

NAPLAN privacy notice 2017

Notice of collection under Australian Privacy Principle 5 (Privacy Act 1988 Cth)

This notice is to advise you that personal information about your child and you (parents/guardians) will be collected for the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (**NAPLAN**) in 2017.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (**ACARA**) conducts the NAPLAN tests and creates national reports on schooling, including reporting on the *My School* website. Each state and territory education authority is responsible for administering NAPLAN tests, including managing student data and reporting results to schools and students.

Section 40 of the *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008* (Cth) authorises ACARA to collect personal information for purposes including producing national reports and supporting education policy development. ACARA protects the data it collects in accordance with the standards in the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth) and only collects data that is de-identified (that is not linked to student names). You can find a summary of data fields that ACARA collects in ACARA's [privacy policy](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy) at (<http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy>).

NAPLAN online 2017

From 2017, NAPLAN will transition to online testing over a three-year period. Tests will be both paper-based and online in 2017 and 2018. More information about the move to NAPLAN online is available at (www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment).

Education Services Australia Limited (**ESA**) will operate the NAPLAN online system. ESA is a national, not-for-profit company owned by all Australian education ministers (www.esa.edu.au/).

Collection

A state and territory education authority will collect personal information about your child and you when your child completes the online or paper NAPLAN test. The state and territory education authority will make de-identified information available to ACARA. ACARA will also collect de-identified information from students who take the test online from the student and their school.

ACARA will collect student identifiers, gender, date of birth, country of birth, language background, whether your child identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, parental occupation and parental education, as well as participation and performance information (e.g. multiple choice and written responses). State and territory education authorities also collect student names and other information for student and school level reporting and related purposes.

Disclosure

ACARA will not disclose personal information about your child and you unless it is authorised by law and will not disclose personal information overseas. More detailed information is contained in ACARA's [privacy policy](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy).

Access and correction

ACARA is not able to match information it receives or collects with individual students. If you wish to access or correct your child's personal information or NAPLAN data, contact your child's school in the first instance. Alternatively, you may contact the relevant state or territory Test Administration Authority (<http://www.nap.edu.au/contacts/privacy-contact-information>).

Complaints

If you wish to make a complaint about ACARA's privacy practices, you can lodge a complaint with ACARA directly. ACARA's [privacy policy](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy) provides information on how to make a complaint and how ACARA deals with complaints.

If you have a complaint about identified NAPLAN data (data linked to student names) contact your child's school in the first instance. Alternatively, you may contact the relevant state or territory Test Administration Authority (<http://www.nap.edu.au/contacts/privacy-contact-information>).