

## **NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN) 2021 - YEARS 3,5,7 &9**

NAPLAN commenced in Australian schools in 2008. Each year students in Years 3,5,7 and 9 participate in common national tests which assess:

- Reading
- Writing
- Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy

The scheduled dates for the tests in 2021 are from Tuesday 11 May to Thursday 20 May. Years 3 and 5 will complete testing between recess and lunch and Years 7 and 9 will complete testing at the start of the day. Catch up sessions will be planned for afternoons and Friday 21 May if needed.

This year NAPLAN is again being completed online, except for Year 3 writing which will still be a paper-based test. Students have participated in practice tests to familiarise them with the testing platform.

The benefits of participating in NAPLAN testing:

- NAPLAN tests the skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy
- NAPLAN results provide valuable information on how your child is progressing against national minimum standards of literacy and numeracy skills expected for each year level.
- The NAPLAN tests provide you as parents with an individual report that shows your child's results and a comparison of your child's results against all other Australian students in the year level.
- Teachers use the NAPLAN results to determine your child's areas of strengths and where future focus is required and how best to provide support or extension activities.
- Teachers use the online NAPLAN toolkit to analyse your child's results. The toolkit provides detailed information with links to teaching strategies.
- Principals, senior staff and others use NAPLAN results to inform school planning and to allocate resources and support including informing decisions around targeted programs and initiatives for individuals and groups

### **HOW CAN I PREPARE MY DAUGHTER FOR THE TESTING?**

The best way you can assist your child is by helping them to feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests and assure them that the tests will give them an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class.

You can also:

- Avoid booking any appointments for your daughters on the testing days
- Make sure she gets plenty of sleep leading up and during the testing period
- Make sure she has a good breakfast on testing days
- Ensure she comes to school with a fully charged computer/iPad and headphones.

For more information about the national tests, please visit the national NAPLAN website at:

<https://nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/resources/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>