

## **Students eligible for Special Assessment Conditions.**

Eligibility for Special Assessment Conditions (SAC) is dependent on two main factors.

One) An assessment, by a registered psychologist (for students applying for SAC because of Specific Learning Difference) or an expert such as visual teacher, ophthalmologist, medical practitioner for conditions such as low vision or separate accommodation. These must occur every three years, preferably with an assessment in year ten.

Two) Students must have evidence of using the Special Assessment conditions for at least a year before the first external exams for as many tests, assignments and exams as practicable.

(It should be noted that SAC cannot be provided for short term conditions such as broken arms and these are covered by compassionate consideration procedures.)

- Applications will be made to NZQA, and approved conditions provided for significant tests and exams. NZQA will only allow SAC if both of the above conditions are met.
- Currently applications are made in April and confirmed in August.
- Students will receive guidance in effective use of the assistance
- Reader/writers will be sought and trained in the provision of the assistance
- Eligible students will be given timely support.
- For students wishing to use a computer for exams (some students with SLD's are eligible for this as are students with low vision or motor disorders) they must be able to provide evidence of using a computer or keyboard for all of their classroom notes. (pictures, graphs and mathematical working are excluded)

If you wish to discuss if your son or daughter is eligible for SAC please contact the Head of Learning Support by email [cl@cashmere.school.nz](mailto:cl@cashmere.school.nz)