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NAPLAN Parent/Guardian Information Letter

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in NAPLAN tests. NAPLAN tests give you information on how your child is progressing against national standards. This information can be used to identify areas in which your child may benefit from additional assistance. NAPLAN does not replace, but rather complements assessments run by your child's classroom teacher throughout the year.

The results can assist teachers by providing additional information to support their professional judgement about students' levels of literacy and numeracy attainment and progress. NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. Each teacher will have the best insight into their students' educational progress. Parents/carers can use NAPLAN reports, along with other school assessment reports, to discuss their child's strengths and areas for improvement with their teacher.

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

- writing
- reading
- conventions of language
- numeracy.

The assessments are undertaken nationwide and the dates for this year are:

Test	Date	Duration	Test description
Writing	Wednesday 13 th March	Year 7: 42 minutes Year 9: 42 minutes	Students are provided with an idea or topic called a “writing stimulus” or “prompt” and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing).
Reading (to be completed after the writing test)	Thursday 14 th March	Year 7: 65 minutes Year 9: 65 minutes	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts, and then answer related questions.
Conventions of language (to be completed after the reading test)	Friday 15 th March	Year 7: 45 minutes Year 9: 45 minutes	Students are assessed on spelling, grammar and punctuation.
Numeracy (to be completed after the conventions of language test)	Monday 18 th March	Year 7: 65 minutes Year 9: 65 minutes	Students are assessed on number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability.

For more information about NAPLAN please see the attached Information Brochure.

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Acting Principal