessment will include a number of tasks covering a range of knowledge and skills including conventional testing, online testing, practical tasks and research tasks.

We look forward to working with you this year to develop your child's understanding and skills in Science and to help them to develop interest and curiosity about the world around them.

Regards,

Woolgoolga High School Science Staff.

### Assessment Schedule 2016

	Topic	Task Type	Weighting (%)
Semester 1	1-4	Topic Tests	5
	3	Organism Responses Research Assignment	20
	1-4	Half Yearly/Yearly	25
Semester 2	5-8	Topic Tests	5
	6	Practical Task	20
	1-8	Yearly Exam	25