

# National Assessment Program Civics and Citizenship 2027 – Field trial

Information for parents and carers



In 2026, a sample of Year 6 and Year 10 students from across Australia will take part in an online national 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 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.

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.

Teachers and schools can use the results from the NAP–CC assessment to inform their teaching programs.

## Why is there a NAP – Civics and Citizenship field trial?

Before students take the NAP–CC assessment, we need to run a field trial that evaluates potential questions for the main assessment.

This makes sure that the main assessment is high quality and engaging, and gives accurate results.

## Who will be assessed in the field trial and when?

Around 3,200 Year 6 and Year 10 students from approximately 128 government, Catholic and independent schools in metropolitan, rural and remote locations will take part 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 **Wednesday 14 October to Wednesday 28 October 2026** 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 give your child an excellent learning opportunity as the tests are designed in an engaging way.

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 not be asked to take part in the NAP–CC main study in 2027.

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	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](http://www.nap.edu.au)