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NAPLAN 2016: 10–12 MAY

The annual National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will be held from 10 to 12 May 2016.

“This is the ninth year for NAPLAN, which has become a regular part of the school calendar,” says ACARA CEO, Robert Randall.

“NAPLAN is an important tool for parents, educators and the public to see how Australia’s children are meeting essential literacy and numeracy standards.

“It is a point-in-time snapshot assessment of students’ achievements in these important areas. NAPLAN certainly does not replace the important tests that are regularly held in classrooms around the country; it simply complements existing tests and adds a valuable national dimension,” Mr Randall says.

“As with any test, some students may feel anxious, but it is up to the adults in children’s lives to help keep NAPLAN in context.

“NAPLAN is a test that is only taken four times in a child’s schooling life. Four content areas are tested (reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy). NAPLAN tests what students should already know from their normal classroom activities.

“NAPLAN does not test everything that happens in a classroom and is not intended to,” says Mr Randall, “but it does look at the critically important areas of literacy and numeracy – skills that a child will take with them to their adult life”.

NAPLAN testing will conclude on Thursday 12 May. An embargo on NAPLAN test material will be in place until close of business on Friday 20 May 2016 to allow for any catch-up tests to be undertaken. No NAPLAN materials (such as the questions or prompts) can be made publically available during this embargo period. This includes items such as photographs or videos of current tests, or referencing specific questions that are a part of this year's NAPLAN tests.

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NAPLAN 2016 tests timetable

	Tuesday 10 May	Wednesday 11 May	Thursday 12 May
Year 3	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 45 minutes	numeracy 45 minutes
Year 5	language conventions 40 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 50 minutes	numeracy 50 minutes
Year 7	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy <u>calculator</u> 40 minutes <u>non-calculator</u> 40 minutes
Year 9	language conventions 45 minutes writing 40 minutes	reading 65 minutes	numeracy <u>calculator</u> 40 minutes <u>non-calculator</u> 40 minutes