



15 February 2023

Dear Parents and Carers of students in Years 5, 7 and 9

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2023

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2023 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held between Wednesday 15 - Friday 27 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 which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During the test window, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days.

Year 5 students will complete the tests within their normal classes during the testing window. Year 7 and 9 will complete tests in Year groups and the schedule will be as follows:

Year Group	Wednesday 15 March	Thursday 16 March	Friday 17 March	Monday 20 March	Remainder of the Week
Year 9	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	Period 1	All Day
	Writing - 42 Minutes	Reading - 65 Minutes	Conventions of Language - 45 Minutes	Numeracy - 65 Minutes	Catch up tests
Year 7	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	Period 3	All Day
	Writing - 42 Minutes	Reading - 65 Minutes	Conventions of Language - 45 Minutes	Numeracy - 65 Minutes	Catch up tests

NAPLAN will be run in an online format in 2023. In order to prepare each student for NAPLAN online, the College will be running coordinated practice sessions. This will be an opportunity for students to familiarise themselves with the online platform and troubleshoot any issues before the official test window.



During the test, students will need a laptop that meets minimum specifications and has an official 'lockdown' browser installed. The College will install the lockdown browser onto student devices and then complete an audit of participant computers to ensure that the browser has been installed and is functioning correctly. If there are technical issues on the day, the College will have a limited number of computers to use which fit the specifications.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks. Additionally, 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 an exemption, you should discuss this with Mrs Annabel Gunns (Diverse Learning Coordinator). 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 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.

For more information about the tests, please visit the National Education Standards Authority website at www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au or the National Assessment Program website at www.nap.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

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