

2024 National Assessment Program Civics and Citizenship – Main study

Information for parents and carers

In 2024, a sample of Year 6 and Year 10 students from across Australia will take part in an assessment in civics and citizenship.

What is the NAP – Civics and Citizenship assessment?

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 behaviors, 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.

What is the purpose of the assessment?

Results from the assessment are used 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
- support improvement to teaching and learning programs.

Who will be assessed and when?

Around 12,000 Year 6 and Year 10 students from approximately 640 government, Catholic and independent schools in metropolitan, regional and remote locations will participate in the NAP–CC assessment.

A random sample of schools in each state and territory across Australia are selected and a sample of students within each of these schools take part.

The assessments will take place sometime between 6–24 May 2024 (Term 2) and will be conducted by a trained school staff member. External test invigilators will do quality monitoring visits to ensure standard testing procedures.

What does this assessment mean for your child?

If your child is selected for the assessment, they will be taking part in a world-class online assessment designed by education experts, giving your child an excellent learning opportunity. 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.

What is the assessment format?

Each test session lasts 60 minutes for Year 6 students and 75 minutes for Year 10 students. It includes the following activities:

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 include multiple-choice, “drag and drop” and short answer questions.
Part B – student questionnaire	Students will complete a questionnaire regarding their attitudes, beliefs and behaviours related to civics and citizenship.

How will results be published?

- A national report will be published in 2026.
- No individual school or student will be identified in the public report and students do not receive individual reports.
- Schools taking part in the assessment receive reports summarising their students’ results. Results in the school summary reports are mapped to the Australian Curriculum so teachers can use this information to support teaching and learning programs in their schools.

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