

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2018

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2018 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 15-17 May 2018.

TUESDAY 15 MAY	WEDNESDAY 16 MAY	THURSDAY 17 MAY
Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar)	Reading test	Numeracy test
Writing test		

In the numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be one numeracy test with two parts: Part A calculator is allowed and Part B where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 18 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, **or**
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at <http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>



Information about applying for Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in

2019

(Parents must agree to read this document before submitting an online application)

Thinking of applying for Year 5 entry to an **opportunity** class in 2019?

You must apply online at
[https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/
selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-
classes/year-5](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5)



Key dates

Tuesday 1 May 2018

Application website opens

Friday 18 May 2018

Application website closes

Late applications will not be accepted.

Wednesday 18 July 2018

Test authority advice sent to all applicants

Wednesday 1 August 2018

Opportunity Class Placement Test

Mid-October 2018

Placement outcome information

Application information should be read carefully before applying.

It is on the website at:

[https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/
selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/
year-5](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5) .

Note: The information in this document is available in an accessible format on the website.

Parents* should check this website regularly for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website and Facebook for up to date information before you contact the Unit.

The opportunity class placement process for Year 5 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit[^].

Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

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Website: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Opportunityclassplacement>

[^] In this document, the High Performing Students Unit is referred to as the Unit.

*'Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as 'a guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.

A list of the primary schools with opportunity classes is shown on page 2 of this document.