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Dear St Joseph's College families

### **NAPLAN 2023**

NAPLAN Online will take place for Year 7 and 9 students from Wednesday March 15 to Friday March 17. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, language conventions (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy. The results of the test provide information for students, parents, teachers, and principals, and can be used to improve student achievement.

NAPLAN is now conducted online. Therefore, students are required to have their device fully charged the night before school and are asked to bring headphones for each test.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN Online tests. If students are absent, they are required to attend catch-up sessions when students return to school.

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. 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Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer.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 from the school. Please contact either Ms Melanie Saleta or Mr Emmet Brown if you wish to explore this option.

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, language conventions (spelling, grammar, and punctuation) and numeracy and 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 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.

Further information regarding NAPLAN Online can be found on the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAP website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au).

Should you have any queries please contact Mr Emmet Brown, Director of Learning and Teaching at the college on 5018 8000 or email [ebrown@sjcmda.vic.edu.au](mailto:ebrown@sjcmda.vic.edu.au).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Greg Kluske', written in a cursive style.

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