

Dear Parent/Carer

Our school currently uses On Demand testing to provide our teachers with insights into your child's literacy and numeracy development. Following a request from the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA), which is responsible for the development of On Demand, I am informing you of our school's participation in a project to review the On Demand tests. This review will involve the equating of students' On Demand test outcomes with the school's NAPLAN data. Towards this end, the school will grant the VCAA permission to collect our On Demand data.

The data collected will contain test results and associated student details from On Demand assessments at our school for 2017. Our data, along with data from other schools will be used in a one-time linking process between On Demand and NAPLAN results held by the VCAA to form a single dataset. This dataset will then be anonymised and used to review the performance of the On Demand Tests. All identified data collected will be destroyed at the completion of the process and there will be no release of any school or individual results or personal details as part of this work.

This work will benefit our school by further enhancing the reliability and accuracy of the On Demand tests.

For more information about the On Demand Testing Calibration Project, please see the attached FAQs.

Yours sincerely,

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ON DEMAND TESTING REVIEW PROJECT FAQs FOR PARENTS

Our school and the '2017 On Demand Testing Review Project'

Our school currently uses On Demand testing to provide our teachers with insights into your child's literacy and numeracy development. The school supports the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority's (VCAA) project to review the performance of the On Demand tests. This review will equate students' On Demand test outcomes with the school's NAPLAN data. Towards this end, the school will grant the VCAA permission to collect the school's On Demand data.

What data will be collected by the VCAA for the 2017 On Demand Review Project?

The process involves the collection of data about:

- On Demand test usage and delivery,
- Students' responses to On Demand test questions, and
- Students' identification details.

How will the data be used?

The VCAA will analyse students' On Demand tests and test usage. The results of this analysis will be equated with NAPLAN data held by the VCAA to review the On Demand Test Scales. This comparative data will be used to further enhance the reliability and accuracy of the On Demand tests.

How will the VCAA store On Demand data and who will have access to the data?

The On Demand data and student details will be handled in accordance with the VCAA [Privacy Policy](#) and student details will be stored on a password protected internal system within the VCAA. The data will be available to On Demand team members and the VCAA psychometrician for analysis.

The VCAA will destroy personal information once the On Demand test review is completed. On Demand test usage and question response data will be retained for future reference.

Will On Demand data be used for any other purpose than reviewing the On Demand tests and test usage?

No. The primary focus of the 2017 data collection is to review the On Demand Test Scales which generate students' results.

Will school and student results be passed to other organisations?

No. Students and school performance for On Demand tests will not be analysed nor will students or school performance information be disclosed to other parties.

My child is already exempted from sitting NAPLAN tests, how can I have my child exempted from the On Demand Review Project?

Your child will be automatically exempted from the review of the On Demand tests and test usage if your child is exempted from sitting NAPLAN tests.

How do I get more information about On Demand testing?

It is recommended that you contact the school to discuss with your child's teachers how they are using On Demand testing as part of the school's program of student learning, assessment and reporting.