



# ST PIUS X COLLEGE

## CHATSWOOD

13 March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now well into our first term of learning for 2019 and soon entering peak assessment season.

### Assessment Planners

To assist students plan their study routines, assessment outlines for Years 7 to 12 are available on the respective year level pages on the College Portal. At the back of each booklet is a planner where students can schedule when various tasks are due. This can certainly assist with time management and reduce anxiety and stress levels and ensure students are able to achieve at their highest levels.

### Online Study Resources

Valuable online resources to assist students study effectively and efficiently are available from

[www.studyskillshandbook.com.au](http://www.studyskillshandbook.com.au).

Username: **spx**

Password: **25success**

### NAPLAN – scheduled for Week 3 of next term.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

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Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

In 2019, children in some schools across Australia will sit NAPLAN online. Here at St Pius X College, we will continue to sit the paper tests. In 2020, all students will complete NAPLAN online.

The timetable for the 2019 paper tests is as follows:

**NAPLAN 2019 Paper Test timetable**

	<b>Tuesday 14 May 2019</b>	<b>Wednesday 15 May 2019</b>	<b>Thursday 16 May 2019</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	Language conventions <i>45 minutes</i>  Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>50 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>50 minutes</i>
<b>Year 7</b>	Language conventions <i>45 minutes</i>  Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>65 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>65 minutes</i>
<b>Year 9</b>	Language conventions <i>45 minutes</i>  Writing <i>40 minutes</i>	Reading <i>65 minutes</i>	Numeracy <i>65 minutes</i>

If your son is in Years 5, 7 or 9, please avoid scheduling any appointments during the NAPLAN days.

#### Numeracy Test

In the numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be one numeracy test with two parts: Part A calculator is allowed and Part B where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

All students in Years 5, 7 and 9 at St Pius X College are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. These adjustments are administered by our Learning Support and Enrichment Coordinator, Mrs Annabel Gunns. A formal exemption may be granted for a student with significant intellectual disability and/or significant coexisting conditions, or for a student who has recently arrived in Australia and has a non-English speaking background. Parents seeking a formal exemption will need to apply to the College Principal, Mr Couani.

Further Information regarding NAPLAN can be obtained from the following link:

[NAPLAN PARENT/CARER SUPPORT](#)

To provide an overview of the format of the tests, a full set of [example tests](#) is available.

If you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN or have any further questions, please contact Mr Alex Damo, the Assistant Principal – Teaching and Learning.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alex Damo', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Alex Damo  
**Assistant Principal – Teaching & Learning**