

## **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2018**

In 2018, students at your child's school will complete the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests online.

This is the first year NAPLAN tests will transition from traditional paper tests to online tests. A school readiness test conducted in August and September 2017 helped inform the technical readiness of NSW schools for the move online. A small proportion of NSW schools will sit NAPLAN Online in 2018. Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed to full participation over the next two to three years.

NAPLAN Online will create new benefits for teachers and students including faster results, greater student engagement and better assessment.

The results of the tests 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.

The NAPLAN Online tests will be conducted from 15-25 May 2018.

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 and braille versions 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Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer.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.

Please make an appointment with Fiona Brain on 49872306 if you would like further information about your child's participation in the NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN Online can be found at:

<http://www.acara.edu.au/assessment/online-assessment>

Yours faithfully,  
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Principal