

NAPLAN Online - privacy collection notice

Moving to NAPLAN Online in 2020 or 2021

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) takes place each year for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN helps parents, carers and educators to see if children are meeting important numeracy and literacy standards.

The move to NAPLAN Online started in 2018. Moving online means NAPLAN is transitioning from paper-based tests to computer-based assessments.

Online testing brings many benefits and opportunities including providing better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information.

More information on NAPLAN Online is available at www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support/.

Readiness testing activities

A critical step in preparing for NAPLAN online is schools' participation in readiness testing activities.

The purpose of readiness testing activities is to ensure your child is familiar with their device and the online test environment, as well as to test school and national infrastructure systems and processes.

Readiness testing is not another NAPLAN and will not formally assess students who participate in the test. Any reports generated will be used for testing purposes only.

Readiness testing activities may involve students who are participating in NAPLAN in 2020 or who will participate in 2021.

Collection of personal information

Schools are required by law to collect personal information about you and your child, irrespective of whether your child participates in NAPLAN testing.

The purpose of this notice is to advise parents and carers of how your child's personal information will be used for NAPLAN Online in 2020, and as part of readiness activities scheduled at various times leading up to the test in May 2020 and May 2021.



Disclosure of personal information

For every student participating in readiness activities and online testing, the following personal information will be uploaded by the Department for Education, as the Test Administration Authority (TAA), to the NAPLAN Online Assessment Platform ('assessment platform'):

- student name
- local school student identifier
- school name
- gender
- date of birth
- country of birth
- language background other than English
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander status
- parents' occupation, education and language background.

Students participating in NAPLAN Online may also have personal information collected regarding disability adjustments to enable them to access and participate in NAPLAN testing.

The personal information for students who are exempted, absent or withdrawn from NAPLAN online testing is collected and used for reporting purposes.

The assessment platform is managed by Education Services Australia (ESA). ESA is a not-for-profit company jointly owned by the Australian education ministers. ESA is subject to rigorous information privacy and data security obligations under its contract with the Department for Education and is only permitted access to student personal information for the purposes of managing the assessment platform.

Security and privacy are key requirements for the delivery of national testing. The assessment platform has been designed to comply with relevant national data security policies and guidelines, as well as data encryption standards.

ESA only has access to personal information from a relevant school, TAA or the Australian schools list for the primary purpose of fulfilling ESA's role in supporting the operation of the assessment platform.

ESA's privacy policy can be found at: www.esa.edu.au/contact-us/privacy.

Access and correction

To request access or correction to personal information collected for NAPLAN and held by schools please contact your school principal in the first instance.

Any concerns about a breach of privacy by a school should be directed in writing to the school principal.

More information

Speak with your school principal in the first instance if you have any questions about this information.

