

# Experts mark down students' OP grading system

# SCHOOL TEST REVIEW

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STUDENTS face the biggest overhaul in senior testing in 20 years with the State Government considering plans to scrap the Overall Position score – or OP – in favour of a national, uniform grading system.

Educators have backed the idea, saying the OP system, introduced in 1992 in place of the Tertiary Entrance score, was increasingly irrelevant and did not take into account the surge in

popularity of vocational education subjects. Although Education Minister John-Paul Langbroek has not yet made a decision, his office said: "Everything is on the table."

Queensland Teachers Union president Kevin Bates backed a uniform grading system to bring Queensland into line with other states.

"The OP system has had its time and Queensland needs to move into the 21st century," Mr Bates said.

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**23°** Cairns  
Showers

**23°** Townsville  
Rain

**22°** Rockhampton  
Rain

**19°** Gold Coast  
Showers

**20°** Sunshine Coast  
Showers

**16°** Toowoomba  
Showers

**20°** Brisbane  
Few showers  
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