

# Merriwa Central School



***Valuing individual potential – achieving personal best***

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

## **National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in the annual tests in writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. All NSW schools will sit NAPLAN online in 2026.

Our school will be participating in NAPLAN between **11 and 23 March 2026**. The schedule is attached.

Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not recommended. Students can use the public demonstration site (<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with the types of questions and tools available in NAPLAN. They will also be practising during class.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact Harley Hannon.

Catch up sessions are scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day. Catch up days for writing are not permitted and can only take place on 11 March 2026.

Students may be exempt from the NAPLAN test if they:

- are from a language background other than English, have arrived from overseas and have been attending school in Australia for less than a year before the test; **or**
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer after consultation with the school principal. To withdraw your child from NAPLAN, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

For further information about NAPLAN, visit **NESA's NAPLAN website**.

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**Year 3 and 5**

**NAPLAN Timetable 2026**

**Week 7**

	<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>
9-10am	Year 3 Writing (Paper) 40 minutes (Alyssa)	Catch Up Writing (Alyssa)	Year 5 Conventions of Language 45 minutes
10-11am	Year 5 Writing 42 minutes (Alyssa)	Year 3 Reading 45 minutes (Alyssa)	Year 3 Conventions of Language 45 minutes
RECESS			
11:30 – 12:30		Year 5 Reading 50 minutes (Alyssa)	

**Week 8**

	<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>
9-10am		Catch ups (Emma K)	
10-11am	Year 3 Numeracy 45 minutes	Catch ups (Emma K)	
RECESS			
11:30 – 12.30pm	Year 5 Numeracy 50 minutes		

**2026 NAPLAN Schedule – Secondary**

	<b>Wednesday 11 March</b>	<b>Thursday 12 March</b>	<b>Friday 13 March</b>
Period 1	SPORT	Catch Up Writing	Year 9 Reading (65 minutes)
Period 2	SPORT		
RECESS			
Period 3	Year 7 Writing (42 minutes)	Year 7 Reading (65 minutes)	Year 7 Conventions of Language (45 mins)
Period 4	Year 9 Writing (42 minutes)		

	<b>Monday 16 March</b>	<b>Tuesday 17 March</b>	<b>Wednesday 18 March</b>	<b>Thursday 19 March</b>
Period 1	Year 9 Conventions of Language (45 mins)	Year 7 Numeracy (65 mins)	SPORT	Catch Ups
Period 2			SPORT	
RECESS			Year 9 Numeracy (65 mins)	
Period 3	Catch Ups	Catch Ups		