

# NAPLAN 2019 – YR 3 & 5



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Dear Parents/Guardians

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2019 for Years 3, 5, 7, and 9 students will be held on **Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May 2019**. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of tools used by teachers to measure student progress. Results are not received until later in the year. Parents will receive notification and results as soon as the school receives them.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on tests days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 17 May 2019.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses support for classroom assessment tasks. Large print, braille and black and white versions of the tests are available for students that require them.

Exemptions may be granted to students with significant intellectual disabilities and to students who have been learning English for less than one year.

If your child is eligible for support due to disability or an exemption, you should discuss this with his/her teacher prior to the tests. Parental consent is required before any support due to disability or exemption is granted.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If, after consultation, you decided to withdraw your child, you must sign a Student Withdrawal form. These forms are available. Please contact Karen Halket if you wish to discuss this option.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe the minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia. The school will forward these results as soon as possible after they have been forwarded to us.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child's participation in NAPLAN tests will be valuable in helping you assess your child's progress in literacy and numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAPLAN website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

**KAREN HALKET**

Leading Teacher

Wednesday, 1 May 2019