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IMPROVEMENTS TO NAPLAN FROM 2023

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Improvements to NAPLAN agreed to by education ministers will enhance NAPLAN and the National Assessment Program (NAP) as measures that allow teachers, schools, governments and parents to support students and ensure they are gaining important literacy and numeracy skills.

Education ministers have agreed:

- NAPLAN will move to Term One from 2023
- From 2023, the existing triennial NAP Sample assessments for Years 6 and 10 in Science, Civics and Citizenship, and Digital Literacy will move from October to Term Two.
- In addition to the NAP Sample program, new annual assessments in these subjects for Year 6 and Year 10 students will be available as opt-in assessments for any school or system. They will be phased in over three years, starting with Science in 2024, with Civics and Citizenship added in 2025 and then Digital Literacy in 2026.
- Results of these opt-in assessments will be available to participating schools and systems in order to support their teaching and learning programs, but will not be reported publicly by ACARA.

NAPLAN, which has always been held in the second week of May, will move to mid-March from 2023. In 2023, NAPLAN will be held from Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March.

This will mean results will be available to education authorities earlier in the year to inform school and system teaching and learning programs and will allow teachers to better assess what support students need for the coming year. A further important improvement is that, in addition to the triennial NAP Sample program in which only a selected group of students participate, interested schools and systems will be able to opt-in to assessments in the same domains for Year 6 and Year 10 students. This will provide additional information for schools and systems who take up the opportunity and show teachers how well students are

acquiring essential knowledge and understanding in key areas of science, civics and citizenship, and digital literacy, benchmarked against national standards.

ACARA is working with test administration authorities and education systems to support schools and students prepare for this transition.

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