



O'LOUGHLIN CATHOLIC COLLEGE

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16 February, 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2023 for students in Years 7 and 9 students will be held in Weeks 7 and 8 of Term 1 (15 - 27 March).

The NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All Year 7 and 9 students will be sitting a practice test in Week 5. The purpose of these tests is for students to develop familiarity with the online testing system and for the school to confirm technical capabilities and capacities. The following link also allows students, parents/carers and teachers to familiarise themselves with the test experience and functionality: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

If your child currently accesses support for classroom assessment tasks, similar adjustments can be made during the NAPLAN testing. We welcome discussion with parents/carers regarding the individual needs of your child. Please contact the Data and Curriculum Leader **no later than Friday 24 February** if you wish to have adjustments considered for your child.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents and carers in consultation with the Data and Curriculum Leader. If, after consultation, you decide to withdraw your child, you must sign a 'Student Withdrawal' form **no later than Friday 24th February**.

Later in the year you will receive your child's personal NAPLAN report. The report will describe your child's particular skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards.

Please find enclosed the 'NAPLAN Online – Information for parents and carers' for more information.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's participation in NAPLAN please make contact via email: catherine.hives@nt.catholic.edu.au or alternatively, direct message through SEQTA or call the front office.

Yours sincerely,

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