



NAPLAN NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM Literacy and Numeracy

May 14th, 15th and 16th 2019

Years 7 and 9

Dear Parent/ Caregiver,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or 'domains') of:

- Reading (students are provided with a magazine containing a range of texts that illustrate different writing styles. Students read the texts provided then answer related questions in a separate booklet)
- Writing
- Language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- Numeracy (number; algebra, function and pattern; measurement, chance and data; space; and working mathematically (e.g. knowing, applying and reasoning)).

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. The NAPLAN assessment will take place at St Clair High School for both Years 7 and 9 on the following dates:

- Tuesday May 14th – Language Conventions and Writing
- Wednesday May 15th – Reading
- Thursday May 16th – Numeracy (both calculator and non-calculator assessments)

It is expected that every student in Year 7 and 9 will complete NAPLAN assessments in full. If your child is unable to attend school to complete one or more of the assessments it is expected that the school will be contacted and arrangements will be made for scheduled catch up tests in the following week.

As parents, NAPLAN is a very important tool in gaining an understanding of the progress of your child in regards to essential literacy and numeracy skills. NAPLAN is also a very important tool that enables schools to identify students who are both excelling and struggling to progress in literacy and numeracy achievement. In addition to this, NAPLAN results assist classroom teachers to inform individualised and differentiated approaches to teaching and learning. As parents in partnership working together for the achievement of each and every child at St Clair High school it is very important that students attempt all NAPLAN assessments to their personal best capacity. In addition to this notice, please see attached flyer from ACARA – the administrators of NAPLAN.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me for further information on 02 9670 6700.

Yours sincerely,

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