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# **OLNA Prequalification and Year 9 NAPLAN: Information for Parents/Carers and Schools**



## Literacy and Numeracy standard for the Western Australian Certificate of Education

To meet the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) literacy and numeracy standard, students may:

- prequalify through the Reading, Writing and Numeracy tests of the Year 9 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN), or
- demonstrate the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy by successfully completing the relevant components of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12.

### Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment prequalification

The graphic on page 3 illustrates the Year 9 NAPLAN minimum scores required for OLNA prequalification. Information regarding a student's prequalification is not printed on the NAPLAN Individual Student Report (ISR) and will be provided to students and parents/carers by their school. As the ISRs are provided by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and OLNA is administered by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority), prequalification for the WACE Literacy and Numeracy requirement is provided to schools separately by the Authority.

The dotted line, on the graphic on page 3, showing the prequalification score corresponds to the minimum standard that students must demonstrate by the end of Year 12 to achieve the Literacy and Numeracy requirement for a WACE. This minimum standard for the WACE Literacy and Numeracy requirement equates with Level 3 of the *Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF)* which can be found at <https://www.dewr.gov.au/skills-information-training-providers/australian-core-skills-framework>. It is important to remember that the NAPLAN assessments are for Year 9 students, and it is not expected that the WACE Literacy and Numeracy standard will be reached by all students in Year 9.

### How was prequalification for the minimum Literacy and Numeracy standard for the WACE determined given the changes to NAPLAN in 2023?

Students' NAPLAN results show how they performed in each of the assessment domains against four new year-appropriate proficiency levels (Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support), rather than the 10 bands used previously.

There is a point in the 'Strong' level that corresponds to the minimum standard that must be demonstrated by the end of Year 12 to achieve the Year 12 WACE Literacy and Numeracy requirement. This minimum standard for the WACE Literacy and Numeracy requirement equates with Level 3 of the ACSF.

ACARA has provided the Authority with NAPLAN scores that correspond to the minimum WACE requirements in Reading, Writing and Numeracy. Previously these scores aligned with NAPLAN Band 8. The standard has not changed, just the method of reporting.

### Two Year 9 students are both in the 'Strong' proficiency level; one has prequalified for OLNA and one hasn't. How does this happen?

The method of reporting student results for NAPLAN has changed from bands to proficiency levels. Rather than 10 bands, there are now four proficiency levels (Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support). Each proficiency level covers a broad range of student performance. The point for OLNA prequalification is located **within** the 'Strong' level. Students can be in the 'Strong' level but are yet to demonstrate the minimum standard for the corresponding Year 12 WACE Literacy and Numeracy requirement.

The minimum standard for the Year 12 WACE Literacy and Numeracy requirement equates with Level 3 of the ACSF. ACARA has provided the Authority with a score corresponding to the minimum Literacy and Numeracy standard required for the Year 12 WACE in the NAPLAN Reading, Writing and Numeracy assessment domains.

### How can students demonstrate the required standard for OLNA?

Students who do not prequalify through NAPLAN have at least six opportunities before the end of Year 12 to complete the OLNA and demonstrate the WACE Literacy and Numeracy requirement. Students may also sit the OLNA in any year after compulsory schooling, if they have not met the standard by the end of Year 12.

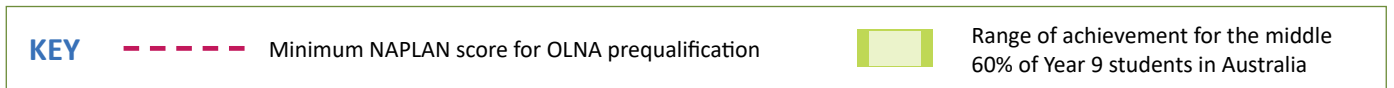
## What are the Year 9 NAPLAN minimum scores for OLNA prequalification?

- Year 9 Numeracy: the NAPLAN score for OLNA prequalification is 570.
- Year 9 Reading: the NAPLAN score for OLNA prequalification is 572.
- Year 9 Writing: the NAPLAN score for OLNA prequalification is 594.

