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Information for parents and carers

This year, a sample of Year 6 and Year 10 students from across Australia will take part in a national online sample assessment in Civics and Citizenship.

What is the NAP – Civics and Citizenship sample assessment?

The NAP – Civics and Citizenship (NAP–CC) sample assessment is a national assessment of the achievement of Year 6 and Year 10 students in civics and citizenship education.

The NAP–CC sample assessment supports the goal of Australian schooling that students become active and informed citizens. In doing this, the assessment collects information about students' civics and citizenship-related knowledge and understanding, attitudes, beliefs and behaviours.

The purpose of the online assessment is to inform schools, education ministers and the community about the levels of student achievement in civics and citizenship education among Year 6 and Year 10 students across Australia.

The assessment has been designed to measure the range of students' performance against a proficiency standard, and all participating schools will receive reports summarising their students' results.

Who will be assessed and when?

Around 12,000 Year 6 and Year 10 students from approximately 630 government, Catholic and independent schools in metropolitan, rural and remote locations will participate in the sample assessment. Students will be selected by drawing a random sample of schools in each state and territory across Australia and then a sample of students within each of these schools will be selected to complete the assessment.

What does participation mean for your child?

If your child is selected to take part, he or she will participate in a world-class assessment designed by education experts in civics and citizenship.

The online assessment is intended to test your child's level of knowledge and understanding of civics and citizenship matters. Your child is not expected to study for this assessment, and last minute preparation is unnecessary.

The assessment is designed to 'bring out the best' in students and to encourage full participation by making the test an engaging experience.

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Why is this assessment being done?

The main purpose of the national Year 6 and Year 10 Civics and Citizenship sample assessment is to monitor and report on the overall progress being made towards achieving high standards of civics and citizenship knowledge and understanding in Australia.

Students' achievements in civics and citizenship will be described in a national public report to be published in 2017. No individual schools or students will be identified in the public report.

Additionally, schools taking part in the assessment benefit in several ways:

- ▶ All schools taking part in the sample assessment will receive reports summarising their students' results.
- ▶ School summary reports will be linked to the Australian Curriculum.
- ▶ Teachers from participating classes will be able to reflect on the information to enhance teaching and learning programs in Australian schools.
- ▶ Students will have the opportunity to engage in a national online assessment.
- ▶ Sampled schools will become familiar with the technical capabilities required to engage in online assessments.

What does the assessment comprise?

Activity

Description

Practice questions

(10 minutes)

Students complete a small set of questions to familiarise themselves with the type of questions they can expect.

Part A: assessment items

(Year 6: 60 minutes, Year 10: 75 minutes)

All students answer a series of questions which include multiple choice and short answer questions.

Part B: student survey

(20 minutes)

Students will complete a survey regarding their civics and citizenship-related attitudes, beliefs and behaviours.

There will be a minimum five minute break between part A and part B. Should this break coincide with the school's morning tea or lunch time, students will be given that usual break and the student survey will be completed on return to class.

Further information

If you have any questions about the NAP–CC sample assessment please talk to your child's teacher or school principal, or visit www.nap.edu.au