

Merriwa Central School



Valuing individual potential – achieving personal best

23 February 2024

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Students in Years 3 and 5 participate in the annual tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2024.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between **13 and 18 March 2024**.

In preparation for NAPLAN, our school will also be participating in familiarisation activities in the upcoming weeks. It is not an assessment of student ability, and the activities will not be marked.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not recommended. Students can use the public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in NAPLAN.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

During March 2024, students in Years 3 and 5 will sit NAPLAN. The schedule for the tests is as follows:

Wednesday 13 March	Thursday 14 March	Friday 15 March	Monday 18 March
Writing test	Reading test	Conventions of Language test	Numeracy test

Between Tuesday 19 – Monday 25 March – a 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. Catch up days for writing are not permitted and can only take place on Wednesday 13 March 2024.

Students may be exempt from the NAPLAN test if they:

- are from a language background other than English, have arrived from overseas and have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the test; **or**
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

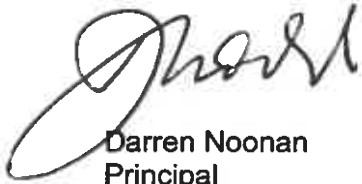
Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer after consultation with the school principal. To withdraw your child from NAPLAN, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

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. Alternative format test materials are available to meet the needs of individual students (eg braille, large print, black and white test material or the electronic test). 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.

Please make an appointment with the principal if you need to discuss your child's participation in NAPLAN.

For further information about NAPLAN, visit **NESA's NAPLAN website**.

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