Territory schools gear up for NAPLAN

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Territory students are now less than a week away from sitting the nation’s educational assessment program.

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said "Territory students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will take part in the National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) next week, with the test period from 10-12 May.

"NAPLAN is an annual assessment for students’ right across Australia. These assessments evaluate student’s capabilities in the critical literacy and numeracy skills which provide the foundation for their learning.

"The program provides a snapshot of student achievements in comparison to all students of the same year level across the country.

“Schools and teachers benefit from the assessment program as it enables them to identify areas within their teaching and learning programs that may require more focus or a change in pedagogy for the delivery of that particular part of the curriculum.

“The NAPLAN test results provide valuable data to support good teaching and learning, and drive school improvement. NAPLAN is about identifying a child's strengths and areas for development as early as possible.

“Last year’s results showed improvement, with Northern Territory students achieving higher than the national gains for three of the five domains (reading, grammar and punctuation) over the four years since 2011. The Country Liberals Government is continuing to close the gap and acknowledges that there is room for improvement in the Northern Territory.

“Parents can support their child by treating NAPLAN test days just like any other school day.

“‘I'd like to wish everybody involved in NAPLAN the very best,” Mr Chandler said.

Results of the National Assessment Program are reported a number of different ways; these include public reports, individual student reports, and reporting on the My School website.

For more information on NAPLAN including the 2016 schedule, visit http://www.nap.edu.au or www.education.nt.gov.au

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