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National Assessment Program

Welcome to the 2011 school year.

NAPLAN 2011

Dates: The full cohort testing will occur during 10-13 May 2011. Schools must ensure all efforts are made to keep these dates free of other major activities. An equating test (of sampled students) will be held close to the NAPLAN tests. This will require one day of testing at the sample schools and will be administered by external test invigilators. Further information will be provided at a later date.

NAPLAN Information sessions will be held on 22-24 February 2011. School contact officers should attend one of the sessions.

Support material can be accessed at the following websites:

- <http://www.acara.edu.au/assessment/assessment.html>
- www.naplan.edu.au
- http://www.det.act.gov.au/teaching_and_learning/assessment_and_reporting

NAP-ICT

National assessment in Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Literacy commenced in 2005 as part of a rolling three-yearly cycle of sample assessments that also includes science literacy and civics and citizenship. Every three years, samples of Year 6 and Year 10 students from across Australia are tested on their ability to use ICT appropriately to access, manage, integrate and evaluate information, develop new understandings and communicate with others in order to participate effectively in society.

School release materials are available for the 2008 and the 2005 ICT Literacy assessments on the MCEECDYA website (www.mceecdya.edu.au). The information and assessment materials in these documents have been designed to assist teachers to gauge their own students' proficiency. By replicating components of the Year 6 and Year 10 NAP-ICT Literacy in the classroom, teachers will be able to compare the results of their classes and individual students with the national proficiency levels and standards. It is anticipated that teachers will be able to reflect on this information to enhance teaching and monitoring programs in their schools.

The next NAP—ICT Literacy will be undertaken by samples of Year 6 and Year 10 students in 2011. Schools will be notified if they have been chosen to participate.

Writing marker employment

The Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) is seeking Expressions of Interest from practising teachers and recently retired or casually employed teachers to participate in the marking of student Writing Task responses from the 2011 National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). All teachers should have knowledge of grammar. An understanding of criterion-based marking is desirable.

The training and marking will take place in the period approximately bounded by 19 May 2011 and 17 June 2011 with the final dates to be advised. Marking sessions will be conducted every weekday or evening, with markers also required to mark Saturday on a roster system. Marking will not take place on the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Successful applicants will be required to attend for the full duration of the marking operation.

Application Forms and Conditions of Employment will be available from the ACER website at www.acer.edu.au/nap/act or by contacting Nina on 02 8338 6806, or Warren on 02 8338 6801.

Applications close on Friday 4 March 2011.

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