



10 February 2023

## **NAPLAN Testing**

Dear Parents/caregivers,

This year students in Years 3 and 5 at Immanuel Gawler will be taking part in NAPLAN testing. This testing takes place across Australia for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The testing had previously taken place in Term 2 but this year the testing has been brought forward and will happen in Term 1. The format for the testing will be online (with the exception of Year 3 Writing, which will be a paper and pencil test) and as a result the test schedule has a degree of flexibility. The testing period runs from, Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March (Weeks 7, 8 and 9), with catch-up testing also taking place in this period (except Year 3 Writing). A timetable for testing is included at the end of this letter.

NAPLAN (The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) is an Australia-wide testing program which takes place every year, and tests are administered in all schools across Australia. All Australian schools are required by the Australian Education Act 2013 (Commonwealth) to participate in this testing. NAPLAN aims to provide parents and schools with information about student performance. Student results in the form of individual reports are shown in relation to average performance of students in Australia and national minimum standards. The program includes a number of tests on literacy, comprising reading, writing and conventions of language (spelling, punctuation and grammar). It also includes numeracy assessment, covering mathematical skills through the concepts of number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability.

In preparation for this year's NAPLAN online testing, all schools will take part in a Nationally Coordinated Practice Test (NCPT). This test will be conducted on Tuesday 28 February. It is important that students and their parents/caregivers are aware that the NCPT taking place on this date is only a test of the national platform, the school and its systems. The NCPT is not a test of student achievement or ability and results of student testing will not be recorded or reported.

In preparation for NAPLAN testing, student data is collected and uploaded to the NAPLAN online assessment platform. A notice is attached providing further detail on the collection and use of student data for the testing.

NAPLAN testing can be a stressful time for some students (and parents), particularly for those who have not experienced the tests before. It is important for both students and parents to be aware that assessment at Immanuel Gawler is a continuous process taking place throughout a student's time at school. NAPLAN testing can provide useful information in this process but it is only one form of assessment, giving a snapshot of one subject area at one point in time, and there are limitations to its use.



While we encourage students to do their best in these tests and we provide opportunities for them to become familiar with the format and content areas of NAPLAN testing, we also remind students that NAPLAN is only one of many forms of assessment, and that it is not something which should be a source of undue stress.

A brochure is attached providing additional information from the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority on NAPLAN testing. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or see your child's class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew Boesch  
Coordinator of Learning

### **2023 NAPLAN Testing Timetable**

NAPLAN testing will take place in Term 1, Weeks 7, 8 and 9, from Wednesday 15 March until Monday 27 March 2023. The schedule of testing is set out below:

<b>2023 NAPLAN Testing Schedule</b>					
	<b>Monday 13 March</b>	<b>Tuesday 14 March</b>	<b>Wednesday 15 March</b>	<b>Thursday 16 March</b>	<b>Friday 17 March</b>
Morning 9:00 – 11:00	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	Preparation day No tests permitted	<b>Writing</b> Year 3: 40 mins (paper) Year 5: 42 mins	<b>Reading</b> Year 3: 45 mins Year 5: 50 mins	
Mid 11:40 – 12:40					Catch up testing
	<b>Monday 20 March</b>	<b>Tuesday 21 March</b>	<b>Wednesday 22 March</b>	<b>Thursday 23 March</b>	<b>Friday 24 March</b>
Morning 9:00 – 11:00	<b>Conventions of Language</b> Year 3: 45 mins Year 5: 45 mins	<b>Numeracy</b> Year 3: 45 mins Year 5: 50 mins	Catch up testing	3M CAMP	3M CAMP
Mid 11:40 – 12:40		Catch up testing	Catch up testing	Catch up testing	
	<b>Monday 27 March</b>				
Morning 9:00 – 11:00	Catch up testing				

The Nationally Coordinated Practice Test will be held in Term 1, Week 5 on Tuesday 28 February.