



NAPLAN

Information  
for parents

**2014**

**National Assessment Program**  
Literacy and Numeracy

# NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM LITERACY AND NUMERACY 2014

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment of all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students are expected to participate in the testing. They will be assessed in language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), writing, reading and numeracy.

## What will be tested?

The content of each test is informed by the *Statements of Learning for English* and *Statements of Learning for Mathematics* which underpin the common curricula for states and territories.

**Language Conventions:** students identify and correct spelling errors and answer questions on aspects of grammar and punctuation.

**Writing:** students write either a persuasive or narrative text in response to a given stimulus. They are assessed on the quality and organisation of ideas, structuring of sentences and use of correct spelling and punctuation.

**Reading:** students read a number of short texts and answer questions to show understanding of the texts.

**Numeracy:** students solve problems across Number; Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; and Space.

The NAPLAN tests are designed to complement the regular assessments made by teachers throughout the year.

## What are the benefits of a national test?

The test results provide a snapshot of student achievement in comparison to all students of the same year level across the country. They assist teachers to better identify students who require additional support or enrichment. Students and parents can use individual results to discuss achievement with teachers. The tests allow the progress of each student to be monitored over time.

The results support schools to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs, and gain information to help them evaluate programs and allocate resources.

## Can I help my child prepare for the tests?

The provision of comprehensive teaching and learning programs is the best preparation that schools can provide for their students. Schools will ensure students are familiar with the format, language, response types and time constraints of the tests.

Sample questions can be accessed on the NAPLAN website: [www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/the-tests.html)

## When will the tests be held?

The tests are scheduled for the mornings of Tuesday, 13 May, Wednesday, 14 May and Thursday, 15 May 2014. All schools across Australia must complete the tests on the same days. The times shown below are student working times. Additional time is allocated for instructions.

Year	Tuesday, 13 May	Wednesday, 14 May	Thursday, 15 May
3	<b>Language Conventions</b> 40 minutes <b>Writing</b> 40 minutes	<b>Reading</b> 45 minutes	<b>Numeracy</b> 45 minutes
5	<b>Language Conventions</b> 40 minutes <b>Writing</b> 40 minutes	<b>Reading</b> 50 minutes	<b>Numeracy</b> 50 minutes
7	<b>Language Conventions</b> 45 minutes <b>Writing</b> 40 minutes	<b>Reading</b> 65 minutes	<b>Numeracy Calculator</b> 40 minutes <b>Non-calculator</b> 40 minutes
9	<b>Language Conventions</b> 45 minutes <b>Writing</b> 40 minutes	<b>Reading</b> 65 minutes	<b>Numeracy Calculator</b> 40 minutes <b>Non-calculator</b> 40 minutes

## What happens if my child is absent from school on test days?

Wherever possible, schools will organise another time between 13 – 16 May for individual students who are absent at the time of testing to complete missed tests. Students are **not** permitted to sit tests before or after these dates.

Students who are travelling within Australia during the testing week can arrange to sit the tests at a local school. For more information contact the principal of your school.

## Who administers the tests?

NAPLAN tests are conducted at schools and administered by classroom teachers, school deputies or the principal.

## What additional support can schools provide for students with special needs?

Students with special needs or a temporary injury will be provided with assistance during the tests as specified in the National Protocols. Formal exemptions may be granted to students with disability and those who have recently arrived in Australia and are from a non-English-speaking background.

Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from the tests. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent or carer consent form. Please contact your school principal for more information.

## Will I receive a report on my child's performance?

Your child's NAPLAN report will be issued through your school in late September. The report will be accompanied by an information brochure. All students' individual results are strictly confidential.

If you have not received your child's report by the end of Term 3, please contact the school.

## Where can I get more information?

You can get more information on the NAPLAN testing process by:

- contacting your child's school
- accessing the NAPLAN website and the *My School* website:
  - [www.nap.edu.au/naplan/school-support/school-support.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/school-support/school-support.html)
  - [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au)
- accessing the DoE website: [www.education.nt.gov.au/teachers-educators/assessment-reporting/nap](http://www.education.nt.gov.au/teachers-educators/assessment-reporting/nap)
- phoning the Northern Territory Department of Education on 8944 9245

Note: NAPLAN testing is expected to be fully online by 2016.