

NAP – Science Literacy 2026 (NAP–SL 2026) Field trial student privacy notice

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

This notice is to advise you that personal information about your child will be collected for the National Assessment Program – Science Literacy (**NAP–SL**) field trial assessment.

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (**ACARA**) handles all personal information in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth). For further information about how ACARA handles personal information, see ACARA's [Privacy Policy](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy) at www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy.

If you do not want your child to participate in the NAP–SL 2026 field trial, you should notify your child's school. For further information, refer to <https://www.nap.edu.au/nap-sample-assessments/for-parents-carers>.

What is the NAP–SL field trial assessment?

ACARA develops the NAP–SL tests, which are conducted in a selected sample of schools in Queensland, Victoria, New South Wales, South Australia and Western Australia for a group of students in Years 6 and 10. The NAP–SL 2026 field trial test will be conducted online.

The purpose of field trial is to evaluate potential questions for use in the NAP–SL 2026 main assessment event. The field trial is about testing the questions, not about testing your child or their ability. Your child's results are not reported.

For more information about the NAP–SL test please visit <https://www.nap.edu.au/nap-sample-assessments/science-literacy>.

Collection and use

Section 40(1) of the *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008* (Cth) authorises ACARA to collect personal information for specific purposes including conducting research relating to the national school curriculum, producing national reports and assisting government to formulate education policies.

ACARA, through its contractors, will collect the following categories of information for each sampled student in the sampled school cohort (Year 6 or Year 10), noting that for some categories there will be multiple data fields:

- anonymised student name
- gender
- class name, for example 6H
- number of students enrolled in each class
- year level (6 or 10).

ACARA also holds information about each sampled school including, and not limited to:

- school name
- school address
- school suburb
- state/territory
- school sector.

These data fields are publicly available from the Australian Schools List website managed by ACARA (<https://asl.acara.edu.au/>) and from the websites of each school.

ACARA will also collect other information about students who are selected to participate in the field trial after they complete the online test, including performance information derived from student responses to multiple choice and free text questions.

Your child will still be able to participate in the NAP–SL field trial if none or some of the personal information is not collected.

Disclosure

ACARA will not disclose personal information about your child unless it is authorised by law or it is consistent with its legal obligations to do so, which includes obligations in any agreement that regulates the ways in which personal information can be used and disclosed by ACARA or its contractors. ACARA will not disclose personal information to third parties overseas.

Access and correction

If you wish to access or correct your child’s personal information or NAP-SL data, contact your child’s school in the first instance.

Complaints and enquiries

If you wish to make a complaint or enquiry, or would like further information about ACARA’s privacy practices, see ACARA’s [Privacy Policy](http://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy) (www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy).

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