

1 February, 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

NAPLAN DATES

The NAPLAN testing for Years 3/5 and Years 7/9 students will be taking place on **Wednesday 15 March, Thursday 16 March and Friday, 17 March 2023**. The aim of these tests are to provide information on how Australian students are performing in the strands of reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

These sessions will be conducted in classrooms as indicated on the tables below. All sessions will be held online with the exception of Year 3 Writing, which will be completed on paper. If you would like to view the layout and see examples of questions, please visit <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>.

Should a student be absent for any session, make-up sessions are scheduled according to the following timetables.

2023 NAPLAN SCHEDULE - YEAR 3 & 5

	Wednesday, 15 March	Thursday, 16 March	Friday, 17 March	Monday 20 – Friday 24 March
Year 3	9:00am - 9:55am WRITING PAPER (40 mins + approx. 15 min intro) 11:20am-12:15am READING ONLINE (45 mins + approx. 10 min intro)	9:00am - 9:55am CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE ONLINE (45 mins + approx. 10 mins intro)	9:00am - 9:55am NUMERACY ONLINE (45 mins + approx. 10 mins intro)	Catch up sessions – times to be advised depending on numbers Last day for Year 3 Writing Catch up is Mon 20 March
Year 5	9:00am - 9:57am WRITING ONLINE (42 mins + approx. 15 min intro) 11:30am – 12:30am READING ONLINE (50 mins + approx. 10 min intro)	9:00am – 9:55am CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE ONLINE (45 mins + approx. 10 mins intro)	9:00am - 10:00am NUMERACY ONLINE (50 mins + approx. 10 mins intro)	



2023 NAPLAN SCHEDULE - YEAR 7 & 9

	Wednesday, 15 March	Thursday, 16 March	Friday, 17 March	Monday, 20 March
Year 7	8:40am - 10:00am WRITING PAPER (42 mins + approx. 15 min intro) 11:05am – 12:25pm READING ONLINE (65 mins + approx. 10 min intro)	8:40am-10:00am CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE ONLINE (45 mins + approx. 10 mins intro) NUMERACY ONLINE (65 mins + approx. 10 mins intro)	Catch up sessions – times to be advised depending on numbers	Catch up sessions – times to be advised depending on numbers
Year 9	8:40am – 10:00am WRITING PAPER (42 mins + approx. 15 min intro) 11:05am – 12:25pm READING ONLINE (65 mins + approx. 10 min intro)	8:40am-10:00am CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE ONLINE (45 mins + approx. 10 mins intro) 11:05am – 12:25pm NUMERACY ONLINE (65 mins + approx. 10 mins intro)		

PRACTICE DAYS - YEAR 3 & 5

In order to help prepare students we are taking part in practice sessions on **Monday 20 and Tuesday 21 February, 2023.** The purpose of these practice sessions is for students to become familiar with the format of the test environment. On this day we ask your child has their device fully charged, along with headphones.

While we are taking part in this practice sessions, we do not want to place any excess pressure on our students at Faith and our goal is to ensure the children sitting NAPLAN feel as comfortable and as at ease as possible. By treating the days as regular school days it assists with reducing any anxiety children may feel. Our caring teachers encourage our students to 'have a go' and 'do the best they can'. Your support of this approach with your child at home is most appreciated.

PRACTICE - YEAR 7 & 9

During normal Mathematics and English lessons students will be experiencing activities that will be similar to NAPLAN to ensure students are ready for the online tests.

WHAT TO BRING

Please ensure your child has their **device fully charged** and has working **headphones** for all of the allocated practice and test days. We also ask your child brings a **water bottle** and a **substantial morning tea and lunch** each day.

Locked Down Browser

Students must also have the 2023 locked down browser app installed on their device prior to the Junior school practice sessions on Monday 20 and Tuesday 21, February. Any locked down browsers installed from previous years will need to be removed. **Instructions on how to download the app will be sent separately.**



PROVISIONS/CONSIDERATIONS

As a College we are able to make some small provisions/considerations to maximise a student's access to the NAPLAN testing. By considering the support that your child currently receives within the classroom, we would like to offer you the opportunity for special provisions to be made throughout this testing program. These provisions do not adjust the standard of the criteria that is being assessed; they enable us to adjust the conditions under which the assessment is being conducted. These may include extra time and rest breaks.

If you feel that your child would struggle completing the series of tests there is the **option to apply for adjustment, withdrawal or exemption** from the NAPLAN tests.

- Amendments could be extra time, rest breaks, coloured overlays or a support person to assist.
- Withdrawal could be because of religious or philosophical reasons.
- Exemption reasons could include inadequate English language proficiency or a disability.

These adjustments could apply to all or particular NAPLAN tests.

- Language Conventions
- Writing
- Reading
- Numeracy

The College is responsible for submitting the paperwork relating to adjustments, withdrawals and exemptions. Please contact Teresa Simmonds for clarification on which form/s are relevant to your child teresa.simmonds@flcr.qld.edu.au.

Could you please ensure that you have sent through your response regarding any NAPLAN testing amendments by Monday, 13 February 2023.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these provisions, please feel free to contact Teresa Simmonds on 3820 5200.

Yours sincerely,



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