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When to start NAPLAN Preparation

NAPLAN is an annual assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It tests the types of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life. The tests cover skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken every year. From 2023, the NAPLAN test window has moved to mid-March.

How are NAPLAN results used?

- Students and parents/carers may use individual results to discuss progress with teachers.
- Teachers use results to help identify students who need greater challenges or extra support.
- Schools use results to identify strengths and areas of need to improve teaching programs, and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- School systems use results to review the effectiveness of programs and support offered to schools.
- The community can see information about the performance of schools over time at My School.
- NAPLAN is just one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process. It doesn't replace ongoing assessments made by teachers about student performance, but it can provide teachers with additional information about students' educational progress.
- NAPLAN also provides schools, education authorities and governments with information about how education programs are working and whether young Australians are achieving important educational outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

Primarily developed to evaluate schools' delivery of the prescribed learning outcomes, NAPLAN tests are designed to assess students' knowledge and skills in literacy and numeracy, and many schools and teachers take the preparation for these tests seriously.

It is not uncommon for students, parents, and even teachers to feel anxious about NAPLAN. The high-stakes nature of the test, combined with the pressure to perform well, can create a stressful environment for everyone involved.

Research has shown that high levels of anxiety can negatively impact students' performance on tests, and NAPLAN is no exception. If students are overly anxious or stressed, they may struggle to concentrate, make careless mistakes, or even experience physical symptoms such as nausea or headaches.

It's important to note that effective NAPLAN preparation should not be a last-minute, panicked effort to cram for the test. Rather, it should be a strategic and ongoing effort to build students' knowledge and skills over time, with a focus on the specific areas assessed by the NAPLAN test.

Parents and teachers can also help by encouraging their children to do their best, but also reminding them that NAPLAN is just one small part of their academic journey.

Some effective strategies for NAPLAN preparation include:

- Developing students' literacy and numeracy skills throughout the school year, rather than just in the weeks leading up to the test.
- Providing students with practice tests and sample questions to help them become familiar with the format and style of the NAPLAN test.
- Working with students to develop test-taking strategies, such as time management and how to approach different types of questions.
- Using data from previous NAPLAN tests to identify areas where students may need extra support and focusing on those areas in the lead-up to the test.
- By taking a strategic and ongoing approach to NAPLAN preparation, schools and teachers can help students feel confident and well-prepared for the test, without relying on a last-minute crash course.

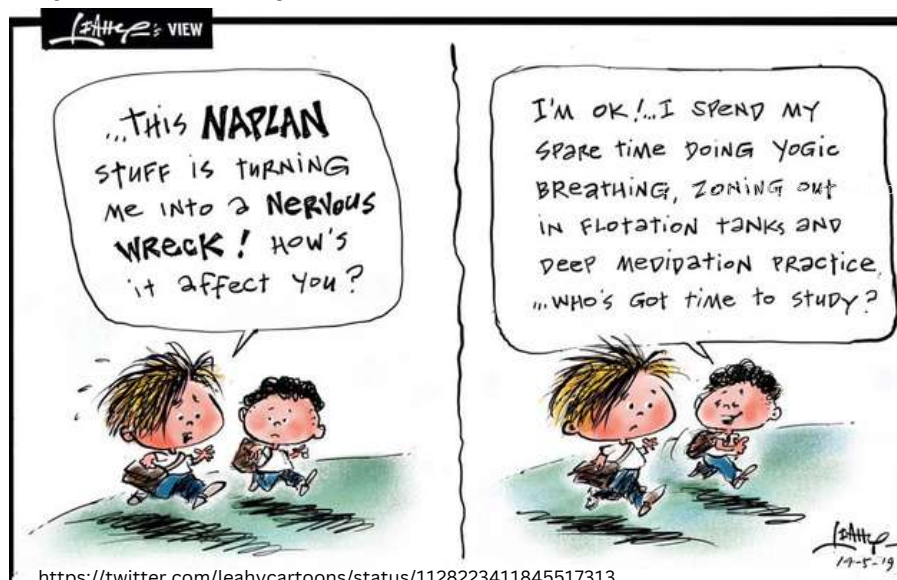
As per ACARA: (<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers>)

"Students are not expected to study for NAPLAN. You can support your child by reassuring them that NAPLAN is a part of their school program and reminding them to simply do their best. Some familiarisation and explanation of NAPLAN is useful to help students understand and be comfortable with the format of the tests. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the types of questions in the tests and will provide appropriate support and guidance.

ACARA does not recommend excessive preparation for NAPLAN or the use of services by coaching providers."

NAPLAN is not a test that children can prepare for in the same way they might prepare for an end of term test. NAPLAN tests skills that develop and improve over time. These are skills that should be continuously developed throughout the year and not just in the lead-up to NAPLAN. The best way to get your child ready for NAPLAN is to continue to develop literacy and numeracy skills as part of the learning continuum.

At Melbourne Tutorials, NAPLAN preparation is part of our continuous endeavour to improve learning outcomes in literacy and numeracy. It is a conscious and continuous effort rather than a knee jerk reaction.



Selective Entry High Schools Entrance Exam 2023

In 2023, the SEHS entrance exam will include:

1. Reasoning in Reading, Mathematics
2. General Ability – Verbal, Quantitative and Writing

It will contain multiple choice questions and written tasks.

Reasoning tasks in Reading and Mathematics assess a student's ability to use their life and academic knowledge and skills and apply them to problems and tasks using the information provided in the task.

General ability tasks assess a student's ability to learn in each of the tested areas by allowing the student to demonstrate their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills.

Applications to sit the entrance examination for Year 9 entry in a Selective Entry High School in 2024 are open from 2 March 2023.

Applications will close on 2 June 2023.

Term Dates 2023

- **Term 1 : 30 January to 9 April**
- **Term 2 : 24 April to 25 June**
- **Term 3 : 10 July to 17 September**
- **Term 4 : 2 October to 10 December**

Admissions 2023

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