

NAPLAN testing 2021

Information for parents and carers

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The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses literacy and numeracy skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life.

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 may participate in the annual NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

The assessment provides parents/carers and schools with an understanding of how individual students are performing at the time of the tests.

This year, the NAPLAN Online test window is 11 to 21 May. Most schools in South Australia will undertake testing online, however all Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper. There are contingency measures to revert to paper testing if required.

Supporting your child

On its own, NAPLAN is not a test that can be studied for and students are not expected to do so. You can reassure your child that NAPLAN is just one part of their school program and remind them on the day to simply do their best.

It is not recommended that students use services by coaching providers or excessively prepare for NAPLAN testing.

Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and provide appropriate support and guidance.

NAPLAN reporting

Individual student performance is shown on a national achievement scale, and a NAPLAN individual student report will be issued by your child's school later in the year.

Students and parents may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers, while teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.

Participation in NAPLAN

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 may participate in NAPLAN testing. If a child is absent on a testing day, the school may arrange for them to complete the missed test/s another time during the school's test schedule.

If a student has a disability, they may qualify for adjustments to their tests. Students with a disability that severely limits their capacity to participate, or students who have recently arrived in Australia with a non-English speaking background, may be granted a formal exemption.

There are provisions for parents/carers to withdraw their child from NAPLAN testing. Schools are familiar with this process and a decision should be made with your child's school. Speak to your principal in the first instance.

More information

For queries about NAPLAN, speak to your child's school. You can also find information about NAPLAN testing at www.nap.edu.au.