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2025 - National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In 2025, the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be conducted for all students in **Years 3, 5, 7 and 9** in all government and non-government schools. **The results of the tests will 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 agreed national benchmarks of student achievement.

At Noosa District State High School, the explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy is embedded across all units of work in all subjects based on the Australian Curriculum. Teachers use a range of tools including regular diagnostic testing and summative items to assist students with their individual learning needs in the classroom.

NAPLAN online testing period takes places in weeks 7 and 8 of Term 1 - 12th March through till the 24th March.

At NDSHS the best preparation for NAPLAN and success in the Australian curriculum occurs in our classrooms every day. NAPLAN testing is a regular part of this routine to provide feedback about student progress in relation to the Australian Curriculum and should not be a source of stress to students. For this reason, we keep routines as normal as possible and look forward to using all feedback to support student growth in their learning journey.

As external tests such as NAPLAN prepare students for senior pathways and assessment requirements Noosa District takes this test seriously and encourage students to do their very best. Given the importance of this assessment, we ask parents/guardians to ensure that their students are in full attendance for tests in March. Please avoid organising appointments for students during these times.

Year 7 and 9 student test type and days are as follows:

Term 1 Week 7 and 8			
Wednesday 12th March	Thursday 13th March	Friday 14th March	Monday 17th March until
Writing 42 mins	Reading 65 mins	Language Conventions 45 mins	Numeracy 65 mins
All tests are conducted in the morning periods before returning to regular timetabled lessons.			
Week 8 and 9 -Tuesday 12th – Monday 24th March			
Catch up tests			
For students who are absence and miss a test catch up tests will occur every day from the 13 th till the 24 th of March			

NAPLAN Online - student confidence

Students in years 7 & 9 will have opportunities at school to ensure they are well-prepared to complete the NAPLAN tests.

To support your child at home we encourage parents and students to access the public demonstration site to familiarize themselves with the online format: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Within class students will also have the opportunity to engage with online resources that will assist students with the digital skills required to complete the test.

As all students in years 7 and 9 are completing the tests online it is important that students come prepared with the following items each day:

- Charged device
- Headphones
- Charging cord

Student Participation

We expect that most of our students will participate in the tests, however, in rare cases there are individual circumstances that prevent a student from undertaking some or part of the suite of tests. In these cases, and in discussion with the school a student may either be considered exempt, withdrawn or absent from NAPLAN. Please see below for further clarification:

Absentees

If your student is absent for one or more of the test/s there will be a number of catch-up opportunities. **There is a two week testing window if your child is away from any singular test, they will be required to make it up when they return to school.** E.g. if your child away sick on Wednesday and Thursday and misses two tests they will be required to complete these tests on the day they return.

Exemptions

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 if they have significant intellectual disability.

Withdrawals

A withdrawal from the test means that no results will be recorded for your child. All parents have the right to withdraw their child from NAPLAN testing if there are religious beliefs or philosophical objections to testing. This is a matter for consideration by individual parents/carers in consultation with their child's school. A formal application in the manner specified by the relevant test administration authority must be received by the Principal **prior to the testing.** These forms are available for parents from the Cooroy and Pomona campus front office.

If you believe that either an exemption or a withdrawal may apply to your child please contact Sarah Thornley (sthor150@eq.edu.au) at the Pomona Campus or Lee Merrett (lmerr25@eq.edu.au) the Cooroy Campus to make an appointment before Tuesday 4th March.

Further helpful information can be found for parents/carers at: <https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

Best regards,



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Deputy Principal Year 7 Pomona campus



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