

NAPLAN test window

Primary

March 2026

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Order and duration

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Test	Duration	Order
Writing (on paper)	40 mins	1
Reading	45 mins	2
Conventions of language	45 mins	3
Numeracy	45 mins	4
Writing	42 mins	1
Reading	50 mins	2
Conventions of language	45 mins	3
Numeracy	50 mins	4

Catch-up for Year 3 writing

Catch-up tests

Year 5

Order and duration

Activity	Duration	Start	End
Writing	42 mins	08:30	09:12
Reading	50 mins	09:12	10:02
Conventions of language	45 mins	10:02	10:47
Numeracy	50 mins	10:47	11:37

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