

Mrs Simpson's Sizzling Spotlight



NAPLAN

This week's sizzling spotlight is all about **NAPLAN Online**. Each year, students in Years 3 & 5 participate in the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in May. As children progress through their school years, it is very

important that checks are made along the way to see how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and mathematics – skills that will set them upon the path to success as adults. NAPLAN is a point-in-time assessment that allows parents to see how their child is progressing in literacy and numeracy against the national standard and compared with their peers throughout Australia. At the classroom level, NAPLAN provides additional information to support teachers' professional judgement about student progress.

What kind of questions will be asked of my child?

In the reading, numeracy and conventions of language tests, questions may be multiple choice, technology-enhanced (such as drag and drop) or require a short-written response. In the writing test, students are expected to write a continuous text. To support students in the writing task, time is provided to allow students to plan their response.

This year, like many other schools, we are completing these on-line from Monday 9th May – Friday 20st May inclusive. NAPLAN Online is a tailored test that adapts to a student response, providing better assessment and more precise results. Whilst NAPLAN Online is new for our school, research and testimonials from other schools suggests for many children, online NAPLAN tests will be more engaging. Students with a disability will be better catered for, as questions will be adjusted to suit the child's ability and learning needs. Our school has registered any educational adjustments with the Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority to ensure we support all of our learners.

A [public demonstration site](#) is available where you and your child can view the sorts of ICT skills that are used in questions they encounter with NAPLAN Online. The demonstration site does **not** tailor to a student's ability though. The questions are just provided to show what a test might look like.



Click [here](#) to read about how you can help to manage anxiety that your child may feel about NAPLAN.

What if my child is sick or absent for one of the test days?

At Mareeba SS, we will run catch up tests daily over the 2 week NAPLAN Online period.

How can I prepare my child for NAPLAN Online?

- Ensuring your child is having a good night's sleep before each test
- Providing a healthy breakfast and lunch on the test days
- Supporting your child to arrive at school on time each day