



Dear parents and carers,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2022.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between **10 and 20 May 2022**. The Year 9 test dates will be as follows:

- 10<sup>th</sup> May – Reading
- 11<sup>th</sup> May – Writing
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – Conventions of Language
- 13<sup>th</sup> May – Numeracy
- 17-19<sup>th</sup> May – Catch-up tests

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not recommended. Students do not need to be able to touch type to complete NAPLAN as the tests are **not** about keyboard skills (just as the paper test is **not** about handwriting skills). Students can use the [public demonstration site](#) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in NAPLAN.

Please see the attached *Information for parents and carers – NAPLAN 2022* sheet for further information.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact the school on 02 6562 7511.

Regards,



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# Information for parents and carers

## NAPLAN 2022



### What is NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Students participate in NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN provides an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. The tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools and education authorities with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

### NAPLAN online

All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2022. The move to NAPLAN online brings new benefits for teachers and students.

### What are the benefits of NAPLAN online?

#### **More precise results with an adaptive design:**

Tailored tests adapt to a student's performance and ask questions that match the student's achievement levels.

**Better engagement:** Research into online assessment indicates that students engage well with online tests as the questions are tailored to their achievement levels.

#### **Tailored testing**

Tailored testing provides a more precise assessment of a student's performance. Students at each year level start with a similar set of questions. Depending on the number of questions they answered correctly, the next set of questions may be more, or less, difficult.

A student's NAPLAN result is based on both the number and difficulty of questions the student answers correctly. A student who completes a more difficult set of questions is more likely to achieve a higher score.

Watch a video (3:06 length) to learn more about tailored testing: <https://youtu.be/oGFseJAM3Ew>

### Supporting your child

The best approach for preparing your child for NAPLAN is to encourage your child to do the best they can on the day.

Excessive preparation or the use of coaching providers is not recommended.

Students can use the public demonstration site to familiarise themselves with the tools and type of questions they will experience in NAPLAN: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

### NAPLAN 2022 test window

**NAPLAN test window:** 10 to 20 May 2022

The 9-day test window accommodates schools with fewer devices that require flexibility in scheduling.

### Practice tests

NSW schools will participate in practice tests towards the end of Term 1.

The practice test is a trial run and key preparation activity for NAPLAN in May. It is not an assessment of student ability.

Participation in the practice tests is highly beneficial as it allows schools and students to become familiar with the online assessment platform tools and processes.

## What if my child was absent on the day of a scheduled NAPLAN test?

Where possible, schools may arrange catch-up tests for individual students who were absent on the day of a scheduled NAPLAN test.

All Year 3 writing catch-up tests must be completed by Friday 13 May 2022. All other catch-up tests must be completed by Friday 20 May 2022.

## COVID-19 advice

Parents should keep students at home if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

Your child's school will be required to conduct NAPLAN testing in accordance with the latest NSW Government COVID-19 advice.

## Year 3 writing test

The Year 3 writing test is conducted on paper. All other Year 3 NAPLAN tests will be online tests.

## Students' digital skills

The digital skills required to complete NAPLAN are skills that students use in everyday classroom activities.

Students do not need to be able to touch type to complete the test. The online test is not about keyboard skills (just as the paper test was not about handwriting skills).

## Withdrawals and exemptions

You can withdraw your child from NAPLAN tests.

A student may be granted a formal exemption if they have:

- significant intellectual disability and/or students with significant comorbidity that severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests, or
- a language background other than English, arrived from overseas and have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the test.

Contact your child's school for further information and to complete the parent/carer consent form.

## Privacy

NESA is responsible for the collection of personal information from NSW schools to be used during NAPLAN testing and reporting.

All data collection for NAPLAN is managed in accordance with NSW and Federal privacy legislation described in NESA's privacy management plan, which can be found on the NESA website:

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/about/who-we-are/privacy/naplan-privacy>

## Results

Parents receive two reports showing their child's achievements in NAPLAN: the individual student report (ISR) and additional student report (ASR). The ISR and ASR should always be interpreted with care. Teachers will have the best insight into a child's educational progress.

Reports are usually dispatched to schools towards the end of Term 3. Schools then distribute the reports to parents.

## Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.



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