

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2017 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 9-11 May 2017.

TUESDAY 9 MAY	WEDNESDAY 10 MAY	THURSDAY 11 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) Writing test	Reading test	Numeracy test

In the numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be one numeracy test with two parts: Part A calculator is allowed and Part B where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 12 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. 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 significant 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 adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school 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 the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>



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S U P P O R T I N G T A L E N T E D A T H L E T E S T H R O U G H E D U C A T I O N

NAPLAN Information

- All NAPLAN testing for all Years 7 and 9 Illawarra Sports High School students will be conducted at Illawarra Sports High School in selected venues.
- It is envisaged that Year 7 will have their testing conducted during morning sessions, primarily in rooms K12 to K16. Students with disability adjustments will have alternative arrangements made to accommodate them. Students will be following an alternate school timetable during the testing period. Students will be supplied with further timetable details closer to the testing period.
- It is envisaged that Year 9 will have their testing conducted during morning sessions, primarily in the school hall. Students with disability adjustments will have alternative arrangements made to accommodate them. Students will be following an alternate school timetable during the testing period. Students will be supplied with further timetable details closer to the testing period.
- Students **must** bring a 2B or HB pencil, pencil sharpener, eraser and a black ballpoint pen to **all** sessions.
- **A CALCULATOR MUST BE BROUGHT ON THURSDAY.**
- **NOTE**
Years 7 and 9 students, attempting the testing, who are on a Grey, Red or Yellow level and those who have a history of disruptive behaviour may have adjustments made to the nature of the supervision and school venue where the testing will be conducted.

The following items are **NOT** permitted in the test area under any circumstances:

- Mobile phones
- Electronic Devices
- Rulers

Cheating may include intentionally:

- Taking unauthorised equipment or prohibited information into the test room (e.g. mobile phone, dictionary).
- Communicating with any person other than an administrator during the test introduction time, planning time or during the test.
- Looking at another students work.
- Working on the incorrect test in the 'flip' test book.

Parents / Carers who wish to access the 'Consent for exemption and withdrawal' and 'Consent to disability adjustment' will find the relevant form on the front page of the I.S.H.S. website.

Parents / Carers from language backgrounds other than English have access to selected translated NAPLAN documents in a number of community languages.

Arabic, Bosanski, Burmese, Chinese Traditional, Hrvatski, Dinka, Filipino/Tagalog, French/Francais, Greek, Hindi, Indonesian/Bahasa- Indonesian, Italiano, Japanese, Karen, Khmer, Kirundi, Korean, Lao, Makedonski, Nepali, Persian (Farsi), Portugues, Punjabi, Russian, Samoan/Fa'a Samoa, Srpski, Somali, Espanol, Tamil, Thai, Tongan/Faka Tongas, Turkce, Urdu, Vietnamese/Viet-Ngu

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy General information for parent and carers

- <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/naplan/info.php>

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Letter to parents

- <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/naplan/letter.php>

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy Parent consent for withdrawal or exemption