

1 February 2023

Dear Parents and Parent Liaisons,

Re: NAPLAN Online Tests 2023

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) - tests for students in Years 7 and 9 will be held in March this year in the period between **March 15 and March 24**. The NAPLAN tests are conducted by ACARA (The Australian Curriculum and Assessment Reporting Authority) and the results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information is used by the school to support teaching and learning programs. It is also used to evaluate student achievement levels. All NAPLAN testing will be conducted online this year.

NAPLAN Participation

If your child is entitled to special exam arrangements, and these entitlements have been approved by the School, the Learning Support Department will arrange these provisions and inform the students accordingly. If your child has been learning English for less than one year, they will **ONLY** be entered in the numeracy test.

You also have the right to **withdraw your child from testing**.

All students will need to bring a set of headphones that are compatible with their school laptops.

If you wish to withdraw your child or discuss any other aspect of the tests, please contact Lukas Silver before Friday 24 February via email: ls@ags.vic.edu.au

Please be aware that our teachers do NOT 'teach' to the NAPLAN tests as is the practice in some schools that devote weeks or pre-tests to 'get ready' for NAPLAN to boost their school's NAPLAN scores. Our view of NAPLAN is that it is just another type of assessment and although it is important, it is nothing to worry about and we just ask students to 'do their best'.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will identify your child's particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national standards.

For more information about the tests, please follow the link below:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan>

A detailed schedule of specific test dates will be sent out closer to the testing period.

Yours sincerely,



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