

NAPLAN 2027: the dates, what each year sits, and the term-by-term plan

The window: Wednesday 10 March to Monday 22 March 2027, every state

State	Window	Writing test	Where it sits in Term 1
NSW, Victoria, WA	10 to 22 March 2027	Wednesday 10 March	About week 6
Queensland, SA	10 to 22 March 2027	Wednesday 10 March	About week 7 (the year starts earlier)
Tasmania, ACT, NT	10 to 22 March 2027	Wednesday 10 March	Term 1

The school timetables reading, conventions and numeracy inside the window, in that order, and tells parents in February. A child who is away sits a catch-up inside the window. Individual reports come home through the school in July or August.

What each year level sits

Year	Tests	Format	Numeracy time
3	Writing, reading, conventions of language, numeracy	Writing on paper; the rest online, adaptive	45 min, no calculator
5	The same four	All online, adaptive	50 min, no calculator
7	The same four	All online, adaptive	65 min: calculator, then non-calculator
9	The same four	All online, adaptive	65 min: calculator, then non-calculator

The term-by-term plan: tick each step

When	What	Done
Term 4, 2026	A practice test at the year level, untimed then timed; wrong answers grouped by topic; two classes a week on those topics in the school's order	[]
Summer holidays	Ten minutes a day: number facts (tables to 12 from Year 5; addition and subtraction facts in Year 3); a chapter book; nothing else	[]
Term 1, weeks 1 to 3	The rest of the year's strand, taught a term ahead, in the school's order, so nothing on the test is new	[]
Term 1, weeks 4 to 5	The online formats (drag and drop, typed answers, the calculator split for Years 7 and 9); one full timed test a week; two timed writing prompts marked to the criteria	[]
Test week, 10 to 22 March	Nothing new: sleep, breakfast, device charged; read every question twice	[]
July to August	Read the report properly: the level for each area is the plan for the next term	[]

The weekly tracker, Term 4 to test week

One row a week from the start of Term 4 (October 2026) to the window. Topic: what was taught. Test: the practice test score and the topics wrong. Writing: the prompt and the criterion that cost most.

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Test-week checklist

- ☐ The school's timetable for the four tests written here: W ____ R ____ C ____ N ____
- ☐ Device charged (if the school uses the child's own); headphones for the reading test if asked
- ☐ The one instruction: read every question twice, the second time for what it asks
- ☐ No new topics in test week

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