

# Media Release

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## **NAPLAN REFORMS TO PROVIDE BETTER BENCHMARKS**

The Andrews Labor Government is making NAPLAN results easier to understand for parents and carers, with reforms to the annual test providing a clearer picture on how their child is performing at school.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins today wished over 300,000 students at 2,350 Victorian schools good luck, as the annual NAPLAN test gets underway.

Among new changes to improve and modernise NAPLAN driven by the Labor Government, the tests have been moved forward to March to enable the crucial data to better support students and target assistance earlier in the year.

New proficiency standards with four levels of achievement will replace the previous 10-band structure and the old national minimum standard set in 2008 when tests were on paper.

Each child's NAPLAN report will show how they're tracking against their peers using four easy-to-understand standards: exceeding, strong, developing and needs additional support

The proficiency standards will give a more meaningful measure of how students are progressing at time of testing and will make it easier to identify and support students who may be falling behind.

Reports to parents and carers will be clear as to whether their child's skills are at the level they need to be for the child to get the best out of their schooling.

The test will also be fully online this year with the exception of the year 3 writing test which will be on paper.

NAPLAN will continue to measure student achievement in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation.

Victoria achieved strong results in NAPLAN last year. Victorian students improved in seven of 20 measures from 2021 to 2022 and ranked first or second in the country on 12 of 20 measures.

The Labor Government has made major investments in supporting student learning and wellbeing, including almost \$740 million to employ thousands of tutors across government and non-government schools since 2021 to assist students fulfil their academic potential and improve their social skills.

### **Quotes attributable to Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins**

*"Today marks an exciting day for students across the state and I wish each and every one of them the best of luck as they embark on this year's NAPLAN test."*

*"The changes to NAPLAN reporting and timing will provide more informative and useful information to schools, parents and carers."*

### **Quote attributable to Victorian Curriculum and Assessment CEO Authority Stephen Gneil**

*"I wish all students and teachers taking part in NAPLAN this year the very best of luck. Thank you for taking part in this important step in improving educational outcomes across Victoria."*

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