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NAPLAN Year 7 & 9

Dear Parents/Caregivers of Year 7 and Year 9 Students,

In 2021, students in Year 7 and 9 at Gilroy Santa Maria College will be undertaking NAPLAN Tests online. The last online test held by our College was in 2019 as NAPLAN was cancelled in 2020.

To prepare our students for this online test, we are taking the opportunity to complete a practice readiness test. This test is to ensure that our students get experience navigating the online NAPLAN platform and gain exposure to the type of questions and knowledge required in these tests. This process is purely formative to both students and teachers. NAPLAN online aims to provide a better and more precise assessment that is more engaging for students. **Students are required to have their own personal earphones or earpieces and if they use a mouse then their personal mouse.** The school will not provide these due to hygiene issues.

One of the main benefits of NAPLAN Online is tailored or adaptive testing, in which the test presents questions of higher or lower complexity depending on a student's performance. Tailored (or adaptive) testing is designed to assess a wider range of student abilities and to measure student achievement more precisely.

Students are scheduled to undertake their practice readiness test on Thursday 1 April (Week 10).

All students in years 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the annual NAPLAN assessment unless they have applied for formal exemption to the College. This occurs in Term 2 from 11 - 21 May. Students with a disability may qualify for adjustments that reflect the support normally provided for classroom assessments. It is very important that students are present at school on the days of the NAPLAN tests. If students are unwell, when they return, they will be required to complete the test.

DATE	TIME	TEST	TIMING	ROOM
PRACTICE TESTS Thursday 1 April	9.00am – 10.10am	Omnibus Test Year 7	45 minutes	G2/G3
	11.40am – 12.25pm	Omnibus Test Year 9		
NAPLAN TESTS	Tuesday 11 - Friday 21 May	A series of 4 tests - please see table		

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Test	Scheduling requirements	Duration	Test description
Writing	Years 7 and 9 must start on day 2 (schools must prioritise completion of writing across days 2 and 3 only)	Year 7: 42 mins Year 9: 42 mins	Students are provided with a 'writing stimulus' (sometimes called a 'prompt' – an idea or topic) and asked to write a response in a particular genre (narrative or persuasive writing)
Reading	To be completed before the conventions of language test	Year 7: 65 mins Year 9: 65 mins	Students read a range of informative, imaginative and persuasive texts and then answer related questions
Conventions of language	To be completed after the reading test	Year 7: 45 mins Year 9: 45 mins	This test assesses spelling, grammar and punctuation
Numeracy	To be completed after the conventions of language test	Year 7: 65 mins Year 9: 65 mins	This test assesses number and algebra, measurement and geometry, and statistics and probability

More Information about NAPLAN online can be found at <https://nap.edu.au/online-assessment>. Alternatively, you are welcome to experience for yourself what NAPLAN online will look like by visiting the public demonstration site at <https://www.nap.edu.au/online.assessment/public-demonstration-site>.

Yours sincerely,

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