

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2024

Dear Year 7 and Year 9 Parents/Carers,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students is rapidly approaching. In 2024, the NAPLAN Online test window is between **Wednesday 13th and Monday 25th March 2024**. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

In 2024, to facilitate effective delivery of the assessment program and minimise disruptions to teaching and learning programs, students in Years 7 and 9 will be operating with an examination style timetable. All students in the cohort will undertake the same test simultaneously and will complete two NAPLAN assessments in one day. As part of this timetable, students in Years 7 and 9 will each undertake two days of a working from home, where there will be no timetabled classes onsite. The table below summarises the arrangements:

Wednesday 13 th March		Thursday 14 th March		Monday 18 th March		Tuesday 19 st March	
Year 7	Year 9	Year 7	Year 9	Year 7	Year 9	Year 7	Year 9
Sessions 1 & 2 Writing Test	All Year 9 students working from home	All Year 7 students working from home	Sessions 1 & 2 Writing Test	All Year 7 students working from home	Sessions 1 & 2 Language Conventions	Sessions 1 & 2 Language Conventions	All Year 9 students working from home
Sessions 3 & 4 Reading Rest			Sessions 3 & 4 Reading Test		Sessions 3 & 4 Numeracy Test	Sessions 3 & 4 Numeracy Test	

Further information will be provided regarding the working from home arrangements closer to the date.

All students are encouraged to participate in the NAPLAN tests. Special provisions can be arranged for a student with a disability if they regularly access such 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 the College prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

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Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer.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 College. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a student withdrawal form.

If you haven't already, please speak with either your child's Mentor teacher or Mr Gurjit Singh: Assistant Principal Curriculum Programs (Year 7 – 12) about any special provision, exemption or withdrawing your child from the testing program. The College must obtain signed parent/carer consent for all special provision, exempt and withdrawn students prior to the testing.

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 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 NAPLAN and sample tests , please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Yours sincerely



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