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Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the next couple of years, schools around Australia will be preparing to shift NAPLAN tests online. To ensure this is a smooth process testing has begun to ensure that all schools are ready for the switch.

For this to happen, a school readiness test is required to be undertaken. This will happen in the week of 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> September (Week 9, Term 3). Students in Year 3 will participate in an omnibus test, while Year 5 will complete a writing and omnibus test. The purpose of this test is simply to give teachers exposure to administer the test and ensure that our technology at Holy Spirit is capable of such a switch. The new testing is slightly different to previous testing. More information can be gained by searching for a video on YouTube called Tailored Testing produced by ACARA.

One thing to note is that the results of these tests will not become available to anyone. This is simply an experiment of the procedures and technology associated with the test. If you would like to have a look at what the test will look like feel free to visit <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site>

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the school.

Kindest Regards

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# Privacy Notice for Parents and Carers

## NAPLAN Online 2017 School Readiness Testing

This note is to inform you that some personal information about students and parents which has already been obtained this year is being used again as schools prepare for NAPLAN online.

This personal information will be used by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA), which is the NAPLAN Test Administration Authority responsible for New South Wales.

NESA is responsible for collecting information to be used during the testing that schools are about to undertake to check their readiness for NAPLAN Online. This 'readiness testing' includes the management of student registration, test administration and reporting of results to schools.

The information NESA uses will include school name, year level, student name, date of birth and gender. NESA discloses this information to Education Services Australia Ltd (ESA), a national, not-for-profit company owned by Australia's state and territory education ministers. ESA is engaged by the Australian Government to operate the secure online platform used for NAPLAN Online.

NESA will not disclose to ESA any information about students who are not undertaking the readiness testing for NAPLAN Online.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), which conducts NAPLAN testing, will not access the information provided for the readiness testing.

The personal information provided by each school may be used to:

- conduct NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- provide reports relating to NAPLAN Online readiness testing
- conduct research, and compile and analyse statistics.

The information will not be disclosed other than for the purposes outlined above, unless authorised or required by law.

### More information

If you have concerns about privacy issues relating to NAPLAN Online, please contact your school.

Further details about how NESA complies with NSW privacy laws, including a right to access and request amendment to your personal information, are available [here](#).

Information about how ESA handles information for the purpose of NAPLAN Online is available [here](#).

Information about how NSW Catholic schools comply with privacy laws is available [here](#).