**NAPLAN Online 2019**

Thank you for all the hard work undertaken in 2018 in preparation for Australia’s transition towards NAPLAN online testing. In Western Australia approximately 980 schools will be participating in NAPLAN online this year, and the remaining schools will transition in 2020.

**Commitment to NAPLAN Online**

If you have any concerns at all about your school’s participation in NAPLAN online in 2019, please call SCSA on 9442 9442 to talk through the issues.

**Test dates**

The dates for NAPLAN 2019 are:

- NAPLAN online: **14-24 May**
- NAPLAN paper test: **14-16 May**
- Test security period (for both modes): **14-31 May**.

**Year 3 Writing**

The decision made by the Education Council in 2016 that Year 3 students in online schools would continue to do their Writing test on paper, has remained unchanged. This means that in all online schools with Year 3 students, the usual procedures and protocols for paper testing will apply to Year 3 Writing:

- all classes must do the test on Tuesday morning 14 May
- catch-ups can take place from 14-17 May
- all Year 3 Writing must be sent to Pearson for marking by Friday 17 May.

**Refresher training videos**

To make access to Refresher Training more flexible, the training will be in the format of two online presentations that can be viewed at any time:

1. **Preparation for NAPLAN Online 2019** (22 minutes) - this presentation covers general advice and the activities that need to be completed in the weeks before you have access to the assessment platform. This should be viewed as soon as possible.

2. **Platform Functionality Refresher** – this presentation provides an overview of the platform and training related tasks you will be required to carry out in the lead-up to NAPLAN. The link to this presentation will be sent to you later this term.

**Preparation schedule**

Please find attached the schedule of preparation tasks for NAPLAN 2019. This schedule will also be printed in the *NAPLAN Online Handbook for principals*, which you will receive with the other pre-test materials in late February.

**Training Environment**

The NAPLAN online training environment is available for all schools. Your username, password and instructions can be obtained from:

- CEWA schools – Teams Office 365
- AISWA Schools - [https://aiswa-my.sharepoint.com/f:/g/personal/pfarmer_ais_wa_edu_au/ErPWZW20h1djsv1HMHbn5SwBi5rsvNJxRH_lwu704rXorA?e=X21ZEq](https://aiswa-my.sharepoint.com/f:/g/personal/pfarmer_ais_wa_edu_au/ErPWZW20h1djsv1HMHbn5SwBi5rsvNJxRH_lwu704rXorA?e=X21ZEq)
The Western Australian Student Number (WASN) will populate one of the required fields of data for registration of students on the National Assessment Platform. All NAPLAN Online schools will be required to upload their Student Registration and Demographic File (SRGDG) to the Student Information Record System (SIRS) by 14 February 2019. Should you have any queries please send an email to: dataservices@scsa.wa.edu.au.

Training videos and a manual for uploading data can be located on the SCSA website at https://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/sirs-info/primary-schools.

Student background information

Student information required for registration on the National Assessment Platform, as well as the front covers of the back-up test books, will be extracted from student enrolment data in your school or sector database. Schools should ensure that details and parent background information for all enrolled students are up to date.

Delivery of pre-test materials

The content and timing of delivery of pre-test materials will be different to that for NAPLAN paper schools. The NAPLAN Online Handbook for principals, Information for parents pamphlets and Test administration handbooks will all be delivered to your school in the late February.

Paper back-up tests

Paper back-up tests, which will include a set of separated Year 3 Writing booklets and prompts packed at the top of box 1, will be delivered to all online schools in the first week of Term 2. To enable the paper test books to be overprinted with student details you will be required to go to the Pearson registration and participation website (www.pearsononline.com.au/wa) between 26 February and 8 March to check the accuracy of your student lists. Your username for this website is your school code (or campus code). To login you will need your schools code and the password provided in a letter accompanying your pre-test materials. (For a campus code, where applicable, please call 9442 9442).

This website is also where you will manage Year 3 Writing participation and access forms for exemptions, withdrawals and disability adjustments that need approval, for students in all year levels. You will also be able to see when applications have been approved. Any exemptions, withdrawals and adjustments for disability approved prior to the National Assessment Platform opening for schools will be registered on the platform by SCSA staff.

Forms

All forms can be pre populated and printed using the Pearson website or downloaded from: https://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/assessment/testing/naplan-online/forms

Applications for exemptions and disability adjustments need to be submitted by 12 April. You will also be able to see when applications have been approved via the website.

Applications for Braille and other alternative test formats

Please make an application for any student requiring Braille materials or for whom you will need other alternative print formats (large print, black and white, electronic tests) should your school need to revert to paper testing.

These materials may also be required where the adjustments available online in 2019 are deemed not to meet the student’s needs.
Please see ACARA’s website https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/accessibility for further information about accessibility of NAPLAN online tests and to access the online demonstration tests. Applications for alternative test formats must be received by 20 February. The form is available via the Pearson website or can be downloaded from https://k10outline.scfa.wa.edu.au/media/documents/testing/NAPLAN-2019-Alternative-Test-Format-Application.PDF

Procedural changes if new to online testing for NAPLAN 2019

There are some procedural changes associated with NAPLAN online test delivery:

- **Test order.** The order in which tests must be administered for online is different to that for the paper tests. Please refer to the *Handbook for principals NAPLAN online 2019* and *Test administration handbooks* for further information about test order and scheduling tests.

- **Audio for numeracy items.** The online numeracy test has an audio facility that all students can access. Students should be made aware that they are not required to listen to the audio, but may use it, if they have difficulty reading a question. Test administrators may also read some aspects of numeracy items to students if asked. Please see the *Test administration handbooks* for further guidance about what may be read aloud.

- **Hosting students:** before accepting to host a student from interstate or elsewhere in Western Australia for NAPLAN you will need to ascertain whether their home school is also an online school. Any student from your school that requires a host school should find one offering the online mode of delivery. Online schools should not offer paper delivery and vice versa.

Contact us on 9442 9442 for further information or clarification.

Writing marking

Applications for appointment as a NAPLAN Writing marker must be submitted by Friday 22 March. Please note that applications can only be made online at the web page below http://k10outline.scfa.wa.edu.au/home/assessment/testing/naplan/markers

The marking centre will be in Perth (Ascot). Experienced NAPLAN markers will have the opportunity to mark at home.

NAPLAN Online public demonstration site

ACARA’s NAPLAN online public demonstration site is now available for access by your staff, students and parents. The landing page for the website https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site contains a number of resources (FAQs, user guide and technical requirements) that will continue to be updated.

Enquiries

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