



# Sacred Heart Central School

Faith & Knowledge

25 July 2018

## ACARA ITEM TRIAL 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year our school has been selected to participate in the ACARA Item Trial on the 6<sup>th</sup> August for Year 7 and the 7<sup>th</sup> August for our Year 9 students. This involves two trial tests in Reading and Numeracy from 9.10am until 11.45am. This test is externally administered and there will be a supervisor assigned to our school to deliver the test. It will be completed online using our desktop computers and iPads in Room 5.

All students are expected to participate unless they are exempt from testing, with parent consent. Students do not need to prepare for any of the tests and there are no consequences for the student according to their results.

Please read the attached official notification from ACARA. (Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority) If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school on 69422612.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Nicky Trinder  
Assistant Principal

## Information for parents and carers

### ACARA Item Trial

Your child's school has been selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in this year's ACARA Item Trial. The trial is being held in approximately 440 schools across Australia between Monday 30 July and Friday 17 August 2018.

Item Trial tests have occurred each year since 2007. Each year a small number of schools participate. Schools are carefully selected to ensure a diverse range of student backgrounds and abilities is represented.

ACARA appreciates the participation of your child in the Item Trial. The purpose of the trial is to evaluate potential questions (items) for use in future NAPLAN tests. Your child's involvement and the results from the trial will help ACARA ensure that NAPLAN tests remain valid, reliable and fair for all students.

Please be assured the Item Trial is about testing the questions, not students.

No information that identifies your child will be collected during the Item Trial, and your child's results are not reported. There are no consequences for your child or the school based on how many questions your child gets right or wrong.

### What the trial involves

Your child will sit two Item Trial tests. These will be, for example, a Reading and Numeracy test; a Reading and Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) test; a Numeracy and Conventions of Language test; or two Writing tests.

The tests will be administered at the school by trained test supervisors. The teacher will remain in the classroom. Where tests are online, your child will use the device that they use for everyday classroom activities, such as a desk-based computer, a laptop, or a tablet.

All selected students are expected to participate in the Item Trial, unless they have been exempted or withdrawn from NAPLAN tests. If you have questions about your child's participation, please raise these with your school.

Further information about NAPLAN and the move to online assessment is available at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au) For an idea of what the NAPLAN online tests look like, visit the public demonstration site at [www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site](http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site)