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# COMPASS

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## Overview

Compass is an online literacy and numeracy assessment designed to assess disengaged adolescents and young adults with limited or disrupted exposure to formal education.

Compass is unique in that it promotes engagement with the assessment by using age, content and ability appropriate prompts and tasks that aim to reflect the experiences and interests of the test participants.

## Key Features

- assessment of a range of literacy and numeracy skills
- simple, multiple choice format
- delivered online for instant reporting and feedback
- age, content and ability appropriate prompts and tasks
- detailed, objective, research-based information to support relevant intervention strategies
- positively affirms participants and promotes achievement

Compass assessments cover a broad range of ability. To assist in selecting the appropriate test level for each individual student the administrator uses a simple gatepost placement test.

## Benefits

- objective, research-based measure of student performance
- detailed individual student reports containing a comprehensive summary of the performance of the student in a range of literacy and numeracy skills
- benchmarks student performance against the Australian Core Skills Framework
- recognition of student participation in the assessment
- flexible:
  - One-on-one testing
  - Group testing
  - Test at any time or place



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