



Stafford State School

Independent Public School

NAPLAN Online Practice Test for 2021

Dear Year 3 and Year 5 Parents/ Caregivers,

NAPLAN has moved from paper-based tests to computer based assessments. Our school is currently undertaking training activities in preparation for NAPLAN online including teacher training, student familiarisation and participation in a Practice Test.

The Practice Tests are a familiarisation experience to help confirm our schools technical, student and staff readiness, and will help our school prepare for NAPLAN Online 2021. The omnibus test has sample items from the reading, conventions of language and numeracy NAPLAN tests.

Our Practice Tests will be on **Thursday 25 March** and will involve all students in Year 3 and 5. It is not an assessment of students' ability and there will be no reporting of student test results. The tests are mainly a *system* readiness test.

The Practice Test provides tests that take approximately 45 minutes to complete.

Year 3: omnibus test (45 minutes) in the computer lab

Year 5: writing test (45 minutes) in the Library – YEAR 5 only
omnibus test (45 minutes) in the library

The NAPLAN Practice Test is delivered to students using a locked-down browser so that students cannot access the internet or spell checkers while testing. Interested families can read information about NAPLAN Online and familiarise themselves with the NAPLAN Online platform by using the Public Demonstration Site. The site allows students to have a closer look at the tests as they will appear in the Practice Tests and NAPLAN Online.

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

Public Demonstration Site

Some of the key features include a range of question types, onscreen tools, timers and interactive navigation. Students are encouraged to try all the tests for their year level to practise the complete range of question formats available in the online assessment.

The screenshot shows the NAPLAN Online website interface. At the top, there is a navigation menu with links: Home, About, NAPLAN, NAPLAN Online (highlighted), NAP sample assessments, Results and reports, Resources, and Contacts. Below the menu is a banner image of students at a computer with the text 'NAPLAN Online'. A secondary menu includes 'PRINT PAGE' and 'EMAIL PAGE'. On the left, a vertical menu lists various features, with 'Public demonstration site' circled in red. The main content area contains the following text:

NAPLAN Online

Home > NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN Online

Federal, state and territory education ministers have agreed that NAPLAN will move online over a two-three year period. This means moving NAPLAN from the current paper-based tests to computer-based assessments.

Watch the short clip: [Understanding NAPLAN Online](#)

The transition to NAPLAN online will commence from 2018.

NAPLAN Online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. The assessments can run through a real-time internet connection or onscreen without an internet connection.

NAPLAN Online features 'tailored testing' which gives students questions that are more suited to their ability – resulting in better assessment and more precise results.

Significant planning, development, research and trialling has been carried out to make sure we are all ready to move NAPLAN online.

The online national assessment platform is being built by Education Services Australia with funds from the Australian Government. The platform has been used to trial online assessment in 2016 and to deliver the National Assessment Program (NAP) civics and citizenship in 2016.

State/territory education authorities make decisions about the logistics and timing to move NAPLAN online for their state/territory. These groups also lead implementation of NAPLAN Online in their state/territory.

If you would like to discuss aspects of the NAPLAN Practice Tests please contact us.

Yours Sincerely

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