



## PAT Assessment for New Students

All new students starting at Gilson College Mernda undertake a PAT (Progressive Achievement Test) for Mathematics and Reading. The purpose of these assessments is to understand where the students are at in terms of their numeracy, reading and literacy skills. In this way the teachers can adopt appropriate strategies to support and challenge students in their learning.

The PAT assessment consists of two parts; an Adaptive Mathematics Assessment and an Adaptive Reading Assessment. Each part takes approximately 40 minutes to complete. The tests are completed online. Students are provided with a laptop, login details and a pencil and paper for working out.

- New students starting **during the year** will complete both PAT tests on their first day of school, during periods 3 and 4. If a student completes the assessments early, they will return to their regular classes.
    - Primary students will complete these with staff support.
    - **Secondary students will go to reception straight after recess and complete the assessment in the admin building. Please inform your student of this.**
  - The first day schedule will look like this:
    - 8:45 - 9:00 am      Worship/Homeroom
    - 9:00 - 9:50 am      Period 1
    - 9:50 - 10:40 am    Period 2
    - 10:40 - 11:00 am    Recess
    - **11:00 - 11:50 am    Period 3 Complete PAT Reading**
    - **11:50 - 12:40 pm    Period 4 Complete PAT Maths**
    - 12:40 - 1:30 pm      Lunch
    - 1:30 - 1:45 pm      DEAR (Drop Everything And Read)
    - 1:45 - 2:35 pm      Period 5
    - 2:35 - 3:25 pm      Period 6
    - 3:25pm                School Concludes
- (Times may differ slightly for Primary and Secondary)

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