



Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021,

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2021 for Years 7 and 9 students at Damascus College will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

Later in the year, you will receive your child's NAPLAN report. This report provides parents with the results of the tests, provides information to schools on your child's Literacy and Numeracy capabilities and, notably through triangulation with other critical information, provides teachers with the most effective way to support and enhance your child's learning in these areas.

There is an expectation for all students to participate in the NAPLAN testing. During the testing week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students absent on test days. The catch-up test day is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

Arrangements will be made for Learning Support Officers or for the use of assistive technologies to assist students with additional needs if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks. If you would like to discuss these arrangements further, please do not hesitate to contact Rebecca Anderson (Diverse Learning Leader).

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child's participation in the NAPLAN testing will be valuable in helping you to assess your child's progress in Literacy and Numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAP website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

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