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Dear Parents and Caregivers

In May 2018, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all government and non-government schools. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all 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 this national assessment program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student's right to privacy is maintained.

The tests will be conducted across Australia from 15th – 17th May 2018.

Tuesday 15 May	Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test
Wednesday 16 May	Reading test
Thursday 17 May	Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, function and pattern; Measurement, chance and data; and Space)

In the Numeracy test, 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 where a calculator is allowed and Part B where calculators are not 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. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom will be provided for students by the school.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school's Learning Support Team and the School Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Students may be withdrawn from the testing program by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent or carer consent form which is available at the school.

Additional information for parents about the National Assessment Program can be found on this website:
<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

Please contact me if you would like further information about your child's participation in the National Assessment Program.

Yours sincerely

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