

6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

## NAPLAN YEARS 3 AND 5

Dear Parents and Carers,

The National Assessment Program- Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point-in-time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation), and numeracy. It is the only national assessment that all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

From 2023, the NAPLAN window will be in Term 1, from **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> of March** inclusive. NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals, which can then be used to support schools to improve student achievement. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023. In preparation for NAPLAN 2023, our school will undertake activities to help students to become familiar with the format and functionality of online tests. These activities are not assessments and are not marked. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not suggested or recommended.

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 to increase student participation.

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.

I am confident that the information you receive because 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.

Students and parents can access the public demonstration site <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site> to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and possible response types.

### NAPLAN timetable for WPS

NAPLAN timetable for WGS					
	<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> March – 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>
	<b><i>Writing</i></b>	<b><i>Reading</i></b>	<b><i>Conventions of language</i></b>	<b><i>Numeracy</i></b>	Catch up sessions will be available to students
Year 3	40 minutes (paper test)	45 minutes	45 minutes	45 minutes	
Year 5	42 minutes	50 minutes	45 minutes	50 minutes	
All students in years 3 & 5 will participate in NAPLAN testing in the first session. Please ensure students are at school on time.					

If you have any questions, please refer to the parent information sheet attached or contact the school. If you would like to apply for an exemption or would like to withdraw your child from testing, please contact Ms Bennett or Mrs Magri.

Ms Bennett  
Assistant Principal/Organising Teacher

Damien Borrow  
Principal (Relieving)



# Information for parents and carers

## NAPLAN 2023

### What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Students participate in NAPLAN tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN provides an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests. The tests are just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process – it does not replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance.

NAPLAN also provides schools and education authorities with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

### The benefits of NAPLAN tests online

**More precise results with an adaptive design:** Tailored tests adapt to a student's performance and ask questions that match the student's achievement levels.

**Better engagement:** Research into online assessment indicates that students engage well with online tests as the questions are tailored to their achievement levels.

### Tailored testing

Tailored testing provides a more precise assessment of a student's performance. Students at each year level start the tests with a similar set of questions. Depending on the number of questions they answer correctly, the next set of questions may be more, or less, difficult.

A student's NAPLAN result is based on both the amount and difficulty of questions the student answers correctly. A student who completes a more difficult set of questions is more likely to achieve a higher score.

Watch a video (3:06 length) to learn more about tailored testing: <https://youtu.be/oGFseJAM3Ew>

### Supporting your child

The best approach for preparing your child for NAPLAN is to encourage your child to do the best they can on the day.

Excessive preparation or the use of coaching providers is not recommended.

Students can use the public demonstration site to practise the tools and type of questions they will experience in NAPLAN:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

### NAPLAN 2023 test window

From 2023, NAPLAN will be held in March. This change has been made so results can be returned to schools earlier in the year. This will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and allow them to plan accordingly.

**NAPLAN test window: 15 – 27 March 2023.**

The 9-day test window accommodates schools with fewer devices that require flexibility in scheduling.

## APPENDIX 2 – PARENT/CARER CONSENT FOR EXEMPTION OR WITHDRAWAL

NSW Education Standards Authority



### NAPLAN 2023

#### Parent/carer consent for exemption or withdrawal

Every year the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses the literacy and numeracy skills of students in Australia.

All students in **Years 3, 5, 7 and 9** who are enrolled at a NSW school are expected to participate in NAPLAN unless they are withdrawn or exempt.

##### Criteria for withdrawal

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN tests at the request of their parent/carer. Withdrawals are intended to address issues such as religious beliefs and philosophical objections to testing.

##### Criteria for exemption

- Students with a language background other than English, who arrived from overseas and have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the test, should be given the opportunity to participate but may be exempt.
- Students with significant intellectual disability and/or significant comorbidity that severely limit their capacity to participate in the test, even with adjustments, may be exempt.

Exemption and withdrawal both require parent/carer consent. This consent form should be completed and filed at the school for auditing purposes by 24 February 2023.

Name of student

Year

	Writing	Reading	Conventions of language	Numeracy
Parent withdrawal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exempt (Language)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Exempt (Disability)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If Exempt (Disability) please record the NCCD level of adjustment:

- ☐ support provided within quality differentiated teaching practice
- ☐ supplementary adjustments
- ☐ substantial adjustments
- ☐ extensive adjustments.

I have discussed my child's participation in the **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2023** with the school principal or their delegate and I have requested for my child to be exempt/withdrawn (underline as appropriate) from the test(s) indicated above.

Name of parent/carer

Signature of parent/carer

Name of principal/principal's delegate

Signature of principal/principal's delegate

Date