

# NAPLAN 2026



25 FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students is held in March each year. In 2026, the NAPLAN test window is between Wednesday, March 11 and Monday, March 23.

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/carers, teachers and principals and can be used to improve student achievement.

Please see the table below for a breakdown of tests (tests will be held between Session 1 and Session 4):

DATE	SUBJECT
Wednesday 11 March	Writing
Thursday 12 March	Reading
Friday 13 March	Language Conventions
Monday 16 March	Numeracy
Tuesday 17 March	Reading catchup
Wednesday 18 March	Language Conventions catch up
Thursday 19 March	Numeracy catch up

St Anne's College is a Child-Safe school, committed to the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

St Anne's College acknowledges the Yorta Yorta Nation as the traditional and ongoing custodians of the land on which our education community is situated.

# NAPLAN 2026



NAPLAN tests are delivered in an online format, except for the Year 3 writing assessment which will be completed on paper. This delivers many 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;
- an extended and more flexible test window, allowing schools greater opportunity to schedule the tests at times that suit them best and increasing student participation.

A [public demonstration site](#) is available for schools, teachers, parents/carers and students to familiarise themselves with the online tests.

All eligible students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. Catch up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days up to and including Monday, March 23, 2026. 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.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent/carer.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 are available at the school.

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. I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child's participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you to assess your child's progress in literacy and numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au), the [NAPLAN flyer](#) or the NAP website at: [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

Kind regards,

Cherie Boltong  
Deputy Principal, Learning and Teaching

St Anne's College is a Child-Safe school, committed to the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all children.

St Anne's College acknowledges the Yorta Yorta Nation as the traditional and ongoing custodians of the land on which our education community is situated.