



22 February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

2024 - NAPLAN

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 each 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 have transitioned from paper-based to online assessments (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 13-18 March 2024 (Term 1, Week 8-9). The following table provides information on specific test dates and session details for Year 3 and 5. Catch-up tests will be organised on an individual basis in the event of student absences up until 25 March 2024.

| Term 1 | Wed 13 March | Thu 14 March | Mon 18 March | 18 - 25 March |
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| Year 3 | Morning session- Writing (40 minutes) Middle Session- Reading (45 minutes) | Morning Session- Language Conventions (45 minutes) | Morning Session- Numeracy (45 minutes) | Catch up if required |
| Year 5 | Morning session- Writing (42 minutes) Middle Session- Reading (50 minutes) | Morning Session- Language Conventions (45 minutes) | Morning Session- Numeracy (50 minutes) | Catch up if required |

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:

<https://forms.office.com/r/nv5GgpgWjY>

Please contact me should your child’s teacher should you have any questions regarding NAPLAN.

Kind regards

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