

## National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2023

Dear Year 3 and Year 5 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 13<sup>th</sup> and Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024**. 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;
- the extension of the 'test window' to two weeks, allowing schools greater opportunity to schedule the tests at times that suit them best and increasing student participation.

All students are encouraged to participate in the NAPLAN tests. Special provisions can be arranged for a student with a disability if they regularly accesses 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.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer.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 Belinda Tirant: Assistant Principal Curriculum Programs (Prep – Year 6) 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 The College must obtain signed parent/carer consent for all special provision, exempt and withdrawn students prior to the testing.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](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAP website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

Yours sincerely



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