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2026 - NAPLAN

Dear Parents and Carers,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents to see how their child is progressing against national standards in literacy and numeracy and over time. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of: reading, writing, conventions of language (spelling, grammar, and punctuation), and numeracy.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of our school’s assessment and reporting process, they do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student’s performance. Your child’s teacher will have the best insight into your child’s educational progress.

Schools use an online assessment for each test, except for Year 3 Writing. NAPLAN Online provides better assessment, more precise results, and a faster turnaround of information. NAPLAN Online is a tailored test that adapts to student responses, presenting students with questions that may be more or less difficult – resulting in better assessment and more precise results.

NAPLAN testing will occur between 11-16 March 2026 (Term 1, Week 7-8). The following table provides information on specific test dates and session details for the various years. Catch-up tests will be organised on an individual basis in the event of student absences up until 23 March 2026.

Term 1	Wed 11th Mar	Thu 12th Mar	Fri 13th Mar	Mon 16th Mar
Year 3	Writing AM (40mins)	Reading AM (45min) Language PM (45min)	Numeracy AM (45min) Catch-up PM	Catch-up Sessions
Year 5	Writing AM (42mins)	Reading AM (50min) Language PM (45min)	Numeracy AM (50min) Catch-up PM	Catch-up Sessions
Year 7	Writing AM (42min)	Reading PM (65min)	Language AM (45min)	Numeracy AM (65min)
Year 9	Writing PM (42min)	Reading AM (65min)	Language PM (45min)	Numeracy PM (65min)
Session Window	AM - Morning (8.45am-10.15am)		PM - Middle (11.30am-1pm)	

The website www.nap.edu.au has a wealth of information about NAPLAN Online as well as a [public demonstration site](#) where you can see for yourself what kinds of questions will be asked for each year level as well as the format of the tests. There is also a [frequently asked questions](#) section and information regarding tailored testing which is a feature of NAPLAN Online.

NAPLAN is for everyone. Calvary supports inclusive testing, so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program. Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs. If you wish to withdraw your child from participating in NAPLAN or would like contact to be made with you regarding adjustments, please complete this form: [NAPLAN Adjustments & Withdrawals \(2026\) – Fill out form](#)

Please contact me should you have any questions or concerns regarding the implementation of NAPLAN.

Kind Regards



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