

# NAPLAN test window

## Primary

March 2026

### The NAPLAN test window is 9 days.

Year 3 writing is done on paper by all students and **must be scheduled on day 1**. It is recommended that Year 3 writing tests be completed by all classes at the same time in the morning.

Year 5 writing **must be scheduled on day 1**, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations. Events such as camps, excursions, school sport and carnivals are **not** considered logistical limitations.

Tests must be scheduled in the order shown and as soon as possible within the test window, prioritising scheduling in the morning over the afternoon.

For advice on scheduling, including catch-up tests or rescheduling, schools should refer to the **NAPLAN national protocols for test administration**, and consult their state/territory **test administration authority** as required.

## Year 3

### Order and duration

Writing (on paper)  40 mins

Catch-up for Year 3 writing

Reading  45 mins

Conventions of language  45 mins

Numeracy  45 mins

Catch-up tests

## Year 5

### Order and duration

Writing  42 mins



Reading  50 mins

Conventions of language  45 mins

Numeracy  50 mins

Catch-up tests

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## Secondary

March 2026

The NAPLAN test window is 9 days.

Years 7 and 9 writing **must be scheduled on day 1**, with day 2 only used where there are technical/logistical limitations. Events such as camps, excursions, school sport and carnivals are **not** considered logistical limitations.

Tests must be scheduled in the order shown and as soon as possible within the test window, prioritising scheduling in the morning over the afternoon.

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## Years 7 and 9

### Order and duration

		Week 1			Week 2				Week 3	
		Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9
		Wed 11	Thu 12	Fri 13	Mon 16	Tue 17	Wed 18	Thu 19	Fri 20	Mon 23
Writing	⌚ 42 mins							Catch-up tests		
Reading	⌚ 65 mins									
Conventions of language	⌚ 45 mins									
Numeracy	⌚ 65 mins									