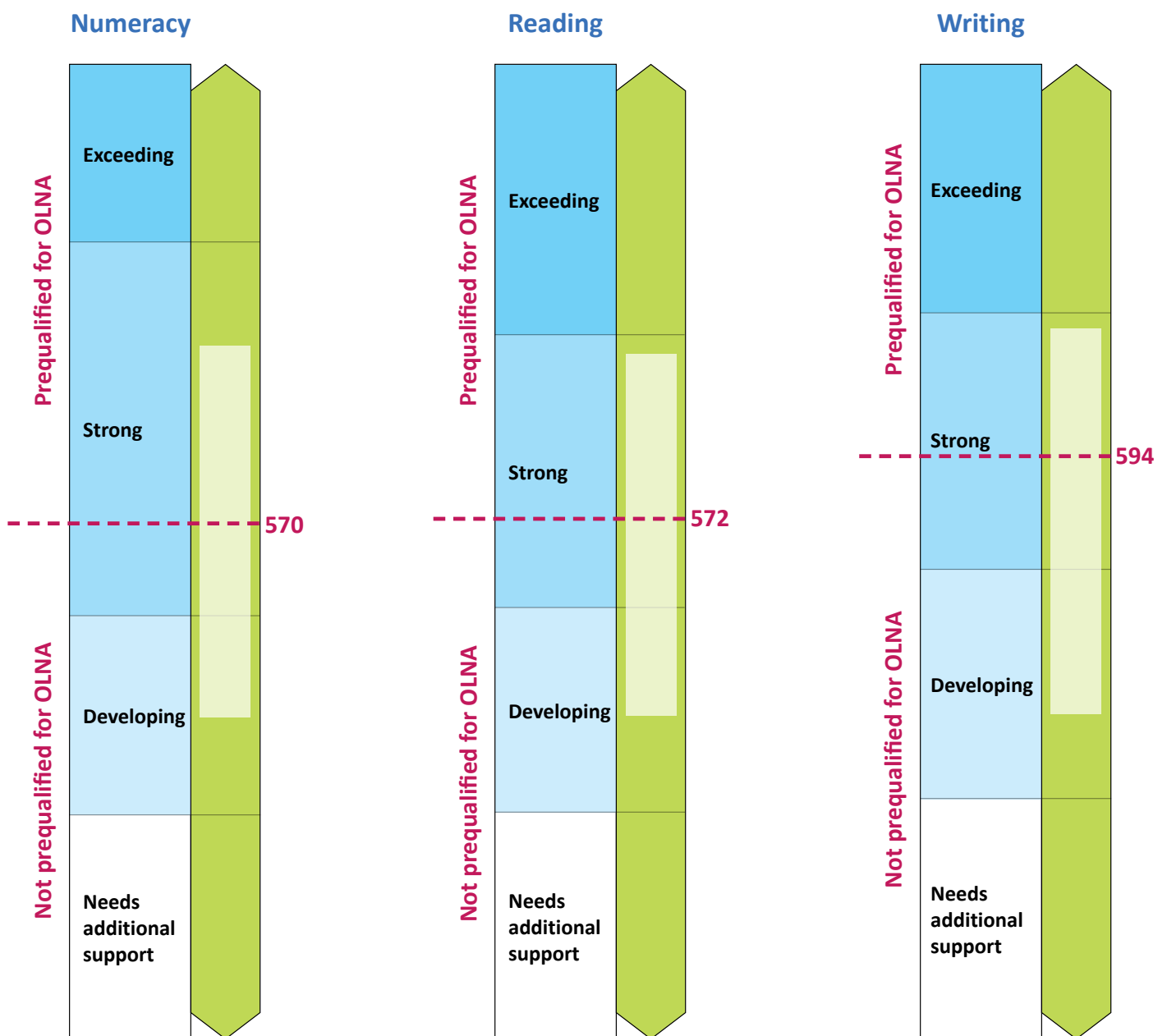
**Note:** the NAPLAN scale has 1000 score points.

## Illustration of NAPLAN scores for OLNA prequalification

### Student report 2023 Year 9



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**Note:** an Individual Student Report (ISR) will indicate the individual student result, national average and school average.

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