

Parent Communications - NAPLAN Online

Letter for parents of students in Year 7 or Year 9

NAPLAN Online update

Our students in Years 7 and 9 will undertake NAPLAN Online in May this year for the first time. The online testing can be scheduled over nine days, as opposed to the paper testing which was over four days. A test timetable will be published in Term 2. Moving to NAPLAN Online brings many advantages, including a test design that offers assessment items tailored to students' knowledge and current skill level.

Students will also participate in a practice test scheduled for Week 1 of Term 2. This is an excellent opportunity to fine tune any technical and logistical issues, as well as familiarise students and teachers with the online testing process. The practice test is not an assessment of student knowledge and there will be no reporting of student results.

Parents and caregivers of students in these NAPLAN year levels, can read details about the online assessment on the National Assessment Program's website -

<https://www.nap.edu.au/docs/default-source/resources/naplan-online-information-brochure-for-parents-and-carers.pdf>

You may also familiarise yourself with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the Online NAPLAN assessments here –

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

ACARA has developed a video (the general accessibility video) which features students with disability, their parents/carers and teachers telling their stories and outlining various adjustments available on NAPLAN Online -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jdZu6LGnFtMand>

Our Learning Support teachers are currently working to identify the students who may benefit from adjustments for the Online NAPLAN test.

Our Year 7 students will use their laptops for testing whilst Year 9 students will complete testing on computers in our computer labs. **All students MUST have headphones or earphones to undertake the NAPLAN Online testing.** This is the responsibility of families to ensure that students have their earphones or headphones for all test days, including the practice test. These headphones/earphones must have a 3.5mm standard jack. Wireless headphones (e.g. Apple air pods) are not compatible. If you need to purchase headphones or earphones, we suggest you do this as soon as possible. The uniform shop has a small supply of earphones for \$6.



If you have any concerns about NAPLAN Online, please contact Megan Munckton, Middle School Coordinator. Megan_Munckton@shalomcollege.com