

NAPLAN ONLINE READINESS TEST - 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Planning has begun to move NAPLAN from a pen and paper assessment to an online assessment. All schools in the country will be completing the NAPLAN test online in 2019.

NSW schools will participate in a school readiness test between 20 August and 7 September 2018. The school readiness test is a 'practice run' for schools to assess their technology ahead of NAPLAN Online. The readiness test is not an assessment of student ability. The readiness test allows schools to:

- become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test format and processes
- check whether they have the technical capacity, rooms, and devices to administer NAPLAN Online
- provide students in NAPLAN years 3, 5, 7 and 9 with the opportunity to experience the online test question types and format by completing a practice NAPLAN online test.

Bexley North Public School is required to undertake the readiness test along with nominated schools in NSW. We will be taking part in the readiness test during **Week 7, September 3 – 7**. This test is purely to determine the technical readiness of our school – no information will be collected from the test. This test will not impact on the NAPLAN test undertaken earlier this year.

******Please note: you may have previously received a note advising that the date for the readiness was week 6, Aug 27 – 31. This date is incorrect******

What are the benefits of NAPLAN Online?

Results will be faster and more precise:

- Your child's individual results will be returned to you within just a few weeks of the NAPLAN testing.
- Online assessment will reduce the time it takes to mark and provide feedback to schools, teachers and parents.
- Improved precision and timing of results will help teachers to tailor their teaching more specifically to address students' learning needs.

Tailored tests will provide better assessment:

- The online format allows for 'tailored testing', where the test adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match their achievement level.
- Students in each year level start with the same set of questions which can then branch into a different set of questions based on their responses to the first set of questions.
- This means that students will be directed to questions that may be easier or more challenging depending on their responses.
- This test design will allow students to better demonstrate their literacy and numeracy skills.
- Students find online assessment is more engaging, which means they are encouraged to persist longer and try harder. Please login to the NAPLAN website (<https://www.nap.edu.au/>) for further information.

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