



Cooktown P-12



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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Students at Cooktown P-12 State School in Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9 will be participating this year in the annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This year, NAPLAN will be run online. Online means that students will take the test online using computers at Cooktown P-12 State School. The NAPLAN Online tests this year will run over the fortnight beginning Tuesday May 12, and will finish on Friday May 22.

This letter outlines information regarding NAPLAN Online:

- NAPLAN Online Exam Timetables
- NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers
- Public Demonstration Site – NAPLAN Online
- Withdrawal from NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN Online Exam Timetables

Year 3

NAPLAN Online Test	Date	Duration	Time
Writing (On Paper)	Tuesday May 12	40 min	9:30 am
Reading	Thursday May 14	45 min	9:30 am
Conventions of Language	Monday May 18	45 min	9:30 am
Numeracy	Wednesday May 20	45 min	9:30 am



Year 5

NAPLAN Online Test	Date	Duration	Time
Writing	Tuesday May 12	42 min	9:30 am
Reading	Thursday May 14	50 min	12:10 pm
Conventions of Language	Monday May 18	45 min	12:10 pm
Numeracy	Wednesday May 20	50 min	12:10 pm

Year 7

NAPLAN Online Test	Date	Duration	Time
Reading	Tuesday May 12	65 min	12:00 pm
Writing	Wednesday May 13	42 min	9:30 am
Conventions of Language	Friday May 15	45 min	9:30 am
Numeracy	Tuesday May 19	65 min	9:30 am

Year 9

NAPLAN Online Test	Date	Duration	Time
Reading	Tuesday May 12	65 min	1:40 pm
Writing	Wednesday May 13	42 min	12:10 pm
Conventions of Language	Friday May 15	45 min	12:10 pm
Numeracy	Tuesday May 19	65 min	12:00 pm

Students who are absent for any of these tests are able to complete the tests during specified Catch-Up Sessions during the fortnight.

NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers

A NAPLAN Online – information for parents and carers factsheet has been attached to this letter.

Feedback in the first year of NAPLAN Online showed that students engaged well with online assessments. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, where the test automatically adapts to a student's test performance. The test presents questions of higher or lower complexity, depending on a student's performance.

Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely. Your child should not be concerned if they find questions more challenging than usual; they may be taking a more complex test pathway. A student's overall NAPLAN score is based on the number and complexity of questions they answer correctly.



There is an excellent YouTube video that gives an overview of tailored testing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oGFseJAM3Ew>

Cooktown P-12 State School does not coach or engage in extensive preparation for NAPLAN. We do ensure that our students have the digital literacy skills to successfully engage with the NAPLAN Online tests. Students will have the opportunity to participate in NAPLAN Online practice tests during Week 1 of Term 2.

NAPLAN Online is not a test of keyboard skills. There are variations in how fast and well a student can type – just as there are variations in how fast and well a student can write by hand. Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper.

Public Demonstration Site – NAPLAN Online

To get an idea of what the online assessment looks like, we encourage you to visit the public demonstration site at <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>.

Scroll down and select from the relevant year level

Year 3

Year 5

Year 7

Year 9

From here you can select from the various NAPLAN tests for that year level:

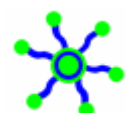
Writing

Reading

Conventions of language

Numeracy

Back



Select Standard test

Standard test

Audio alternative questions

Colour themes

Back

There is no need to enter a code for the example test. Simply select Next:

National Assessment Program Example Test

In NAP online tests, students will be required to enter the session code that is provided to them. A code has been automatically generated for you. Select Next to continue or return to the NAP website to select a different test:

G K M - X T - G Y J

Next

Select Yes:

In NAP online tests, students will be presented with their name and select Yes to confirm their identity. Please select Yes to continue:

Are You
Example Test Student?

No

Yes



Withdrawal from NAPLAN Online

If any parents wish to withdraw their child from the NAPLAN Online tests for philosophical or religious reasons, they are to contact me as soon as possible and complete a Record of parent withdrawal form (available only at school, and to be completed *with* a Deputy Principal – either myself or Alison Martin – Deputy Principal, Primary).

If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN Online, please do not hesitate to contact me on 4082 0222, or at david.lang@eq.edu.au. I am the school's NAPCO (NAPLAN Co-ordinator), and hence am responsible for the delivery of the NAPLAN Online tests for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 for 2020 at Cooktown P-12 State School.

Kind Regards

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