

Information for parents and carers

ACARA Item Trial 2021 – testing NAPLAN questions

Your child's school has been selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in this year's Item Trial. The purpose of the Item Trial is to evaluate *potential* NAPLAN test questions ('items') for use in future NAPLAN tests.

ACARA appreciates the participation of your child in the Item Trial. Your child's involvement and the results from the trial will help ACARA ensure that NAPLAN tests are valid, reliable and fair for all students.

About the Item Trial

- The Item Trial is being held in approximately 500 schools across Australia between **Year 7 Friday July 30 and Year 9 Monday August 2, 2021**.
- Schools are carefully selected to ensure that a range of student backgrounds and abilities is represented.
- The Item Trial is about testing the **questions**, not about testing your child or their ability. Your child's results are not reported.
- Your child will sit two Item Trial tests. These will be, for example, a Reading and a Numeracy test, a Writing and a Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) test, or two Writing tests.
- The tests will be administered at the school by trained test supervisors. Where tests are online, your child will use the device that they use for everyday classroom activities, such as a desk-based computer, a laptop or a tablet.
- All selected students are expected to participate in the Item Trial, unless they have been exempted or withdrawn from NAPLAN tests. If you have questions about your child's participation, please raise these with your school.

Further information about NAPLAN is available at www.nap.edu.au

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