

2024 National Assessment Program Civics and Citizenship field trial

Information for parents and carers

In 2023, a sample of Year 6 and Year 10 students from across Australia will take part in a national online field trial in civics and citizenship ahead of the 2024 main study event.

What is the NAP – Civics and Citizenship field trial?

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

Students' knowledge and understanding, as well as attitudes, beliefs and behaviours, related to civics and citizenship are assessed.

The assessment monitors and reports on the overall progress being made towards achieving high standards of civics and citizenship knowledge and understanding in Australia.

Prior to the NAP–CC assessment being undertaken, a field trial that evaluates potential questions for the main assessment is required.

Why is NAP – Civics and Citizenship undertaken?

The purpose of the assessment is:

- to inform schools, education ministers and the community about levels of achievement in civics and citizenship education among Year 6 and Year 10 students across Australia, with the goal of supporting students to become active and informed citizens
- to support improvement to teaching and learning programs.

Who will be assessed in the field trial and when?

Around 2,400 Year 6 and Year 10 students from approximately 120 government, Catholic and independent schools in metropolitan, rural and remote locations will participate in the NAP–CC field trial. A random class of students will be selected from each participating year level at each sampled school to complete the field trial.

The field trial will be held from **16 October to 3 November 2023 (Term 4)** and will be conducted by a trained school staff member. There will be quality monitor visits from external test invigilators to ensure tests are conducted as per the standard testing procedures outlined in the guideline materials.

What does this assessment mean for your child?

If your child is selected for the assessment sample, they will participate in a world-class online assessment designed by education experts in civics and citizenship. Taking part will provide your child with an excellent learning opportunity as the tests are designed in an engaging way to bring out the best in students.

Your child is not expected to study for this assessment and no preparation is necessary. There are separate tests for Year 6 and Year 10 students.

The field trial is about testing the questions, not about testing your child or their ability.

Your child's results are not reported. Schools taking part in the field trial will be excluded from the NAP–CC main study in 2024.

Activity	Description
Practice questions	Students complete a small set of questions to familiarise themselves with the types of questions they can expect.
Part A – assessment items	All students answer a set of questions that includes multiple-choice, “drag and drop” and short answer questions.
Part B – student questionnaire	Students complete a questionnaire regarding their attitudes, beliefs and behaviours related to civics and citizenship.

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