

Dear Principal

## **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2023 Reporting**

This email is to advise you on some important updates to the way NAPLAN results will be reported this year. On Friday 10 February, Education Ministers agreed to proceed with a set of reforms for NAPLAN 2023. These include resetting the NAPLAN scale and time series to align with the completion of the online transition in 2022, and to improve the accuracy of results.

In addition, a set of four achievement levels (proficiency standards) will be introduced to replace the existing 10 bands and the National Minimum Standard used for NAPLAN reporting between 2008 and 2022.

This change will provide schools, parents, and carers with clearer information that details student achievement against new proficiency standards. The standards for NAPLAN 2023 and for all testing moving forward are as follows:

- Exceeding
- Strong
- Developing
- Needs additional support.

These standards will represent a challenging but reasonable expectation of what students at each year level know and can do at the time of NAPLAN testing.

### **Why are proficiency standards being introduced?**

Ministers agreed in 2019 through the National School Reform Agreement to introduce proficiency standards for NAPLAN. With the transition to online testing completed last year, it is now possible to proceed with implementing these reporting changes.

From 2023, NAPLAN reports will more accurately reflect the personalised (adaptive) online tests that students undertake, and will facilitate the provision of timely, more precise reporting on the foundational skills of literacy and numeracy.

The new standards will provide simple and clear information for parents and carers about whether their child is where they need to be in relation to the development of their literacy and numeracy skills, and if not, they will indicate to the school that interventions and learning supports may need to be put in place for those students who may be at risk of falling behind.

The new standards and reporting design were developed with input from all education authorities and sectors, as well as parents, through independent focus groups and national peak parent organisations.

### **How will NAPLAN results be provided to schools?**

As in previous years, Victorian schools will receive access to the VCAA Data Service to view their NAPLAN school summary and item level reports. The VCAA is currently updating the relevant suite of NAPLAN online reports to align and report against the new standards. Schools will also receive a detailed reporting user guide and reference materials relating to the introduction of proficiency standards for NAPLAN 2023 when results are released.

### **How will NAPLAN results be provided to students, parents, and carers?**

Hard copies of student reports will continue to be distributed to all students who completed the NAPLAN 2023 tests. The individual reports will incorporate the four new proficiency standards, along with instructions for how to interpret the new achievement scale and student performance. The report will continue to show the national average and the range of achievement for the middle 60 per cent of students in their year level, allowing comparison of a child's achievement against these measures.

Updated guidance materials, including FAQs, proficiency level summary statements and a new brochure, will be provided to assist parents and carers in understanding the reporting changes and the new NAPLAN standards.

In addition, for NAPLAN 2023, Victorian Year 9 students who achieve scores in the top proficiency standard (Exceeding) for reading and/or numeracy will be awarded a certificate of achievement. In future years, certificates will be broadened to account for student growth against the new standards.

**When are NAPLAN results expected to be released?**

In Victoria, NAPLAN 2023 school and individual student results are expected to be released by mid-late July 2023. School principals will be given login details to the VCAA Data Service, and hard copy student reports will be distributed to schools in a NAPLAN 2023 reporting package.

The VCAA will be in touch again later this term with more detailed information regarding the NAPLAN 2023 reporting process. In the interim, if you have any queries, please contact the VCAA NAPLAN helpdesk at [vcaa.naplan.help@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:vcaa.naplan.help@education.vic.gov.au) or 1800 648 637.

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