



NAPLAN

Improving our Performance

The national assessment program – literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN is a skills test. It tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to be successful in the Senior Phase of Learning and beyond.

Students in Year 9 will participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The tests are run between Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May. The timetable is as follows:

- Tuesday 13 May – Language Conventions & Writing
- Wednesday 14 May – Reading
- Thursday 15 May – Numeracy (calculator & non-calculator)

Our target is to see each student improve on their year 7 NAPLAN results resulting in all students achieving above national minimum standards. In order to achieve this target, all year 9 students have been involved in a targeted skills development program based on early diagnostic testing this year. Trial tests have already been run in Year 8 to provide the school with an accurate picture of each student's reading and numeracy. The information from these tests is used to inform the development of the NAPLAN preparation program as well as curriculum programs. Each student receives targeted strategies every day in every lesson that allows students to strengthen areas of weakness and build on areas of strength.

The NAPLAN data gives students, parents, teachers and schools valuable information about how students are progressing. As a school, we use NAPLAN data to inform our planning and actively engage targeted strategies and intervention to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students. The learning that our Junior Secondary students engage in builds the foundation for the success in the Senior Phase of Learning and beyond.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish our students well for the upcoming NAPLAN tests in Term 2. If you require further information please contact Pam Prichard Deputy Principal Junior Secondary on (07) 47267666.