National Assessment Program

Civics and Citizenship 2027 – Main study

Information for parents and carers



In 2027, a sample of Year 6 and Year 10 students from across Australia will take part in an online 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 for Year 6 and Year 10 students in civics and citizenship education.

Students' knowledge, understanding, 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.

NAP–CC helps teachers, education leaders, parents/carers, the community, researchers and policymakers to monitor student proficiency in civics and citizenship. It supports the goal of schooling for students to become active and informed citizens.

Before the NAP–CC main assessment in May 2027, a field trial was conducted to ensure the questions are suitable.

Why is the NAP–Civics and Citizenship assessment 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
- support continuous improvement in the teaching and learning of civics and citizenship literacy to strengthen student outcomes.

Who will be assessed and when?

A random sample of schools in each state and territory across Australia is selected and a sample of students within each of these schools take part. Around 12,800 Year 6 and Year 10 students from approximately 640 government, Catholic and independent schools in metropolitan, rural and remote locations participate in the NAP–CC assessment.

The assessments are held between **Wednesday 5 May and Friday 28 May 2027** and will be conducted by a trained school staff member. There will be quality monitor visits from external test administrators to ensure tests are conducted as described in the guidelines given to schools.

What does this assessment mean for your child?

If your child is selected for the assessment sample, they will be participating 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 test is 60 minutes for Year 6 and 75 minutes for Year 10.

Activity	Description
Practice questions	Students complete a small set of questions to become familiar with the types of questions they can expect.
Assessment items	The test includes multiple-choice, "drag and drop" and short-answer questions.
Student questionnaire	Students complete a short survey regarding their attitudes, beliefs and behaviours related to civics and citizenship.

How will results be published?

- A national report will be published in 2028.
- No individual schools or students are identified in the public report. Students do not receive individual reports.

Schools taking part in the assessment receive reports summarising their students' results. 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 assessment, please talk to your child's teacher or school principal, or visit https://www.nap.edu.au/nap-sample-assessments/civics-and-citizenship.

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