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Dear Parents/Guardians of Years 3 and 5 students

On May 14, 15 and 16 students in Years 3 and 5 will take part in the National Assessment Programme – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). The purpose of NAPLAN is to assess the literacy and numeracy learning of students in all Australian schools at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

It is important to note that NAPLAN is a formal pencil and paper, point-in-time test instrument.

The NAPLAN data assists teachers in identifying student strengths and weaknesses in literacy and numeracy, but NAPLAN is only one form of assessment amongst a range of assessment types used to gauge student knowledge and understanding at Coomera Anglican College.

By analysing NAPLAN results along with information from teacher judgements, work samples, and other in class assessments, teachers are able to adjust teaching strategies to provide appropriate support or greater challenge. They also help teachers to identify strengths and weaknesses in teaching programmes and to set goals for literacy and numeracy.

At the College, students are given opportunities to become familiar with the test environment by focusing on test skill development.

These may include:

- Familiarising students with test format and question types
- Providing general strategies for approaching the types of questions they would meet in the tests
- Teacher modelling
- Use of past test questions and exemplars
- Assisting students to know how to identify what is being asked, scanning, looking for evidence, looking at cues etc.
- Formal NAPLAN practice tests
- Differentiated groups depending on ability and need

When discussing these issues with your child, please encourage them to see tests as one way teachers collect information about what they can do. Have a positive attitude and be affirming in your expectations.

For more information, please visit the NAPLAN website at: www.naplan.edu.au.

It is important that students receive adequate sleep and rest during NAPLAN, and enjoy a nourishing breakfast that is low in fat and salt on each of the testing days.

Please note that parents/guardians will receive individual student reports in the latter part of the year.

If you have any queries relating to the testing programme, please contact your class teacher or Lisa Glass (Head of Teaching and Learning P-6) at your convenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Kraft".

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