



National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy 2017

NAPLAN Update 1

Welcome to NAPLAN 2017	Welcome to the first year of Australia's transition towards NAPLAN online. 100 of Western Australia's schools will be participating in NAPLAN online this year, with another 400 expected in 2018 and all schools in 2019.
Test dates	The dates for NAPLAN 2017 are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• NAPLAN Pencil and Paper – 9-12 May• NAPLAN Online – 9-19 May• the security period for both modes extends to 26 May.
Information	Information about NAPLAN in WA can be accessed on the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website at the address below: http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/
Preparation schedule	A schedule of preparation tasks for NAPLAN 2017 can be found at the web page below: http://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/assessment/testing/naplan/schools/schooladmin-checklist
Pre-test materials	Materials listed below are scheduled to arrive in schools between 3-17 February. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2017 NAPLAN Handbook for principals: policy and administrative procedures• Information for teachers brochure: for distribution to Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 teachers• Information for parents brochure: for distribution to Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 parents• Student Registration website username and password If you have not received these materials by 17 February please send an email to naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au or telephone K-10 Testing on 9442 9461 or 9442 9471.
Procedural changes for 2017	A number of changes have been introduced this year to align the paper and online modes of test delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading to students: as the online test has an audio facility for reading numeracy test questions, which any student can access, test administrators of paper tests will now be able to read numerals and symbols which are embedded in text.• Numeracy Years 7 and 9: there will be one 60 minute test for these year groups. The Calculator Allowed section will be conducted first. After 50 minutes calculators will be collected and students will then have 10 minutes to complete the Non-calculator section. (As used to happen in WALNA!)• 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 doing the same mode of testing as your school. Any student from your school that requires a host school must find one offering the same mode of delivery. Paper schools cannot offer online delivery and vice versa. You will find additional detail on these changes in the <i>Handbook for principals</i> and Test administration handbooks.
Forms	Application forms for exemptions, withdrawals, adjustments for disability, use of a scribe, use of a computer or use of other assistive technology can be accessed at the web page below http://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/assessment/testing/naplan All forms submitted to SCSA and CEO must be scanned and emailed. Those to AISWA may be faxed or scanned.
Student background information	The front covers of the test books will be pre-printed with student details 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.

Writing marking	<p>Applications for appointment as a NAPLAN Writing marker must be submitted by Friday 24 March.</p> <p>Please note that applications can only be made online at the web page below http://k10outline.scsa.wa.edu.au/home/assessment/testing/naplan/markers</p> <p>The marking centre will be in Perth (Ascot). Experienced NAPLAN markers will have the opportunity to mark at home.</p>
Writing task genre	<p>As in 2016, the genre of the Writing task will not be disclosed before the test period. The Writing assessment will consist of separate prompts for Years 3/5 and Years 7/9, both of which will be either persuasive or narrative. The line spacing used for Year 5 Writing test booklets will be the same as that currently used for Year 3 Writing test booklets. Further information, including marking guides for persuasive and narrative tasks, is available from the web pages below:</p> <p>http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/writing</p>
Links to National Curriculum	<p>As in 2016, all NAPLAN test items will be referenced to both versions 7.5 and 8.1 of the Australian Curriculum.</p>
NAPLAN ONLINE	
Year 3 Writing	<p>The Education Council, at its December 2016 meeting, decided that in 2017 Year 3 students in online schools would continue to do their Writing test on paper. This decision will be reviewed later in 2017 for 2018.</p>
Information	<p>The ACARA website (http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/research-and-development) has a wealth of information on NAPLAN Online for schools and the general public to access, including such topics as tailored tests, automated essay scoring, device suitability, student engagement and motivation and accessibility options</p> <p>ACARA's NAPLAN online public demonstration site (http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site) will enable your staff, students and parents to interact with mini-tests in Reading, Writing, Conventions of Language and Numeracy for each of Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The items in these tests have been chosen to demonstrate the type of items which students will encounter in the NAPLAN online 2017 tests. It also features a number of other resources (FAQs, user guide and technical requirements).</p>
Technical requirements	<p>The technical specifications for devices which will be suitable for 2017 can be found at: http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/technical-requirements. Please note that this information is updated regularly (see version history at the bottom of the page). The devices considered suitable in 2017 may not necessarily be suitable in later years.</p>
NAPLAN Online 2018	<p>Near the end of the 2016 school year you would have been contacted by your system or sector inviting expressions of interest for participation in NAPLAN online in 2018. If you have yet to respond, please do so as soon as possible so that we can start planning for your involvement in readiness activities that will take place in Semester 2 of 2017.</p>
Enquiries	<p>Please contact the K-10 Testing team if you have any queries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone: 9273 6723 or 9442 9461 • Email: naplan@scsa.wa.edu.au

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