

Modes of assessment

Less formal

- Assessed frequently
- Fewer outcomes assessed (targeted)

More formal

- Assessed infrequently
- More outcomes assessed (broad)



Modes	Unstructured General classroom observation	Slightly structured Pre-planned observation opportunities	More structured Pre-programmed class assessment	Most structured Large-scale standardised assessment
Examples	For example: • unplanned observations and questioning of: - skills - dispositions - content understanding	For example: • quizzes • hinge questions • planned observations • reviewing student work • peer and self-assessment	For example: • scheduled in-school assessments • on-demand assessments • practical assessments • reviewing work samples against criteria	For example: • NAPLAN • Check-in assessments • VALID Science • HSC examinations

Embedded timely, effective feedback

The different modes of assessment each provide valuable information to assist teachers in making on-balance judgements of student learning.