

HOW TO DO YOUR PERSONAL BEST IN NAPLAN

The NAPLAN tests will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of week 5 (15, 16 and 17 May). Catch-ups will be scheduled for period 1 on Friday 18th May.

The tests are designed to give you, your family, and your teachers a sense of how you are progressing. You can't fail the NAPLAN tests—you should aim to do your personal best. Your teachers use this information to design teaching suitable for you, so it is an important tool to help your learning.

While you can't really 'study' for the NAPLAN tests, you can be prepared. This information will help you do that.

TIMETABLE

	TUESDAY 15/5	WED 16/5	THURS 17/5
PERIOD 1	Language Conventions (45 mins) 7A: C block 7B: C block 7E: C block 7D: C block 7C: Activity Centre 7F: Activity Centre 7G: Activity Centre YEAR 9: Activity Centre	Reading (65 mins) 7A: C block 7B: C block 7E: C block 7D: C block 7C: Activity Centre 7F: Activity Centre 7G: Activity Centre YEAR 9: Activity Centre	Numeracy (60 mins) 7A: C block 7B: C block 7E: C block 7D: C block 7C: Activity Centre 7F: Activity Centre 7G: Activity Centre YEAR 9: Activity Centre
PERIOD 2	Writing (40 mins) 7A: C block 7B: C block 7E: C block 7D: C block 7C: Activity Centre 7F: Activity Centre 7G: Activity Centre YEAR 9: Activity Centre	NORMAL CLASSES	

TEST PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS

- 1) You must attend all tests in full school uniform.
- 2) You must arrive 10 minutes prior to the starting time of the test.
- 3) All students must line up outside the examination room.
- 4) If you are wearing a watch, place this at the top of your desk to monitor the time.
- 5) You must not communicate in any way (both verbal and non-verbal) with any other person other than the supervisors.
- 6) Mobile phones are **NOT** permitted in the examination room.
- 7) Supervisors cannot provide clarification of words or questions.
- 8) If you need to use the toilet raise your hand and wait for a supervisor.
- 9) You must remain in the room until the end of the test. You cannot leave early.
- 10) At the completion of the test you must wait for instructions from the supervisor to be dismissed. You cannot talk until you exit the examination room.
- 11) If you finish early, use this time to check your answers more than once.

MATERIALS TO BRING

- Pencil
- Sharpener
- Eraser
- Calculator (Thursday)
- 'Just Right' Reading Book

THE TESTS

Language Conventions Test (Tuesday 15/5) - 45 minutes

This tests your knowledge of grammar and punctuation.

The answers are multiple choice.

Read the questions and answers carefully.

Answer each one as best you can.

Eliminate answers that are clearly wrong to make it easier to find the right answer.

Writing Test (Tuesday 15/5) - 40 minutes

You will be given a prompt to write either a narrative or persuasive text.

Take time to plan

Write a lot. Use the whole time provided.

Use time at the end to review your work.

Write in paragraphs and check for spelling and punctuation.

Reading Test (Wednesday 16/5) – 65 minutes

This is the longest test because there is a lot of reading to do.

You will get a booklet with different reading passages with multiple choice questions on each one.

Use the critical reading strategies you use in your classes.

Read the passages more than once. Read like a detective, looking for clues.

Numeracy (Thursday 17/5) – 60 minutes

This tests your ability to answer questions with and without a calculator.

Bring a calculator! (You are **NOT** permitted to use the calculator on your mobile phone).

There is a 50 minute test where you will use your calculator to solve the Numeracy questions.

There is a 10 minute test with questions to be answered without the use of a calculator.

Use the working out paper we give you.