

Timetable NAPLAN Tests 2008

	Tuesday 13 May	Wednesday 14 May	Thursday 15 May
Year 3	Language Conventions 40 minutes	Reading 45 minutes	Numeracy 45 minutes
	Writing 40 minutes		
Year 5	Language Conventions 40 minutes	Reading 50 minutes	Numeracy 50 minutes
	Writing 40 minutes		
Year 7	Language Conventions 45 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes total)
	Writing 40 minutes		
Year 9	Language Conventions 45 minutes	Reading 65 minutes	Numeracy 40 minutes x 2 (80 minutes total)
	Writing 40 minutes		

Language Conventions incorporates spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Numeracy incorporates Number, Space, Algebra, function and pattern, Measurement, chance and data.

Calculators

In years 3 and 5 the Numeracy test does not permit calculator use. In years 7 and 9 there is one numeracy test where calculator use is permitted and one where it is not.

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Background

From 2008, all students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia will sit national tests in Literacy and Numeracy.

These national tests, which have the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers, will replace the current State- and Territory-based testing in literacy and numeracy.

Until now, national assessment data has been collated from the range of different tests set by the States and Territories, as well as other educational organisations.



Now that students across Australia are doing the same tests in the content strands of Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy, it will be easier to collate the data and monitor student achievement.

Over 1 million students from 9 000 schools across Australia will participate in the national tests.

Timing of the tests

The tests will be conducted on Tuesday 13 May, Wednesday 14 May and Thursday 15 May 2008.

The similarities and differences

There are many similarities between the national tests and what occurred up to 2007. There will be similarity in the style of questions and formats to be used in the tests.

The content of the national tests will also be similar but may be slightly differently organized from previous tests. For instance, the national test has a content strand called Language Conventions, which incorporates spelling, grammar and punctuation and these may have been separate parts of literacy testing in the past.

The main difference is in the timing of the national tests for 2008. State- and Territory-based tests had previously been scheduled at different times over the calendar year. However, in May 2008, all students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia will sit the same national tests on the same days.

How results will be reported

Results from the national tests will give education systems across Australia vital measures about how students are performing in literacy and numeracy.

Individual students and their parents will be given reports which will indicate each student's level of achievement.