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To the Principal
All Western Australian Schools

Dear Principals

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM – LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN)

As you are aware, in 2023, the NAPLAN test period will be from Wednesday, 15 March to Monday, 27 March.

As a result of bringing the test period forward, schools and parents will benefit from receiving students' results earlier in the year, providing an opportunity for teachers to tailor teaching and learning programs to their needs.

Since that announcement in early 2022, the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), has been undertaking further work in relation to NAPLAN improvements.

On Friday, 10 February 2023, ACARA presented further recommendations to Education Ministers around Australia in relation to a number of measures to enhance the way NAPLAN results will be reported to schools and parents.

You may be aware that Ministers agreed to these recommendations, and I am writing to provide you with further details in relation to those changes.

New proficiency standards will be introduced for NAPLAN reporting from 2023. The new reporting for student achievement will give parents, carers and teachers simpler and clearer information on how students are performing and identify where they may need additional support.

The new reporting includes four (4) levels of achievement – Exceeding, Strong, Developing and Needs additional support. These will replace the existing National Minimum Standard and the 10 NAPLAN reporting bands on Individual Student Reports. Detailed descriptions, developed by a panel of teachers will accompany these achievement levels.

There will be no changes to the Student and School Summary Reports (SSSRs) in 2023.

In Western Australia, NAPLAN Band 8 data is used to determine if Year 9 students pre-qualify for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) standard required for achievement of the Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) at the end of Year 12. ACARA has agreed to provide the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority) with NAPLAN results data that are comparable to Band 8 to ensure this process is not affected.

A report will be developed by the Authority for schools to make available to parents, carers and students. This will indicate whether a student has or has not pre-qualified for the Reading, Writing and/or Numeracy components of the OLNA.

Western Australian schools and education systems and sectors have been working hard to ensure their readiness for NAPLAN in Term 1, 2023. Many of you and your school's NAPLAN support staff will have participated in the Authority's *Preparation for NAPLAN* Principal's WebEx briefing on 6 February 2023. A copy of that presentation can be found on the Authority's website via: <https://scsa.wa.edu.au/news-items/naplan-2023-presentation-to-principals>.

Please continue to focus on your school's preparation for NAPLAN 2023, which will commence on 15 March, and I assure you, that the Authority will communicate further details to you as they become available from ACARA, following the NAPLAN test window. In the meantime, further information can be found on the ACARA website via: <https://www.nap.edu.au/news-details?section=202302100654#202302100654>.

I wish you all the very best for NAPLAN 2023.

Yours sincerely



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