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Dear parents and carers

NAPLAN 2026

ACT schools will participate in NAPLAN Online testing from **11-23 March 2026**.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a literacy and numeracy assessment that students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As a parent, you can become familiar with NAPLAN Online tests by visiting the public demonstration site, [NAPLAN - Public Demonstration Site](#). The purpose of the site is to familiarise students with the type of items they will see on NAPLAN Online and related functionalities. This level of familiarisation is worthwhile to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the test.

NAPLAN Online allows for tailored testing. This means that a student is presented with sets of questions based on their performance during the test. This model provides students with the opportunity to better demonstrate their range of literacy and numeracy skills, and it is more engaging for students. Further information explaining tailored testing can be found at [NAP Tailored tests](#).

If you have any questions or wish to discuss your son or daughter's participation in this event, please contact Jodi de Ligt - jodi.deLigt@ed.act.edu.au

Further information on NAPLAN Online, including the public demonstration site, is available at [NAP Website](#).

Privacy

The Education Directorate collects, holds, uses and discloses personal information to carry out its functions. Personal information about students and parents/carers will be used as part of NAPLAN Online testing and readiness tests. The use of this information is required for students to participate in NAPLAN testing, provide reports to parents and schools and to undertake research and compile statistics using anonymised data. More detail on how we handle your information is available in the Education Directorate Privacy Policy available at [Privacy - ACT Education](#)

As part of undertaking NAPLAN Online, the Education Directorate works closely with the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) and Education Services Australia (ESA). ESA operates the NAPLAN Online platform which will contain personal information. ACARA will collect anonymised information about each student who takes the test online from the Education Directorate.

Further information on how ACARA and ESA protect privacy is available through the ACARA privacy infographic [Privacy - ACARA](#) and ESA Privacy Policy [Privacy - ESA](#).

Yours faithfully

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