

# NAPLAN 2017

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## What does NAPLAN test?

- Reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.
- NAPLAN tests are one aspect of a school's assessment and reporting process; they do not replace the extensive ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance.
- All students are encouraged to participate in NAPLAN tests. Students with disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided in the classroom.

## How are NAPLAN test results used?

- Schools use results to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programs and to set goals in literacy and numeracy.
- Teachers use results to help them better identify students who require greater challenges or additional support.

## How do teachers at St William's prepare students for NAPLAN?

- By teaching directly from the National Australian Curriculum English and Mathematics.

### Familiarisation

- Filling in the forms/ bubbles.
- Answering multiple choice questions.

### Reading

- Practice reading comprehension style of questions.

### Writing

- Practicing using a time limit for periods of writing to be completed.
- Focus on being able to identify and create narrative and persuasive texts, oral and written.
- Use of an acronym to be able to write a paragraph in response to a text eg. PEEL (point, expand, elaborate, link).

### Mathematics

- Being able to have different ways to respond to data.
- Using the different types of questions/ word problems.

### Homework

- Practice questions for mathematics.

*NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students have already been learning through the school curriculum. Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test formats and will provide appropriate support and guidance. (nap.edu.au)*