

What is NAPLAN?

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN is a nationwide measure through which parents, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards.

The tests provide an important contribution to monitoring and evaluating the performance of schools and school systems in these fundamental capabilities. They also provide schools, states and territories with information about how education approaches are working, the areas to be prioritised for improvement, and those schools requiring support in the teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy.

The results can assist teachers by providing additional information to support their professional judgement about students' levels of literacy and numeracy attainment and progress.

NAPLAN tests are one aspect of each school's assessment and reporting process and do not replace the extensive, ongoing assessments made by teachers about each student's performance. Each teacher will have the best insight into their students' educational progress. Parents/carers can use NAPLAN reports, along with other school assessment reports, to discuss their child's strengths and areas for improvement with their teacher.

NAPLAN results do not measure overall school quality.

The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

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

- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy.

How are like school's determined?

STPS has an ICSEA rating of 1007.

Like schools for STPS are public schools with a decile of 5 and an ICSEA range for 2021 of 1001 to 1010.

A school with similar percentages to the like-school group would usually be considered to be performing as expected. A school with greater percentages in the top proficiency bands and lower percentages in the bottom proficiency bands than their like-school group would usually be considered to be performing somewhat better than expected.