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Dear parent / caregiver,

2023 NAPLAN

During weeks 7 and 8 of term 1, students in years 7 and 9 will participate in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

Some classes will also be taking part in a Coordinated Practice test (week 5) which is designed to confirm that administrative processes, devices and local networks are in place prior to NAPLAN testing. Student performance on the Coordinated Practice test is not assessed or reported on.

These assessments will be done in an online environment, which ACARA (Assessment, Curriculum and Reporting Authority) has identified as having three main benefits when compared to traditional 'paper' testing:

Better assessment and more precise results

NAPLAN Online uses a tailored test or adaptive design, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match the student achievement level, allowing the student to demonstrate their knowledge. This provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on each student's performance on the tests. Tailored testing also provides an opportunity to broaden the scope of the assessments.

Faster turnaround of results

Delivery of assessments online significantly reduces the time it takes to provide feedback to schools, students and parents, so teachers can respond more quickly to learning needs.

More engaging

ACARA research into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests.

Our school highly values the individual student data collected through assessments such as NAPLAN. These national assessments are designed to help us provide the best education possible for our students **by enabling us to keep an objective eye on how teaching and learning is going within our school, for individuals, classes and cohorts which helps to inform student supports.**

We expect all students to participate in NAPLAN testing unless withdrawal is absolutely necessary. Official withdrawal paperwork is required to be completed in these cases prior to NAPLAN testing period.

Please contact the school on 8557 0100 if you have any queries or concerns about your child participating in these learning assessments prior to the testing period.

Kind regards,

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Senior Leader – Learner Culture

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Principal



NAPLAN – privacy collection notice

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards.

Collection of personal information

Schools are required by law to collect personal information about you and your child, irrespective of whether your child participates in NAPLAN testing.

The purpose of this notice is to advise parents and carers of how your child’s personal information will be used for NAPLAN testing (both online and paper tests) in 2023 and, as part of NAPLAN Online, readiness activities scheduled at various times leading up to the test in March 2023.

NAPLAN testing

Since 2022, except for Year 3 writing which remains paper-based, all other NAPLAN tests are completed nationally online through computer-based tests.

Online testing brings many benefits and opportunities including providing better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

More information on NAPLAN Online is available at: www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/.

Readiness testing activities

A critical step in preparing for NAPLAN Online is schools’ participation in readiness testing activities.

The purpose of readiness testing activities is to ensure your child is familiar with their device and the online test environment, as well as to test school and national infrastructure systems and processes.

Disclosure of personal information

For every student participating in NAPLAN Online testing and readiness activities, personal information will be uploaded by the Department for Education, as the Test Administration Authority (TAA), to the NAPLAN Online Assessment Platform (‘assessment platform’). This information is listed over the page.

The information below marked with an asterisk (*) is also provided by the department, as the TAA, to FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd for the purposes of printing paper test materials and the printing of student reports. FUJIFILM Data Management Solutions Pty Ltd (“FUJIFILM”) is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education and is only permitted access to personal information from a relevant school for the purposes of providing the contracted services.

FUJIFILM’s privacy policy can be found at: <https://www.fujifilm.com/au/en/privacy>

- Student name*
- School name, class and year level*
- Date of birth*
- Jurisdictional and local school student identifiers*
- Gender*
- Disability adjustments (where applicable) *

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- Country of birth
- Language background other than English
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status
- Parents' occupation, education and language background

The personal information for students who are exempted, absent or withdrawn from NAPLAN testing is collected and used for reporting purposes.

Data security

Security and privacy are key requirements for the delivery of national testing.

NAPLAN Online

The online assessment platform has been designed to comply with relevant national data security policies and guidelines, as well as data encryption standards.

The assessment platform is managed by Education Services Australia (ESA). ESA is a not-for-profit company jointly owned by the Australian education ministers. ESA is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education.

ESA only has access to personal information from a relevant school or TAA for the primary purpose of fulfilling ESA's role in supporting the operation of the assessment platform.

ESA's privacy policy can be found at: www.esa.edu.au/contact-us/privacy.

Access and correction

To request access or correction to personal information collected for NAPLAN and held by schools, please contact your school principal in the first instance. Any concerns about a breach of privacy by a school should be directed in writing to the school principal.

More information

Speak with your school principal in the first instance if you have any questions about this information.