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St. Dominic's College



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10th April, 2019

Dear Parents,

In May 2019 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed at St Dominic's College in Years 7 and 9 to assess your son's literacy and numeracy skills.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child's level of achievement. Each student's level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

These tests provide the College with a clear indication of your son's literacy and numeracy ability and whether he is meeting the minimum literacy and numeracy standard. If his NAPLAN results indicate that he is not achieving at a minimum standard level (Band 8 in each of their Year 9 NAPLAN Reading, Writing and Numeracy tests), then College intervention strategies will be implemented to assist your son in improving his literacy and numeracy ability to ensure that he will be able to successfully meet the minimum standard in Year 10 and be eligible to receive an HSC.

It is the expectation of the College that all Year 9 students understand the significance of these NAPLAN Tests and aim to meet the minimum standard (i.e. Band 8) in the areas of reading, writing and numeracy. NAPLAN past papers and revision material have been provided to all Year 9 students. It is expected that all students undertake this revision and practice past papers in the lead up to these tests to ensure that they are well prepared to meet the minimum standard and/or further improve their literacy and numeracy ability.

In 2019, the NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 14 – 16 May.

TUESDAY 14 MAY	WEDNESDAY 15 MAY	THURSDAY 16 MAY
Language Conventions test (Spelling, grammar and punctuation) Writing test	Reading test	Numeracy test



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In the Numeracy tests, students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be one Numeracy test with two parts: Part A calculator is allowed and Part B where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 17 May – A 'catch-up' day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be exempt from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, **or**
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student's normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school Principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer, however, parents are encouraged to contact and consult with the Director of Diverse Learning Ms Monica Day and the College Principal Mr Michael Ronchetti on this matter. If a student is withdrawn from the tests, parents will be required to sign a carer consent form.

Additional information about NAPLAN tests can be found at the following website:
<http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/parent-carer-support>

If you have any further questions on the NAPLAN Tests, then feel free to contact Ms Monica Day or myself via email (mday@stdominics.nsw.edu.au or lborg@stdominics.nsw.edu.au) or by phone at the College on 4731 1933.

Yours Sincerely,

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