

## **Assessment Methods**

At Western Sydney University International College, assessment is designed to help you develop academic skills, track your progress, and demonstrate what you've learned as you prepare for university study.

You'll complete a range of formative and summative assessments, and both contribute to your final grade. This approach allows you to earn marks throughout the term, not just at the end.

### **Formative Assessment**

*Build skills and earn marks along the way.*

Formative assessments help you practise new skills, apply feedback, and steadily build your results. These may include:

- Short quizzes and in-class tests;
- Practice tasks or oral presentations;
- Tutorial activities and participation; and
- Peer and teacher feedback tasks.

These assessments support your learning.

### **Summative Assessment**

*Demonstrate what you've learned*

Summative assessments usually occur later in the term and assess achievement of learning outcomes. These may include:

- Written assignments and reports;
- Presentations (individual or group);
- Group projects;
- Exams or tests (where applicable); and
- Practical or skills-based assessments

### **What This Means for You**

- Marks are awarded across the term, not just in final exams;
- Clear assessment details and marking criteria are provided;
- Regular feedback helps you improve and stay on track; and
- Assessment standards align with Western Sydney University.

This assessment approach supports your transition to university and recognises your progress throughout your studies.