

## Information for parents and carers

### NAPLAN 2021 Equating Study

Your child's school has been selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in this year's NAPLAN 2021 Equating Study.

The NAPLAN 2021 Equating Study is being held in approximately 408 schools across Australia from **Monday 26 April to Friday 7 May**.

The Equating Study has been conducted each year since 2009. Each year a small number of schools participate. Schools are carefully selected to ensure a diverse range of student backgrounds and abilities are represented.

The purpose of the Equating Study is to enable the results for the NAPLAN tests to be reported on the same NAPLAN measurement scales from one year to the next. A national sample of students participates in this additional 'equating' testing program, which is carried out before the main assessments so the results can be linked.

ACARA appreciates the participation of your child in the Equating Study. Your child's involvement and the results from this study helps ACARA ensure that parents, teachers and schools can rely on NAPLAN results and be confident that the information is valid and comparable.

Please be assured the equating test is not about testing your child; your child's results are not reported.

#### What the study involves

Your child will sit only **one** paper-based equating test in either Reading, Language Conventions or Numeracy. The equating test will be paper-based even if your child is sitting NAPLAN online in May.

The tests will be administered at the school by trained test supervisors. The teacher will remain in the classroom.

All selected students are expected to participate in the Equating Study, unless they have been exempted or withdrawn from NAPLAN tests. If you have questions about your child's participation, please raise these with your school.

Further information about NAPLAN is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

To read the NAPLAN 2021 Equating Study privacy notice, please visit [www.nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/privacy)