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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>



National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

PARENT/CARER CONSENT FOR EXEMPTION AND WITHDRAWAL 2018

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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 and will be able to compare their child's performance against the national minimum standard.

Consideration for exemption can be given to students:

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

Exemption must be discussed with the principal.

Students may also be withdrawn from the tests at the request of the parent/carer.

NAME OF CHILD

YEAR

I have discussed my child's participation in the **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2018** with the school principal and understand that my child will be exempt or a parent withdrawal from the following tests.

(PRINCIPAL PLEASE TICK)

	Exempt (Language)	Exempt (Disability)	Parent Withdrawal
Language Conventions test	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Writing test	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reading test	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Numeracy test	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

PRINCIPAL'S SIGNATURE

NAME OF PARENT/CARER

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/CARER

DATE

PRINCIPAL please note: This signed consent form should be filed at the school by 4 May, 2018.