

NAPLAN 16

Newsletter: October 2016

To keep teachers informed, please post this newsletter on staff noticeboards.

2016 data updated

New data files for the 2016 NAPLAN test were made available on the QCAA website on 3 October through both the NAPLAN Portal and the School Portal. These files will reflect any changes made before 16 September, when the census data was provided to the Australian Curriculum and Assessment Reporting Authority, ACARA.

Images of student writing are available until 28 November, when they will be removed from the website. Remember, these are large files and are best downloaded after school.

2016 reports

All schools are now able to request additional copies of student reports all year round through the NAPLAN Portal Test administration website (www.naplan.qcaa.qld.edu.au/naplan).

Log in with your school BIC and password, then select the Forms link from the list on the left. You will need to complete one form per student.

The QCAA will process the application and send the report via Australia Post for you to pass on to parents and carers.

The screenshot shows the QCAA website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Site map, Contact us, and Help. Below this is a search bar. The main content area is titled '2015 National Assessment Program — Literacy and Numeracy' and contains a form for 'Application for additional copy of student report'. The form includes sections for 'School details' and 'Student details'. The 'School details' section has fields for School name (pre-filled with 'A B Paterson College (5817)'), School contact, School email, and Position. The 'Student details' section has fields for First name, Last name, Date of birth, Year level (dropdown), Class, Year of test(s), Principal's name, and Date. A 'Submit' button is at the bottom of the form.

Department of Education and Training (DET) schools are also able to download copies of past student reports directly from *OneSchool*.

The DET helpdesk number is 1800 680 445. Select option 2 then 4.

2017 marking operation



If you would like to join us for the 2017 Writing test marking operation, register on the Marker Application Online (MAO) website (www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/MAO/login.jsp).

To be eligible, you need to be or have been, a registered teacher.

If you haven't marked before, you will need to attend a recruitment session in February or March 2017.

Marking the NAPLAN Writing test is a valuable professional experience. The training sessions and some of the marking time can count towards your professional obligations for ongoing training. What's more, it's fun.

Marker recruitment sessions

NAPLAN marker recruitment sessions are planned for teachers in the Greater Brisbane, Ipswich and Gold Coast areas in February and March 2017.

Full details are available on the website (www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/p-10/naplan/marker-information).

Schools should also have received a memo and poster about marker registration.

NAPLAN Online

ACARA is working towards moving NAPLAN online. Full implementation is planned for 2019.

Year	Staged delivery
2016	Platform Trial and Readiness Test (PRT) completed
2017	Trial schools conduct NAPLAN Online (about 10% of schools nationally)
2018	More schools move to NAPLAN Online
2019	All schools participate in NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN Online testing

The practice run of the NAPLAN Online platform was conducted across Australia during August 2016. Over 1000 schools participated, including 114 Queensland schools drawn from all sectors and year levels.

Queensland students completed over 26000 online test attempts. Feedback from schools has been generally positive.

Linking and scaling tests were conducted in selected schools to ensure comparability across tests, testing years, and online and paper modes of test delivery.

The trial identified valuable information and ideas for improvement. Detailed analysis of the platform, technical issues and school and student responses to this new NAPLAN environment will inform future planning as it is rolled out.

Finding out more

As NAPLAN Online gathers momentum, schools will be updated regularly about program delivery.

ACARA has produced a video: *Understanding NAPLAN online*, <https://youtu.be/hw53W3KV3KE>.

The NAP (National Assessment Program) provides regular updates for schools and parents on the NAPLAN Online agenda: www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment.

NAPLAN 2017

NAPLAN 2017 test dates are 9–11 May for paper-based delivery.

The NAPLAN Online test window has been expanded to nine days. ACARA has produced a resource that shows the sequence and timing of NAPLAN online tests:

Expanded Test Window for NAPLAN Online, www.nap.edu.au/_resources/NAPLAN_OnlineTestWindowFINAL.pdf.

Up to 100 Queensland schools will complete the 2017 test through the NAPLAN Online platform.

Calculator use in Year 5

In the July 2016 newsletter, we provided information from ACARA about allowing calculators for Year 5 numeracy tests.

At its August 2016 meeting, the ACARA Board expressed support for this approach but cautioned against its implementation in 2017, the first year NAPLAN online is being trialled.

As a result, the NAPLAN numeracy calculator policy is unchanged for 2017 for both paper and online. That is:

- Years 3 and 5 — no calculators allowed
- Years 7 and 9 — calculator and non-calculator sections.