

In which areas will my child be assessed?

NAPLAN requires students to complete tests in each of the following areas:

- **Reading** - comprehension
- **Writing** - knowledge and control of written language
- **Language conventions** - spelling, punctuation and grammar)
- **Numeracy** - number; space; measurement; chance and data; algebra, function and pattern (formal algebra for Year 9 only).

How many tests will my child do?

Children in **Years 3 and 5** complete **4 tests** - reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy.

Children in **Years 7 and 9** complete **5 tests** - reading, writing, language conventions, numeracy non-calculator and numeracy calculator.



How will I know if my child did well?

Parents of students will receive individual reports that show the results for their child in relation to the national average and national minimum standard in reading, writing, language conventions, and numeracy.

The report will also give a comparison of a student's performance against all other Australian students in that year level.

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National Testing and Your Child

What is NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is the acronym for *National Assessment Program Literacy And Numeracy*.

NAPLAN consists of tests that have been developed to ensure consistency in the learning opportunities provided to students across Australia.

Who participates in the tests?

It is expected that all students in **Years 3, 5, 7, 9** will participate.

When will the tests occur?

NAPLAN tests are conducted across Australia on the **12th, 13th and 14th of May, 2009**.

Where will the tests occur?

Teachers will conduct the tests with their class in their classroom to ensure students are comfortable and relaxed.

How is the school preparing my child for the tests?

Western Cape College strives to ensure that all students taking part in the NAPLAN tests are well prepared.

Our school delivers a curriculum that is aligned with the Queensland program which Curriculum Corporation has acknowledged as preparing students with the knowledge and understanding and skills needed to achieve well in the tests.

Our teachers use a range of strategies to prepare students for the NAPLAN tests such as:

- Exposing students to a range of skills that will develop confidence in test taking
- Planning and conducting daily classroom activities that are prepared using the format of NAPLAN tests
- Practising for the tests by using previous test papers
- Working with students on how to read and understand test questions
- Fostering an environment conducive to student learning
- Keeping abreast of the latest information and research on how to help students achieve

How can parents help children prepare for the tests?

1. Engage children in conversations using various thinking skills.

For example:

Recall: What are the names of the characters in the book / comic you are reading?

Comparison: What are the similarities and differences between frogs and toads?

Analysis: How will the community be affected if the barge can not get to Weipa?

Evaluation: What did you like and dislike about the movie we just watched?

2. Expand the language use of children.

For example instead of

subtract use: take away, minus, deduct

good use: brilliant, fantastic, virtuous

big use: huge, enormous, humungous

3. Involve children in everyday activities that involve numeracy.

For example:

- Minutes until leaving for school
- Area of a bedroom wall that needs painting
- Litres of fuel left in the tank
- Check if the correct change was given
- Finding the price per item / volume (Eg. Woolworths price tags)
- Reading out scores on videogames