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National Numeracy and Literacy Tests from 2008

The current chair of the Ministerial Council for Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA), Northern Territory Education Minister Paul Henderson, has today advised the introduction of national numeracy and literacy tests from 2008.

About 1 million students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across Australia will sit the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy tests on 13, 14 and 15 May 2008.

Mr Henderson said the move to replace the annual state-based literacy and numeracy tests with nationally consistent tests was agreed to by all Education Ministers at the MCEETYA meeting in April 2007.

The Curriculum Corporation has been assigned the task of developing and managing the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy tests for 2008.

For further information on the national tests visit www.curriculum.edu.au/nap2008.

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