

## NAPLAN INFORMATION

Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 7 and Year 9 students will be sitting the NAPLAN paper test Tuesday 11 May, Wednesday 12 May and Thursday 13 May. All Year 7 & 9 students along with students in Years 3 and 5 across Australia are required to participate in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN).

Students on these days will be assessed through five assessment tasks in the areas of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy (Calculator and Non-Calculator).

**Why do we do NAPLAN?** The NAPLAN testing gives us nationally benchmarked data on the two years between Year 7 to Year 9. NAPLAN is only a small measure of your student's achievement, however at Nerang State High School, we use the information we gather from our schools performance to go back and review the success of learning strategies that we have implemented to determine what areas we need to improve or focus on in the area of numeracy and literacy. Teachers use results to better identify students who would benefit from greater challenges or extra support.

We make every effort to minimise any anxiety your student may have about the NAPLAN test. Your student will sit the test each day in the same room, with the same teacher reading the instructions. In most cases, it will be your child's English or Mathematics teacher supervising the test.

All eligible Year 7 and 9 students at Nerang State High School must sit for the tests unless they are exempt or withdrawn by parents/guardians. Students may qualify for an exemption because of:

- Their lack of proficiency in the English language;
- Significant intellectual and/or functional disability;
- If the parents/guardians believe the test is in conflict with their religious beliefs or there is a philosophical objection to completing the test.

Parents/Guardians wishing to apply for an exemption must complete the *Application for Test Exemption* form in accordance with point 1 or 2 above, or the *Notice of parent withdrawal* form for point 3. These forms can be obtained from the school administration office and must be returned to the school office no later than Friday 7 May 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the NAPLAN test, please contact Suzy Riley, Deputy Principal on 55037888 or srile35@eq.edu.au. For further information please click on this [NAPLAN link](#).

We strongly encourage all students to sit the test.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards



Suzy Riley

Deputy Principal



Scott Ison

Principal

NAPLAN DATES		
Date	Test Type	Duration
Tuesday 11 May	Period 1 Language conventions Test	45 minutes
	Period 2 Writing Test	40 minutes
Wednesday 12 May	Period 1 Reading Test	65 minutes
Thursday 13 May	Period 1 Numeracy Test (calculator required)	65 minutes
Friday 14 May	Catch-up tests Supervised by Admin	