## **ALEXANDRIA PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

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**RE: NAPLAN Online readiness tests** 

Dear Parents and Carers,

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held online in the future. NAPLAN tests assess Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

Our school has nominated to conduct NAPLAN Online Practice tests for 2019 in preparation for 2020. This means that from 10<sup>th</sup>-12th September 2019, students at our school will undertake NAPLAN practice tests online in order to test our school's readiness to make the transition in 2020.

We nominated to conduct NAPLAN Online Practice 2019 as we believe the benefits of the online test delivery are important for informing our future effective use of data. Please note that our Year 3 students will continue to complete the Writing test as a pen and paper test.

All students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are expected to participate in the NAPLAN Online Practice tests. Although there will be no feedback on your child's efforts in these practice tests their participation will both benefit the school in assessing its capacity to deliver online testing and your child by preparing them for future online testing, including NAPLAN and the HSC minimum standards test.

Support can be arranged for students with disabilities, if the student regularly uses similar support for classroom assessment tasks.

If you seek further information please contact the school on 96981967 and ask to speak with the HT English, Miss Jane Ryan (years 7 and 9) or Mr David Olsen (years 3 and 5).

Yours sincerely

Ms Diane Fetherston Principal