

Dear Parents/Caregivers of Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students

## **NAPLAN TESTING**

Students at GCC will sit the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests during Week 4 and 5 of Term 2. NAPLAN will be tested online, apart from the Year 3 Writing test which will still be written on paper. Due to this method of testing, the 4 tests will be conducted over two weeks, allowing days in between for catch up tests for students who have been absent.

The accompanying [‘NAPLAN Online 2020 Information for Parents & Carers’ document](#) provides comprehensive and detailed information on NAPLAN tests for the parent/carer of a child. It is important students are well prepared. Please read the following information regarding student preparation, student absences during the week of NAPLAN testing and the participation of students in NAPLAN.

### **Student Preparation**

Students are being prepared for NAPLAN testing by their teachers. This includes completing some online examples of questions and a Coordinated Practice Test at the end of this term during Week 9 (commencing 23 March), where students will become familiar with the test procedures and platform by logging in and completing a practice test. No information in the practice test is collected or can be accessed by any persons. NAPLAN tests provide information about student progress alongside other school assessments. As a parent, the best thing you can do for your child in preparation for NAPLAN is to treat the NAPLAN tests as you would any other test – it is just a normal part of schooling. On the days of the tests, ensure that your child is well rested, has had breakfast and most importantly, arrives at school on time.

**Headphones** - Students will require a set of headphones in good working order both for the Coordinated Practice Test this term and for the actual tests. Some test questions will be given via audio and there is also a function where students can choose to have particular questions read aloud.

### **Student Absence**

The College has an obligation to follow up on student absences over the NAPLAN testing days and have students sit the NAPLAN tests during catch-up test sessions. Any students who are absent from a NAPLAN test but return to school during the days of testing, will be required to complete the tests they missed.

## Participation of Students in NAPLAN

Participation by all students is expected. One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored (or adaptive) testing, in which the test presents questions of higher or lower complexity depending on a student's performance. Each student will therefore have test questions that match their ability and should be able to experience a level of success. If you have any questions about the NAPLAN tests, please contact Andrea McDonald (andrea.mcdonald@glasshouse.qld.edu.au).

## NAPLAN Test Schedule for May 2020

	<b>Mon 11</b>	<b>Tues 12</b>	<b>Wed 13</b>	<b>Thurs 14</b>	<b>Fri 15</b>
Year 3	No test	Writing	Catch up	Reading	Catch up
Year 5	No test	Writing	Catch up	Reading	Catch up
Year 7	No test	No test	Writing	Catch up	Reading
Year 9	No test	No test	Writing	Catch up	Reading

	<b>Mon 18</b>	<b>Tues 19</b>	<b>Wed 20</b>	<b>Thurs 21</b>	<b>Fri 22</b>
Year 3	Language Conventions	Catch up	Numeracy	Catch up	Catch up
Year 5	Language Conventions	Catch up	Numeracy	Catch up	Catch up
Year 7	Language Conventions	Catch up	Numeracy	Catch up	Catch up
Year 9	Language Conventions	Catch up	Numeracy	Catch up	Catch up

Yours faithfully



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