

20 April 2021

Dear year 9 Families

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual online assessment for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year.

This year, NAPLAN will be held on Tuesday 11 May – Friday 21 May 2021.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy

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 that can be used 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 Friday 21 May 2021. 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, Language Conventions (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. I am confident that the information you receive as a result 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.

The NAPLAN test results are used to:

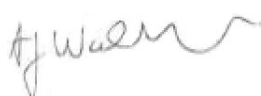
Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.

- Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas to improve in teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review programs and support offered to schools.
- For more information about the tests, please visit the NAPLAN website:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/home>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on 8365 0455.

Yours sincerely,



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