



15 May 2023

Dear parent/caregiver,

ACARA Item Trial

Our school has been selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in this year's ACARA Item Trial.

On Monday 22 May and Monday 29 May, your child's class will participate in this year's Item Trial which is designed to evaluate potential NAPLAN test questions ('items') that are under consideration for inclusion in future NAPLAN tests.

Pearson has been appointed to manage the implementation of the Item Trial on behalf of ACARA with tests conducted using the Online National Assessment Platform as a component of the National Assessment Program, an agreed national education requirement.

NAPLAN protocols allow students to be withdrawn from the tests for religious or philosophical reasons. Where a student has been previously exempt or withdrawn from NAPLAN tests, the student is not expected to participate in the Item Trial.

Please find attached a copy of parent/carer information brochure for your information/records.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school on 8557 0100 if you wish to discuss any queries or concerns.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K Atkinson".

Kirsty Atkinson
Senior Leader
Learner Culture
(Year 7)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C Macrow".

Caleb Macrow
Senior Leader
Learner Culture
(Year 9)

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Anthony van Ruiten
Principal

Information for parents and carers

ACARA Item Trial 2023 – testing NAPLAN questions

Your child's school has been selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in this year's Item Trial. The purpose of the Item Trial is to evaluate potential NAPLAN test questions ('items') for use in future NAPLAN tests.

ACARA appreciates the participation of your child in the Item Trial. Your child's involvement and the results from the trial will help ACARA ensure that NAPLAN tests are valid, reliable and fair for all students.

About the Item Trial

- The Item Trial is being held in approximately 500 schools across Australia between **Monday 22 May** and **Friday 7 July 2023**.
- Schools are carefully selected to ensure that a range of student backgrounds and abilities is represented.
- The Item Trial is about testing the **questions**, not about testing your child or their ability. Your child's results are not reported.
- Your child will sit two Item Trial tests. These will be, for example, a Reading and a Numeracy test, a Writing and a Conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) test, or two Writing tests.
- The tests will be administered at the school by trained school personnel and/or external test supervisors. Where tests are online, your child will use the device that they use for everyday classroom activities, such as a desk-based computer, a laptop or a tablet.
- All selected students are expected to participate in the Item Trial, unless they have been exempted or withdrawn from NAPLAN tests. If you have questions about your child's participation, please raise these with your school.

Further information about NAPLAN is available at www.nap.edu.au

To read the ACARA Item Trial privacy notice, please visit www.nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy