

MEDIA STATEMENT

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NAPLAN 2022 SUMMARY RESULTS STATEMENT

The NAPLAN 2022 results detailing the long-term national and jurisdictional trends will be released towards the end of the year as usual, but there will be no preliminary results release in August this year as closer analysis is required due to lower than usual student participation rates as a result of the pandemic, flu and floods.

"We need to look closely at jurisdictional level trends in particular to understand whether any change is due to overall achievement level or to the particular groups of students who were absent through testing, whether from lower or higher performing cohorts," said ACARA CEO, David de Carvalho.

Results at the individual student and school level are not affected by the participation rates, and parents and schools will be receiving those results over the next few weeks.

"The NAPLAN test completed in May this year was the first year all schools took the test online and it went exceptionally well. We had 4.3 million tests successfully submitted, a significant achievement when many schools were dealing with the challenges of staffing and attendance impacted by COVID-19, influenza and, in some cases, floods; those unique circumstances have resulted in participation rates this year being historically low," he said.

"The lower than usual participation rate means closer analysis of jurisdictional level results is required using student background information, once that information is fully checked and cleared by state and territory education authorities.

"NAPLAN is one of the only national measures available into the effects of the pandemic on schooling, and so taking the time to investigate the data more closely is important."

NAPLAN 2022 national participation rates compared to NAPLAN 2021:

- Participation rates decreased by one to 2 percentage points in primary schools and by 2 to 3 percentage points in secondary schools since 2021.
- Participation rates ranged from 85 per cent (Year 9 numeracy) to 95 per cent (Year 5 reading).
- Year 9 participation rates were below the technical data standard of 90 per cent for all domains.

BACKGROUND

The national analysis of NAPLAN results has historically been released to the public in 2 stages. First stage summary (preliminary) information is often released in August, showing preliminary results at each year level and domain by state/territory and nationally. The full national report is released after further data analyses and includes final results by gender, Indigenous status, language background other than English status, parental occupation, parental education, and geolocation at each year level and for each domain of the test. The final report includes information on student background that is not available for the summary results report.

ACARA works with states and territories to analyse this unique data set – allowing us to see how students have progressed in the important areas of literacy and numeracy across the years of schooling.

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