



# St Benedict's Primary School

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

You may have heard that NAPLAN Online is being introduced across Australia from 2017, with the aim for all Australian schools to be administering NAPLAN Online by 2019. Last year St Benedict's participated in the NAPLAN Online trial in preparation for this. **We will introduce NAPLAN online this year.**

NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Your child's results will be returned to you more quickly, within a few weeks rather than a couple of months.

**NAPLAN Online will be conducted at St Benedict's between May 9<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup> 2017** (within the nationwide testing window). The testing will follow the prescribed order i.e. Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language and finally Numeracy. In the case of student absence, there will be opportunities for them to complete 'catch up' testing during this time frame or upon their return to school prior to the closing date of May 19<sup>th</sup> 2017.

NAPLAN Testing at St Benedict's will be scheduled as following:

Tuesday May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Friday May 12 <sup>th</sup>	Monday May 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>YEAR 3 WRITING</b> (This is a written test for Year 3)	<b>YEAR 3 &amp; 5 READING</b>	<b>YEAR 3 &amp; 5 CONVENTIONS OF LANGUAGE</b>	<b>YEAR 3 &amp; 5 NUMERACY</b>	
<b>YEAR 5 WRITING</b> (online)		<b>'CATCH UP' TESTING</b>		→

**At St Benedict's we intend for all participating students to use the school iPads to undertake the NAPLAN testing. These iPads have been checked carefully to ensure that they meet all technical requirements.**

In preparation for NAPLAN Online teachers have identified the ICT skills that will be involved in the testing (such as locating and selecting an answer from a list, typing an answer, navigating web pages, manipulating objects on screen, reading digital texts, composing texts using word processing and listening using a headset) and students have been and will continue to be exposed to these skills in learning activities within the classroom.

In the lead up to NAPLAN all participating students will also complete some trial mini tests. These will introduce students to the types of questions that will be included and the types of responses required. These are available to view on the NAP website <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>.

More information can be found on the attached Q&A sheet. Please contact myself if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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