

Friday, 16 February 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

NAPLAN ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held in March this year. In 2024, the NAPLAN Online test window is between Wednesday 13 March - Monday 25 March 2024. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals and can be used to guide student achievement.

NAPLAN Online delivers numerous benefits including:

- a 'tailored test' design that adapts to correct and incorrect student responses providing a more precise understanding of student achievement.
- innovative use of technology, including a more engaging test design and a wider range of item types;
- the extension of the 'test window' to two weeks, allowing schools greater opportunity to schedule the tests at times that suit them best and increasing student participation.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year. If your child is eligible for support due to disability or exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the principal. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a student withdrawal form. These forms will become available once we have submitted a withdrawal request to NAPLAN. All withdrawal requests must be submitted before testing begins so this process can take place. If you have withdrawn historically, you will need to repeat this process for each testing year as this is a government requirement.

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While it is anticipated that NAPLAN Online will be successfully implemented in 2024, there are a range of contingencies in place to deal with the unlikely occurrence of significant issues. These contingencies include extended testing windows and the printing of paper- based tests for all participating schools.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

From Wednesday 13th March 2023, our students may participate in a small amount of NAPLAN practice during their class time. This will assist us to:

- test the online system and infrastructure to help us ensure a smooth process;
- help our students to become accustomed to completing these tests using their device;
- familiarise our students with the unique style of NAPLAN questioning.

Our dates will be as follows -

- Writing - Wednesday 13th March
- Reading - Thursday 14th March
- Conventions of language - Friday 15th March
- Numeracy - Monday 18th March

Make up tests are available within the window of testing

Please remember that the NAPLAN assessment is just a snapshot of one particular day at one particular time. **It does not measure the many extraordinary skills, values, strengths, interests or future potential of your child.**

Regards,



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