

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 9 Students,

This is to inform you that after successful trials last year, the **2019 NAPLAN** tests for Year 9 students will be completed online.

NAPLAN Online tests will occur in Term 2 between **Tuesday 14th May and Friday 24th May**.

All schools are also required to participate in the National Coordinated Practice test in Week 9 on **Thursday 28th March**. This is to familiarise students with the online platform. If your child is attending the *Special Interest Volleyball Eyre Peninsular Tour*, you may like to access the following link for a demonstration. <https://pages.assessform.edu.au/pages/year-9-demos>

Requirements for the NAPLAN Online tests:

Compulsory equipment:

Students *must* have the following equipment in order to complete the NAPLAN Online tests.

- Fully charged iPad Air, Air 2, iPad 5th Gen or higher, iPad Pro or higher
 - Note: Students with iPad minis or iPad 1st- 4th Gen will be provided with a device to complete the tests
- iPad Operating System (iOS) 10.3.3 or higher
- Headphones (earphones or earbuds are suitable)

Recommended equipment:

- Keyboard (wired or wireless)
 - Will enable students to better utilise the screen on their device (as shown on the next page below). Whilst it is not an official requirement, we recommend that students have a wired or wireless keyboard to attach to their iPad.

NAPLAN Online offers the following benefits for students:

- **Better assessment and more precise results**
NAPLAN Online uses a tailored test or adaptive design, where the test automatically adapts to a student's performance and asks questions that match the student achievement level, allowing the student to demonstrate their knowledge. This provides teachers and schools with more targeted and detailed information on students' performance on the tests. Tailored testing also provides an opportunity to broaden the scope of the assessments.
- **Faster turnaround of results**
Delivery of assessments online significantly reduces the time it takes to provide feedback to schools, students and parents, so teachers can respond more quickly to learning needs.
- **More engaging**
ACARA research into online assessment has shown that students have engaged well with electronic tests. For more information, see <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/FAQs>


Kind regards



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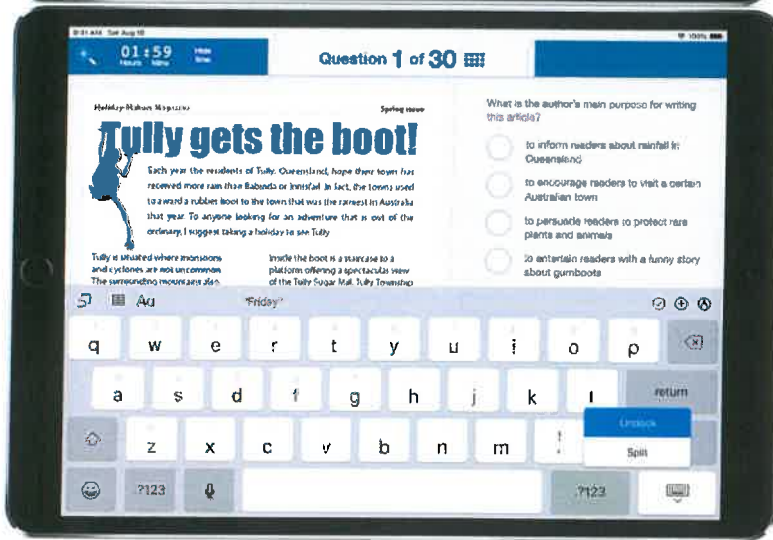
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Demonstration of iPad testing display **with** an external keyboard



Demonstration of iPad testing display **without** an external keyboard



Wired or Bluetooth Keyboard?



There are two options available when purchasing keyboards: wired and Bluetooth. Both are acceptable; however, we strongly recommend wired keyboards (similar to the one shown below) as they don't run out of battery and don't 'drop out' as a result of Bluetooth interference. There are currently several brands on the market, including the Belkin model shown below.



If there are any further enquiries regarding device capability or requirements, please contact
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