

FACT SHEET

NAPLAN

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy

What is the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in 2008 to assess the reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy achievement of all Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The main purpose of the NAPLAN tests is to identify whether all Australian students have the literacy and numeracy skills and knowledge that provide the critical foundation for other learning and their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN tests literacy and numeracy skills that are developed through the delivery of the Australian Curriculum. NAPLAN results can be used by:

- parents and students to inform achievement and progress
- teachers to identify students who require greater challenges or additional support
- schools to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy
- school systems to review programs, support and professional learning offered to schools.

The national literacy and numeracy tests aim to provide consistency, comparability and transferability of information on students' literacy and numeracy performance nationally. The performance of individual students can be compared to the average performance of all students in Australia.

The Commonwealth and State/Territory governments have committed to a staged delivery of NAPLAN testing in an online environment from 2018.

What does NAPLAN mean for Catholic education?

NAPLAN results are reported annually through a summary report and a full national report with school NAPLAN results available on the *My School* website. Individual student reports are provided to parents/carers each year. All schools are required to have their NAPLAN results for the preceding year published in their school annual report and posted on the school's website.

In 2018 nominated Catholic schools will complete NAPLAN for the first time in an online environment. Catholic School Authorities are supporting principals, NAPLAN co-ordinators and Test Administrators in their roles to successfully deliver NAPLAN online.

Links

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