

Dear Year 9 Parents and Caregivers,

NAPLAN (National Literacy and Numeracy Assessment) is undertaken each year by students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. NAPLAN will take place in Week 6 and 7 of Term 1. Please see the schedule below:

Wednesday 11 March	Thursday 12 March	Friday 13 March	Monday 16 March
Writing	Reading	Language Conventions	Numeracy

For Year 9 students, NAPLAN plays an important role in determining whether they have demonstrated the minimum literacy and numeracy standards required by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA).

Why Year 9 NAPLAN matters

- If a student does not demonstrate the minimum literacy and/or numeracy standard in Year 9 NAPLAN, they will be required to sit the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA).
- Students have six opportunities to sit OLNA across Years 9 to 12.
- Demonstrating the minimum standard through either NAPLAN or OLNA is a requirement for achieving the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE).

For further information about OLNA, please visit:

<https://senior-secondary.scsa.wa.edu.au/assessment/olna>

For these reasons, it is important that students approach the NAPLAN assessments seriously and do their best, as strong results may remove the need to sit OLNA in future years.

Student requirements

- To ensure students are prepared for the assessments:
- Students must bring their own laptop, fully charged, on each day of testing.
- The NAPLAN locked-down browser must be installed and working on the device.
- Students must bring a pair of headphones.
- Most students have installed the browser at school with teacher support.
- Students who have been absent and have not yet installed the browser will need to do so using the following link: <https://support.newman.wa.edu.au/naplan-2/>

Catch-up assessments

If a student is absent on the day of a scheduled assessment, every effort will be made to provide a catch-up session upon their return to school, in line with NAPLAN guidelines.

Preparation and support

- Students are not required to undertake additional study or preparation for NAPLAN.
- Teachers will ensure students are familiar with the test format and question types and will provide appropriate support in class.
- We encourage students to approach the assessments calmly, confidently and to give their best effort.

Reporting

Individual student NAPLAN reports will be provided to families later in the year. Further information about NAPLAN can be found on the NAPLAN website.

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Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions regarding NAPLAN, OLNAs or your child's participation, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Yours sincerely



Sarah Pagett
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