

NAPLAN 2026 Information for Schools

NAPLAN dates

The NAPLAN test window starts on Wednesday 11 March and finishes on Monday 23 March 2026.

Students undertake all test domains online, except for the year 3 writing test which is completed on paper.

Coordinator training

Online refresher training modules are available via plink for NAPLAN coordinators returning to the role.

More information about training, including dates and sessions, will be provided to coordinators early in term 1.

NAPLAN registration pack and handbook for principals

Your school will receive a NAPLAN Registration Pack early in term 1.

This pack contains the 'Handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators 2026', the platform user guide, grid cards and platform registration information.

Detailed instructions to prepare your school for NAPLAN is available in Part B of the 'Handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators 2026'.

Test materials

Schools will receive their NAPLAN Test Materials Pack from Monday 23 February.

This pack contains Test Administration Handbooks for teachers, paper test materials for year 3 writing, and any alternative format materials e.g. braille, if applicable.

The NAPLAN Test Materials Pack must be stored securely until needed.

Test protocols

Schools must follow ACARA's NAPLAN national protocols for test administration.

The protocols are in Part A of the 'Handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators 2026'.

Coordinated practice test (CPT)

The CPT confirms that administrative processes, devices and local networks at schools are prepared prior to undertaking NAPLAN.

Student performance in the CPT is not assessed or reported.

All schools conducting NAPLAN testing online participate in the CPT on Tuesday 24 February. Schools undertake at least 1 practice test session on this day.

NAPLAN technical requirements

Schools should ensure that all devices to be used for NAPLAN testing continue to meet technical requirements.

These requirements are available on ACARA's National Assessment Program (NAP) website: nap.edu.au/online-assessment/technical-requirements including device specific information.

To keep NAPLAN tests secure and stop students from using the internet or spell-check apps, schools must install the latest locked down browser (LDB) on every student's device before CPT and NAPLAN testing.

The 'NAPLAN technical readiness checklist' guides schools on the activities needed to prepare their school's ICT and devices for online testing.

ACARA public demonstration site

NAPLAN coordinators can use the [demonstration site](#) on the ACARA NAP website to familiarise students with the types of questions and functionalities within the online NAPLAN tests.

Additional information is available in Part B, section 12 of the 'Handbook for principals and NAPLAN coordinators 2026'.

Students with disability

Adjustments are available for students with disability to support access to NAPLAN tests and encourage maximum participation.



A student’s accessibility requirements need to be established prior to testing. Teachers and schools are in the best position to determine the needs of individual students, in consultation with students and their parents/carers.

[ACARA’s NAP website](#) provides information on assessing the needs of students with disability, and platform adjustments.

Privacy

Identifiable student data needs to be uploaded into the online national assessment platform for schools to be able to administer NAPLAN.

Principals are responsible for sending a copy of the privacy collection notice to all parents and carers of children participating in NAPLAN testing by Friday 13 February 2026.

The privacy collection notice will be sent to principals early in term 1 2026 and can also be downloaded from your sector website.

More information

Further information about NAPLAN is available on the NAP website www.nap.edu.au.

Refer to your sector website for copies of key documents including handbooks, forms, platform user guides and planning checklists.

Contact us

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The TAA is available 8.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

NAPLAN 2026 Key Dates

From 27 Jan (week 1 T1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools receive NAPLAN Registration Pack
From 2 Feb (week 2 T1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from TAA to nominated NAPLAN coordinators about preparation activities and training options. NAPLAN Coordinators refer to the NAPLAN Coordinator Checklist for timeline of key activities.
02 – 20 Feb (weeks 2-4 T1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools install the new 2026 version of the NAP Locked Down Browser (LDB) in preparation for the CPT in week 5.
09-20 Feb (weeks 3-4 T1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training for new NAPLAN coordinators Experienced NAPLAN coordinators undertake refresher training NAPLAN coordinators train test administrators participating in CPT.
16-27 Feb (weeks 4-5 T1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principals and NAPLAN coordinators register to the online national assessment platform.
From 23 Feb (week 5 T1)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools receive their NAPLAN test materials pack Schools receive their Special Print pack, as required.
Tues 24 Feb (week 5 T1)	<p>Coordinated Practice Test</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertaken in training and practice environment
Mon 2 March (week 6)	<p>Student data becomes available in the Platform.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update student details, apply disability adjustment codes and prepare test administrator packs. <p>All Test Administrators are trained.</p>
11 – 23 Mar (week 7-8)	NAPLAN Test Period
Tues 17 Mar (week 8)	Schools return year 3 paper writing test materials
Mon 23 Mar (week 9)	Last day of testing

