29th April 2010

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s)

**RE: NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy Tests**

**FOR YEARS 7 AND 9**

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for Years 7 and 9 students will be held on:

- Tuesday 11th May
- Wednesday 12th May
- Thursday 13th May

The NAPLAN tests are conducted by the Victorian Curriculum Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Ministerial Council on Education, Employment, Training and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA).

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student achievement. The tests will be done in homeroom groups in the student’s homeroom.

Students who attend ‘The Beacon’ will complete the assessment under the supervision of Beacon staff.

Later in the year, you will receive your child’s personal report. The report will describe your child’s particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards. These describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive, as a result of your child’s participation in the NAPLAN tests, will be valuable in helping you assess your child’s progress in Literacy and Numeracy.

For more information about tests, please visit the VCAA website [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAPLAN website at [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au). Should you have any queries, please contact Mr Alex Borlenghi (Curriculum Coordinator) at the College 9582 5999.

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