The National Assessment Program (NAP)-Sample Assessments

Personal Information Protection Notice

Your personal information is protected

The Department of Education (DoE) manages personal information in accordance with the requirements of the Tasmanian Personal Information Protection Act 2004.

DoE collects personal information which is necessary for its functions and activities. Personal information is used by DoE for student administration and for the planning, provision and reporting of educational programs as authorised by the Education Act 2016 and related State and Commonwealth legislation. Certain information may be required for the purposes of meeting reporting obligations under Federal-State funding agreements, including in connection with activities under the National Assessment Program (NAP) such as the Sample Assessments NAP (https://www.education.tas.gov.au/parents-carers/assessment-programs/).

From 2018, personal information (including, in some cases, health information used to support the appropriate participation of students in the assessment process) may be disclosed to Commonwealth government agencies for the purposes of the NAP Sample Assessments through a secure cloud environment operated by Education Services Australia Limited (ESA). ESA is a national, not-for-profit company owned by all Australian education ministers (http://www.esa.edu.au/).

NAP Sample Assessments

The NAP Sample Assessments test students’ skills and understanding in Science Literacy, Civics and Citizenship and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Literacy. Only selected groups of students in Years 6 and 10 participate in these sample assessments which are held on a rolling three-yearly basis. NAP Sample Assessments began in 2003.

Primary and secondary schools participating in the NAP Sample Assessments benefit in a number of ways. Their students have the opportunity to engage with state-of-the-art assessment materials, some of which are delivered online. This is an excellent learning opportunity for students.

Students participating in NAP Sample Assessments will complete their tests online via a computer or another electronic device, such as a lap top.

Online assessment brings many benefits and opportunities including providing better assessment and more precise results.

Collection of personal information

Through the enrolment process and through the annual validation process (where parents/carers are asked by the school to review and update their personal information), provision is made for parents/carers to consent to the disclosure of personal information for the purposes described above.
What information will be collected for the purposes of the NAP Sample Assessments

To enable online testing, personal information for every participating student will be uploaded to a secure cloud environment operated by ESA. This information includes
• student name
• school name
• gender
• date of birth
• country of birth
• language background other than English
• Indigenous status
• parent’s occupation and education.

Access and correction

To request access or correction to personal information collected for the NAP Sample Assessments and held by schools please contact your school principal in the first instance.

Further information and concerns

If you have any questions or concerns, please discuss them initially with the school principal.

Helpdesk

For further information on Nap Sample Assessments or other elements of the National Assessment Program (such as NAPLAN) please contact the Tasmanian Department of Education’s NAPLAN Helpdesk on 61655706 or email:
naplan@education.tas.gov.au