

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 3, 5, 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.

**Online Testing**

NAPLAN will be conducted online this year, except for the Year 3 Writing task.

**Participation**

If your child needs special consideration for a learning or other issue, please contact me to discuss whether they should undertake the test. Students who have been learning English for less than one year do not participate.

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

If you wish to withdraw your child or discuss any other aspect of the tests, please contact Tracey Nicholson before Friday 24 February via phone or email: [tn@ags.vic.edu.au](mailto:tn@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'. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you think your child is feeling anxious about NAPLAN so that we are aware of the situation. We do some preparation in class only to familiarise students with the types of test questions.

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. Once results are received, teachers will be able to assist parents in putting NAPLAN scores into perspective by comparing them with other school-based assessments. *Together* they will give a more accurate view of your child's achievement.

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,



**Mrs Tracey Nicholson**  
**Assistant Principal Head of Primary**