

The National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy is a platform to provide a snapshot of a student's current reading, writing, language and numeracy skills.

The four (4) tests of writing, reading, conventions of language and numeracy are delivered annually to year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students. This year we have decided to move to the online testing environment which offers benefits over the original paper version.

These benefits include:

- introducing 'tailored testing', which gives students questions better suited to their ability, resulting in more precise results
- improving student engagement through computer-based tests
- reducing the time it takes to provide feedback to schools, students and parents

To support students with the online environment, we are conducting NAPLAN Online practice tests to year 3, 5, 7, & 9 students on Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March (week 9). These practice tests will use real student names and therefore privacy packs will need to be completed prior to these tests. Can you please read the privacy packs as they get sent home this week. The practice tests do not generate student results, rather provide feedback on student, staff and school readiness for NAPLAN Online.

The NAPLAN Online testing period is between 10/5/21—20/5/21. We have made the school-based decision to complete the four tests from Tuesday 10th May to Friday 13th May. Students will be provided breakfast on these days and a more detailed letter will be sent out closer to the date.

Please be assured that our school does not want NAPLAN to be a stressful or daunting process and our classrooms will not change their learning material leading into NAPLAN. This is because our staff teach the Australian Curriculum in their classroom and therefore we have prepared our students with the knowledge needed in these National tests.

As always, if you would like further information on this subject, please feel free to contact me at any stage.



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