

## NAP Sample – Science Literacy Online Assessment NAP-SL 2023 Main Study (May 2023) Privacy Notice

Your child has been selected to participate in the National Assessment Program Science Literacy (**NAP-SL**) Main Study conducted online by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (**ACARA**).

This notice is to provide you with information about what personal information will be collected about your child, and how your child's personal information will be handled by ACARA, and its authorised contractors.

ACARA handles all personal information in accordance with the *Privacy Act 1988* (Cth).

If you do not want your child to participate in the NAP-SL Main Study, you should notify your child's school.

For further information, please refer to <https://www.nap.edu.au/nap-sample-assessments/for-parents-carers>

### **What is the Science Literacy Main Study?**

ACARA develops the NAP-SL test instruments, being a collection of test question or test items, which is conducted in a stratified random sample of schools across Australia for selected students in Years 6 and 10. The NAP-SL Main Study test will be conducted online.

The online Main Study will test your child's level of science knowledge, understanding and skills. Your child is not expected to study for this assessment and no preparation is necessary. There are separate tests for Year 6 and Year 10 students.

### **Collection**

ACARA is authorised to collect personal information under s 40(1) of the *Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority Act 2008* (Cth) for specific purposes including producing national reports and assisting government to formulate education policies.

ACARA will collect personal information about your child, from a State or Territory education department, school authority or school, in order to select students for the Main Study. The following categories of information will be collected for each student in the school cohort (Year 6 or Year 10) for each sampled school will be collected:

- student name,
- student identifier,
- student attendance,
- information on exemptions and withdrawals (where relevant); and
- year level.

ACARA also holds information about each sampled school including, and not limited to:

- school name,
- school address,
- school suburb,
- state/territory; and
- school sector.

These data fields are publicly available, from the Australian Schools List website managed by ACARA (<https://asl.acara.edu.au/>) and from the websites of each school.

Only twenty students (20) are selected from the school cohort (either Year 6 or Year 10) in each sampled school. If your child is selected for the Main Study, ACARA will also collect student background data (see below). ACARA collects student background data centrally through some State or Territory departments of education or state statutory authorities. For those jurisdictions that do not hold data centrally for all schools, ACARA also collects student background data from Catholic school authorities and directly from

individual schools where no central provision of student background data is available. In this case, schools provide this data directly to ACARA.

For each selected student, ACARA will collect the following categories of student background data:

- date of birth,
- gender,
- whether your child identifies as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander,
- parent school education (for each parent/guardian),
- parent non-school education (for each parent/guardian),
- parent occupation group (for each parent/guardian),
- student home language and parent home language (for each parent/guardian).

If your child is selected for the Main Study, ACARA will also collect other information about your child after your child completes the online Main Study test, including performance information derived from student responses to multiple choice and free text questions.

Your child's performance may not be included in the Main Study test report if all or some of the personal information is not collected.

If you do not want your child to participate as one of the selected students, please liaise with the selected school.

#### **Disclosure**

ACARA will only disclose student personal information where consistent with our legal obligations, which includes obligations in any agreement that regulates the ways in which personal information can be used and disclosed by ACARA or its contractors.

In circumstances where ACARA has serious and reasonable concerns for the health, safety or well-being of a child based on their responses to the free text questions, ACARA may provide a copy of a child's responses to the relevant school in the interests of ensuring a child's welfare.

ACARA will not disclose personal information to any third parties overseas.

#### **Access and correction**

After ACARA publishes the relevant National report on its website (under NAP Sample assessment report), ACARA instructs its contractors to delete all student-level data from its systems. ACARA does not hold copies of this data.

ACARA is **not** able to match information it collects or holds, either directly or through its contractors, with individual students.

If you wish to access or correct your child's personal information, contact your child's school in the first instance.

#### **Complaints and enquiries**

If you wish to make a privacy complaint or enquiry, or would like further information about ACARA's privacy practices, see ACARA's [Privacy Policy \(acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy\)](https://www.acara.edu.au/contact-us/privacy).