

NAPLAN student privacy notice

Notice of collection under Australian Privacy Principle 5 (*Privacy Act 1988 Cth*)

This notice is to advise you that personal information about your child and you (parents/guardians) will be collected for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (**NAPLAN**) tests.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (**ACARA**) handles all personal information in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). For a summary of data fields that ACARA collects, please see ACARA's [Privacy Policy](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy) at www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy.

What is NAPLAN?

ACARA conducts the NAPLAN tests and creates national reports on schooling, including reporting on the [My School](http://www.myschool.edu.au) website (www.myschool.edu.au).

State and territory education authorities are responsible for administering NAPLAN tests, including managing student data and reporting results to schools and students.

NAPLAN assessments can run through a real-time internet connection or onscreen without an internet connection. Year 3 writing is undertaken on paper, and a small number of students will continue to use alternative format (paper or electronic PDF) tests. Read more about [NAPLAN](http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan) at www.nap.edu.au/naplan.

Education Services Australia Limited (**ESA**) operates the Assessment Platform used for NAPLAN. [ESA](http://www.esa.edu.au) (www.esa.edu.au) is a ministerial, not-for-profit company established by and comprised of all Australian education ministers.

ESA collects, stores, uses and discloses student personal information on behalf of state and territory education authorities and ACARA for purposes related to NAPLAN. Data stored may include assessments and data archived for inclusion in a future Longitudinal Data Store (**LDS**). For more information about privacy and the ESA [Assessment Platform](http://www.assessmentplatform.edu.au) visit www.assessmentplatform.edu.au/privacy-policy.

Collection and use

Section 40(1) of the *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008* (Cth) authorises ACARA to collect personal information for specific purposes including conducting research relating to the national school curriculum, producing national reports and assisting government to formulate education policies.

A state or territory education authority will collect personal information about your child and you in relation to the online or alternative format (paper or electronic) NAPLAN tests. State and territory education authorities also collect student names and other information for student and school level reporting and related purposes.

The state or territory education authority will make information (excluding student names) available to ACARA. ACARA will also collect information (excluding student names) about students who take the test online from the student and their school.

ACARA will collect the following categories of information for each student (noting that for some categories there will be multiple data fields):

- student identifier
- gender
- date of birth
- language background

- whether your child identifies as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- parent occupation
- parent education level and
- participation and performance information (e.g., multiple choice and written responses).

Disclosure

ACARA will not disclose personal information about your child or you unless it is authorised by law, or it is consistent with its legal obligations to do so, which includes obligations in any agreement that regulates the ways in which personal information can be used and disclosed by ACARA or its contractors.

ACARA will not disclose personal information to third parties overseas. More detailed information is contained in ACARA's [Privacy Policy](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy) at www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy.

Access and correction

ACARA is **not** able to match information it receives or collects with individual students. If you wish to access or correct your child's personal information or NAPLAN data, contact your child's school in the first instance. Alternatively, you may contact the relevant state or territory [test administration authority](#) at www.nap.edu.au/contacts/privacy-contact-information.

Complaints

If you wish to make a complaint about ACARA's privacy practices, you can lodge a complaint with ACARA directly. ACARA's [Privacy Policy](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy) (www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy) provides information on how to make a complaint.

If you have a complaint about identified NAPLAN data (data linked to a student name/s) contact your child's school in the first instance. Alternatively, you may contact the relevant state or territory [test administration authority](#) at www.nap.edu.au/contacts/privacy-contact-information.

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