Department of Education and Early Childhood Development – Victoria

For all schools and principals, school council presidents, parent association/club presidents, and central and regional staff

S148-2008 National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) – 13 to 15 May 2008

Main Points

- All principals are required to actively promote the importance of all students participating in the National Assessment Program to their teachers and school communities.

- These tests provide schools and the system with a detailed understanding of an individual student’s progress.

- This data provides additional information for teachers that will assist them to develop comprehensive plans for students to ensure that they continue to improve.

- The data will also support school planning and decision-making regarding professional learning and targeted use of resources.

- At the system level, the results of these comparative national assessments will provide information for evidence-based decision making about policy and resourcing.

- Students who are unavoidably absent on the day should complete the test at a later date. Provision exists for ‘catch up’ tests to be conducted until Friday 23 May 2008 for any students who were unable to do the tests on the nominated day.

- Activities such as professional development events, curriculum development days, excursions, school concerts, parent teacher interviews, school photographs and sports days should be planned to avoid National Assessment Program test dates.

Actions Required

- Advocacy and action to support and promote all eligible students participating in NAPLAN.

Critical Dates

- **Monday 30 April to Friday 6 May** – Schools receive and check contents of NAPLAN test packages

- **Friday 9 May** – Final date to request extra materials
• **Tuesday 13 to Thursday 15 May** – NAPLAN Language Conventions and Writing Tests (Years 3, 5, 7 and 9)
• **Wednesday 14 May** – NAPLAN Reading Tests (Years 3, 5, 7 and 9)
• **Thursday 15 May** – NAPLAN Numeracy Tests (Years 3, 5, 7 and 9)
• **Friday 16 May** – Test booklets packed and ready for collection
• **Friday 16 to Friday 23 May** – Catch-up assessments
• **Friday 23 May** – Final date to return the catch-up assessment test booklets.

**Additional Information**

• **Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN Principals' Guide**

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