

Dear Parent/Caregiver

As you are aware, the NAPLAN testing was cancelled for 2020 due to the COVID-19 restrictions, however NAPLAN is usually a great opportunity for Year 9 students to demonstrate their literacy and numeracy standard for the upper school Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) if they can achieve Band 8 or higher. Students that do not reach this Band level, however, are required to then sit Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) testing twice-yearly in Years 10, 11 and 12 until the literacy and numeracy standard is reached.

Rather than miss this opportunity to demonstrate the Band 8 achievement in Year 9, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) has made a special round of OLNA testing dates just for the Year 9 students (see attached letter):

Writing: Monday 10 August – Tuesday 11 August 2020
Numeracy and Reading: Monday 10 August – Friday 28 August 2020

This is a wonderful chance for students to have ‘a free shot’ at the OLNA in 2020 and try hard to reach the literacy and numeracy test standard if they can. SCSA has made the opportunity to sit this OLNA testing in Year 9 2020 optional, however at Swan View SHS we will assume that all Year 9 students would gain by taking this opportunity, and we would like you to encourage your children to see the value in:

- getting experience in the OLNA format of testing in case they still need to do some components in Year 10, 11 or 12
- the school getting the diagnostic information that will help students pass OLNA in Year 10, 11 or 12 should they need to re-sit the tests
- giving it their ‘best shot’ so they may be able to avoid doing at least one or more components of OLNA in the future.

Alternative test dates are not available for schools or individuals who make arrangements to undertake camps, travel, work experience or other activities that prevent completion of the OLNA during the testing window.

A schedule will be drawn up and distributed to parents/caregivers and students early in Term 3 which details when each Year 9 class will be tested in Writing, Reading and Numeracy. Allowance will be made within the schedule to give students an opportunity to still sit any tests they miss through illness.

If you wish to withdraw your child from the Year 9 OLNA testing, could you please email the school at SwanView.SHS@education.wa.edu.au and clearly state your name and your child’s name together with your explicit intention to withdraw your child from testing.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9294 6100.

Yours sincerely

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