

4 March 2024

Dear Parent

NAPLAN 2024

NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy – important skills that each child needs to succeed in school and life. The NAPLAN tests are designed to help us make sure students are on track with their literacy and numeracy development. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in NAPLAN tests for reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

Between 13 March and 25 March, our school will participate in NAPLAN Online. The extended time frame is to allow schools to access online facilities. However, we endeavour to complete all tests by Monday 25 March 2024.

Students do not need to be computer experts to take the NAPLAN test online. Making sure students have computer skills is part of our school curriculum, and our teachers will ensure your child is familiar with the online format. **Please note:** Year 3 will still complete a pencil and paper test for the Writing test.

Students will be required to bring their own headphones.

To see the types of questions and interactive features on NAPLAN Online, visit the public demonstration site at <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>
Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English
- or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustment or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students who receive adjustments within the normal classroom environment will receive a support letter in the very near future.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with Adam Hall (for students in 7 and 9) or Phil Garland (for students in 3 and 5) at the school if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN Online, please refer to the attached brochure or contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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