

NAP Opt-in 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 Opt-in (**NAP Opt-in**) assessments. Your child's school has elected to participate in NAP Opt-in as the results can be used to assist with school-level planning and inform teaching and learning programs.

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

What is NAP Opt-in?

ACARA conducts the NAP Opt-in assessments. Participation is voluntary for all schools nationally for Year 6 and Year 10 students. These online assessments will provide participating schools with information on Year 6 and Year 10 students' understanding of science literacy, and/or civics and citizenship, and/or information and communication technology (ICT) literacy to improve teaching and learning.

Education Services Australia (**ESA**) operates the platform used for registration, enrolment and reporting to schools of all NAP Opt-in assessments, and the online delivery of NAP Opt-in science literacy and civics and citizenship assessments. [ESA \(www.esa.edu.au\)](https://www.esa.edu.au) is a ministerial, not-for-profit company established by and comprised of all Australian education ministers.

ESA collects, stores, uses and discloses student personal information on behalf of ACARA for purposes related to NAP Opt-in assessments. Student information will be uploaded into ESA's platform by the school. For further information about ESA's platform, please refer to www.assessform.edu.au.

The Australian Council for Educational Research (**ACER**) operates the platform used for the online delivery of NAP Opt-in ICT literacy (ICTL) assessments. ACER is a not-for-profit research organisation established in Australia and with offices around the world. For information about ACER, visit www.acer.org.

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 to assist government to formulate education policies.

The following personal information may be collected about each child to enable administration and/or reporting for the school participating in the NAP Opt-in assessments:

- full name (actual or pseudonym)
- date of birth
- gender
- local school ID
- details of school
- test level
- year level (6 or 10)
- class group.

If you choose not to provide the above personal information about your child, they will still be able to participate in the NAP Opt-in assessments. Please contact your child's school to discuss further.

Student full name, year level and details of school will be uploaded into the ICTL platform by ACARA's contractor. Student test scores will be extracted from the ICTL platform by ACARA's contractor and imported into the ESA platform in order to provide results to schools.

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

Disclosure

ACARA will not disclose your child's personal information 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 contractor/s. For the purposes of NAP Opt-in, ACARA will disclose your child's personal information to its contractor/s and ESA to enable access to facilitate the NAP Opt-in assessments and related services under the contract for the NAP Opt-in assessments.

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, please contact your child's school in the first instance.

Further information

For further information about how ACARA handles personal information, including how to make a complaint about ACARA's privacy practices, please refer to ACARA's [Privacy Policy](#) at www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy.

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