National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2013

Letter to Parents

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be taking place for all students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9. This program will assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Parents will be able to compare their child’s performance against nationally agreed benchmarks of student achievement.

The tests will be conducted according to the following timetable:

**Monday 20 May** – Language Convention test (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) and a separate Writing test.

**Tuesday 21 May** – Reading test

**Wednesday 22 May** – Numeracy test (Number, Algebra, Function and Pattern; Chance and Data; Measurement and Space)

In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Year 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not used. For the calculator test the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they are newly arrived to Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or if they have significant intellectual delay.

Students with confirmed disabilities or difficulties in learning are expected to participate in the tests. Special provisions which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom will be provided for students by the school. Large print, Braille and black and white versions of the test are available for students with vision impairment.

Access to special provisions and exemptions from the tests must be discussed with your school and the school Principal, and a parent or carer consent form must be signed. Parents also have the right to withdraw their child from the tests. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests you must sign a parent or career consent form.

Please feel free to contact the College if you have any concerns.

Yours sincerely

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