# SA Independent schools NAPLAN – Privacy Collection Notice

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards.

## Collection of personal information

Schools are required by law to collect personal information about you and your child, irrespective of whether your child participates in NAPLAN testing.

The purpose of this notice is to advise parents and carers of how personal information about you and your child will be used for NAPLAN testing (both online and paper tests) in 2024 and, as part of NAPLAN, readiness activities scheduled at various times leading up to the test in March 2024.

## NAPLAN testing

Since 2022 NAPLAN tests are completed nationally online, except for Year 3 writing which remains paper-based and a small number of students who will continue to use alternative format (paper or electronic pdf tests).

Online testing brings many benefits and opportunities including providing better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

More information on NAPLAN is available at: [www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/](https://nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers).

## Readiness testing activities

A critical step in preparing for NAPLAN is schools’ participation in readiness testing activities.

The purpose of readiness testing activities is to ensure your child is familiar with their device and the online test environment, as well as to confirm school infrastructure systems and processes are in place for NAPLAN testing.

## Disclosure of personal information

For every student participating in NAPLAN testing and readiness activities, personal information will be transferred by the school, through the Association of Independent Schools (AISSA), to the Department for Education, as the Test Administration Authority (TAA). It is then uploaded by the TAA to the NAPLAN Online Assessment Platform (‘assessment platform’). For information on how ACARA collects and uses personal information about you and your child for NAPLAN please refer to [ACARA’s student privacy notice](https://nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/naplan-student-privacy-notice.pdf).

The information below marked with an asterisk (\*) is also provided by the department, as the TAA, to FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd for the purposes of printing paper test materials and the printing of student reports. FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd (“FUJIFILM”) is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education and is only permitted access to personal information from a relevant school for the purposes of providing the contracted services.

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| * Student name\* | * Jurisdictional and local school student identifiers\* |
| * School name, class and year level\* | * Gender\* |
| * Date of birth\* | * Disability adjustments (where applicable) \* |
| * Country of birth | * Language background other than English |
| * Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status | * Parents’ occupation, education and language background |

The personal information for students who are exempted, absent or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing is collected and used for reporting purposes.

## Data security

Security and privacy are key requirements for the delivery of national testing.

## NAPLAN Assessment Platform

The online assessment platform has been designed to comply with relevant national data security policies and guidelines.

The assessment platform is managed by Education Services Australia (ESA). ESA is a not-for-profit company jointly owned by the Australian education ministers. ESA is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education.

ESA only has access to personal information from a relevant school or TAA for the primary purpose of fulfilling ESA’s role in supporting the operation of the assessment platform.

The privacy policies of each agency may be found at their respective websites:

* ESA: [www.esa.edu.au/contact-us/privacy](http://www.esa.edu.au/contact-us/privacy)
* Department for Education [www.education.sa.gov.au/your-privacy](http://www.education.sa.gov.au/your-privacy)
* Fuji Xerox Business Force Pty Ltd: [www.fujifilm.com/au/en/privacy](http://www.fujifilm.com/au/en/privacy)
* AISSA: [www.ais.sa.edu.au/home/general-information/about-aissa](http://www.ais.sa.edu.au/home/general-information/about-aissa)

## Access and correction

To request access or correction to personal information collected for NAPLAN and held by schools, please contact your school principal in the first instance. Any concerns about a breach of privacy by a school should be directed in writing to the school principal.

## Complaints

Complaints about a breach of privacy at school should be directed in writing to the school principal. Complaints about a privacy breach at one of the above NAPLAN agencies should be directed to that agency.

## More information

Speak with your school principal in the first instance if you have any questions about this information.