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To the Principal  
All Schools

Dear Principal

## **TRANSITION TO NAPLAN ONLINE FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS**

In October 2014, Federal, State and Territory Education Ministers agreed to implement nationally the transition from paper-based NAPLAN assessments to NAPLAN Online assessments. NAPLAN Online will begin in 2017 on an opt-in basis. It is expected that all students will be using NAPLAN Online by 2019.

Work is underway by Education Services Australia (ESA) to develop a new online national assessment platform to support the delivery of NAPLAN Online. The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) will ensure that the NAPLAN assessments are ready to be delivered online.

A comprehensive research program is also being undertaken by ACARA to investigate student performance and to monitor the impact of delivering NAPLAN Online.

ESA and ACARA are working with the Australian Government's Department of Education and Training to deliver this program of work, in consultation with State and Territory and non-government education authorities.

The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (the Authority), as the Test Administration Authority for Western Australia, is responsible for overseeing the implementation of NAPLAN Online in all Western Australian schools.

The Authority is working with school systems and sector representatives to identify a small number of schools that have the required technical capacity to participate in the transitional implementation and are willing to undertake the NAPLAN assessments online in 2017.

An increased number of schools will be identified by school systems and sector representatives to undertake the NAPLAN Online in 2018.

All Western Australian schools will undertake the NAPLAN Online assessments in 2019. For schools that are not able to access the internet to complete NAPLAN Online, alternative information technology solutions will be available.

In 2017 and 2018, schools not participating in the implementation of NAPLAN Online will be required to continue to complete NAPLAN in a paper-based format.

The assessment window for schools that will complete NAPLAN in a paper-based format will remain unchanged, while the assessment window for completing NAPLAN online will be extended to nine days and will commence on the same day as the paper-based tests.

Additional information about NAPLAN Online can be found on ACARA's website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online.html>

Results of ACARA's research and development studies and technical requirements for NAPLAN Online are also available on ACARA's website:

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/research-and-development/research-and-development.html>

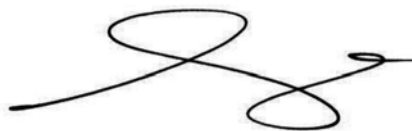
The Authority will provide updates during 2016 regarding the implementation of NAPLAN Online in Western Australian schools. Teachers in schools are encouraged to subscribe to the Authority's *Kto10 Circular*, which provides up-to-date information about school curriculum, assessment, reporting and standards in Western Australia. Teachers can subscribe at the following address:

[http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/Publications/Circular\\_eCircular](http://www.scsa.wa.edu.au/Publications/Circular_eCircular)

Yours sincerely



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