

9 February 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian,

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

All 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 23 March 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. If your child is eligible for support due to disability or exemption, you should discuss this with their teacher prior to the tests. If your child is eligible for support due to a disability or an exemption, please contact your Mini School Leader (Middle School - Sarah Longden and Junior School - Alexandra Doolan) or Laura Sanchez (Assistant Principal) to discuss this before Monday 2 March. **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Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer.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 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. 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.

I am confident that the information you receive due to 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 NAPLAN, please visit the VCAA website or the ACARA NAPLAN website.

Yours sincerely,



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