



# Sacred Heart Central School

Faith & Knowledge

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## NAPLAN ONLINE NAPLAN ONLINE SCHOOL READINESS TEST

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The NAPLAN Online School Readiness Test is a practice before NSW starts moving from pen and paper tests to online tests. It is an opportunity for schools to become familiar with the NAPLAN Online test platform and to identify any technical or administrative issues. All NSW schools will be participating.

The School Readiness Test period runs from **Monday 14 August to Friday 22 September**. Sacred Heart has elected to run the tests in the week of **September 11-15**.

A final decision about when schools will transition to NAPLAN Online will be made after the School Readiness Test.

### **Test design**

NAPLAN Online will use a tailored test design that delivers different sets of questions in 'testlets' to students depending on their achievement on previous questions. This adaptive testing will match questions to an individual student's achievement level in a way that is not feasible for paper-based testing. This will lead to more precise measurements of student ability.

More information on the tailored test design can be found on [NAP website](#).

### **How can an ONLINE test be kept secure to prevent cheating?**

The test is delivered through what is called a Lockdown Browser. For the duration of the test students in the Lockdown Browser can not access any other function of the iPad or computer. The browser further prevents such applications as auto correct.

### **Technical requirements- WHAT WE NEED FROM PARENTS**

Students in Year 3 will do the online component of their tests in the school computer labs, on desktop computers. They do not do the writing test online.

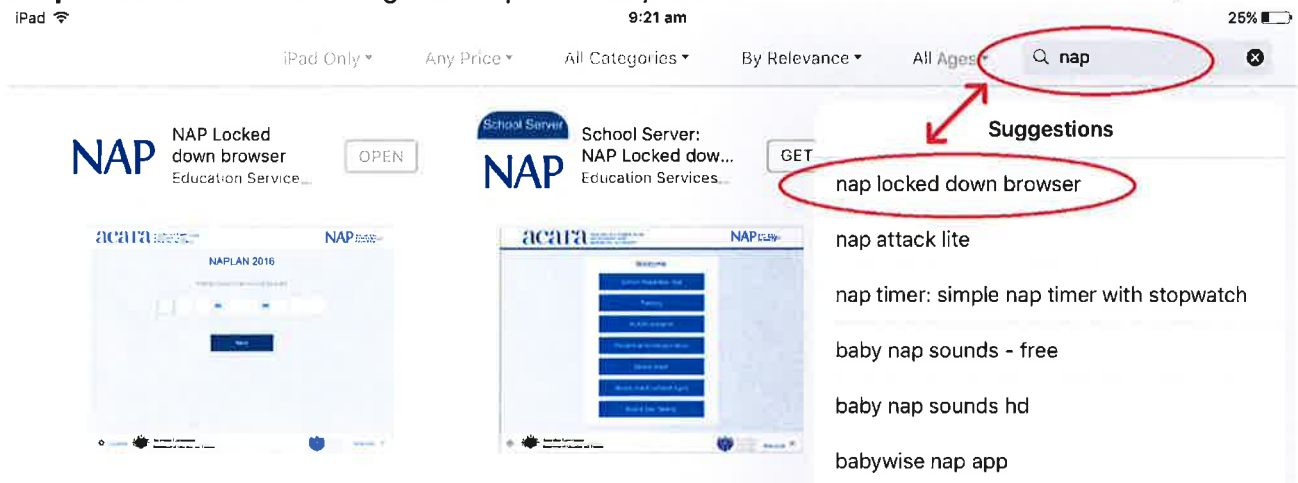
Students in Year 5, 7 and 9 will do the test on their individual devices. In order to prepare for this test it is essential that each device have downloaded the **lockdown browser** App.

### **How to get the Lockdown Browser**

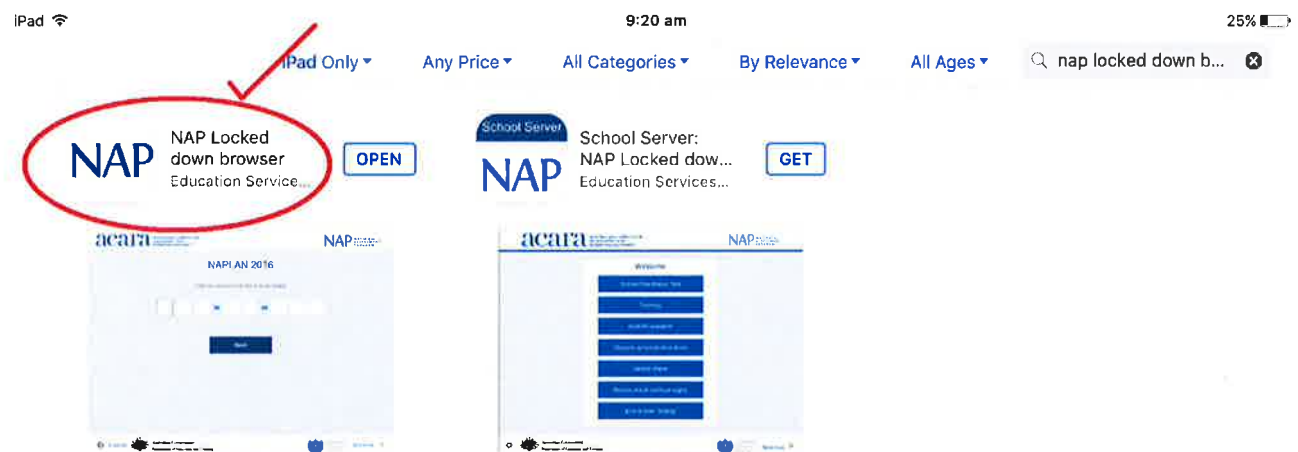
Students who control their own devices can download the App directly, students with Family Share will require the controller of Family Share to download the App. Directions shown below can help with that process.

**Step One.** Find and select the App Store function on your iPad

**Step Two.** Enter the following search phrase: *nap locked down browser* in the search bar.



**Step Three.** Select and download the App that shows only *NAP* on the button.



### **Test timetable**

While NAPLAN Online will enable greater variation in the design of test items, the domains assessed in the online test will be the same as the paper-based test. The sequence for the online tests is as follows:

1. Writing > 2. Reading > 3. Conventions of Language > 4. Numeracy

**Year 3 students do not do the Writing test online.**

### **Test administration**

The National Protocols for Test Administration (NPTA) which set out the standard conditions for administering the tests will remain largely unchanged in the transition online. Students will set the tests during the morning session over a three-day period. A timetable will be provided prior to the date. As with all NAPLAN tests students will do the test under exam conditions.

### ***Public demonstration site***

A public demonstration site is available on the NAP website for schools, students and the public to access. <http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/naplan-online/naplan-online-public-demonstration-site> The site has:

- information on technical requirements
- a user guide
- practice tests in each domain and for all NAPLAN year levels which feature the different types of test questions that may be in the NAPLAN Online tests

### ***Do we get the students results back?***

The answer is NO. This test has a dual purpose:

1- To check that the school and system are ready to proceed with future NAPLAN Tests online and to provide ACARA with feedback on overall readiness of schools

2- To give students a sneak peek at how the test will look when it is online. This provides a very valuable opportunity for students to develop their comfort with the online style of testing.

### ***My Year 9 student will not be doing Naplan again- do they have to do the test?***

As most Year 9 students will need to do further testing to meet HSC requirements and that testing is online- this trial is an excellent way to prepare them for that format and style of testing.

### ***Still unsure?***

Please contact Erryn Marsay or Brad Winsor for more information.

Regards



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