



## Practice NAPLAN Online School Readiness Tests for Year 7

Dear Parents and Carers,

NAPLAN is in the process of moving from paper-based tests to computer-based assessments. Currently, all schools in NSW are participating in School Readiness Tests to assess and prepare administration structures, ICT infrastructures and student familiarity of an online test platform. **Student results and performance data will not be provided as this is mainly a system readiness test.**

Arrangements have been made to reflect what would happen during a possible NAPLAN Online testing environment at our College in the future. This means many students and their devices will be accessing the online platform at once, existing student and College devices will be managed and assessed for compatibility, supportive organisational structures will be created, and students will be provided with an early opportunity to experience an online testing environment and give feedback.

### Dates and times:

Our School Readiness Tests will be on Monday 28 August and Wednesday 30 August and involve all students in Year 7.

Monday 28 August	Periods 3-4	Writing Test	40 minutes (plus administration time)
Wednesday 30 August	Periods 3-4	Omnibus Test (Language Conventions, Reading and Numeracy)	40 minutes (plus administration time)

### Device Requirements:

Students will be completing the School Readiness Test either on their own device or one provided by the College. This is to ensure that each device used by the students for this readiness test is compatible with the security measures and online test platform format.

The College is currently checking devices for compatibility for the 2017 School Readiness Test and if your child's device is not compatible, a College device will be provided.

### Privacy Notice

Attached to this letter is a Privacy Notice from ACARA informing parents and carers about arrangements regarding using student details gathered through the School Readiness Tests.

### Further information and resources

Several resources have been created to give further information about the School Readiness Tests. These include:

Fact sheet for parents and carers which can be accessed [here](#)

A CEDP created site with information for parents, carers and schools which can be accessed [here](#)

The ACARA website for NAPLAN Online which can be accessed [here](#)

### Contact

If you would like to discuss aspects of the School Readiness Tests or your child's participation in the tests please contact Ms Candice Ferey at the College.

If you would like to discuss Disability Access and the School Readiness Tests please contact Mrs Melissa Moran at the College.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Candice Ferey

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# Privacy Notice for Parents and Carers

## NAPLAN Online 2017 School Readiness Testing

This note is to inform you that some personal information about students and parents which has already been obtained this year is being used again as schools prepare for NAPLAN online.

This personal information will be used by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), which is the NAPLAN Test Administration Authority responsible for New South Wales.

NESA is responsible for collecting information to be used during the testing that schools are about to undertake to check their readiness for NAPLAN Online. This 'readiness testing' includes the management of student registration, test administration and reporting of results to schools.

The information NESA uses will include school name, year level, student name, date of birth and gender. NESA discloses this information to Education Services Australia Ltd (ESA), a national, not-for-profit company owned by Australia's state and territory education ministers. ESA is engaged by the Australian Government to operate the secure online platform used for NAPLAN Online.

NESA will not disclose to ESA any information about students who are not undertaking the readiness testing for NAPLAN Online.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), which conducts NAPLAN testing, will not access the information provided for the readiness testing.

The personal information provided by each school may be used to:

- conduct NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- provide reports relating to NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- conduct research, and compile and analyse statistics.

The information will not be disclosed other than for the purposes outlined above, unless authorised or required by law.

### More information

If you have concerns about privacy issues relating to NAPLAN Online, please contact your school.

Further details about how NESA complies with NSW privacy laws, including a right to access and request amendment to your personal information, are available [here](#).

Information about how ESA handles information for the purpose of NAPLAN Online is available [here](#).

Information about how NSW Catholic schools comply with privacy laws is available [here](#).