



Bring your own device for NAPLAN Online parent information sheet

Schools with Bring Your Own Device (also known as BYOx) programs may prefer students to use their personal devices for online tests, as students would be more familiar with their own. Students can also use their own headphones or ear buds.

To access NAPLAN Online, all devices will need to install a [locked down browser](#), available at no cost. With the locked down browser running, programs and functions on devices are temporarily restricted, only allowing access to NAPLAN's Online tests. Students will not be able to access other applications or websites, which ensures the integrity of the tests.

When the locked down browser is closed, full access is restored and the device returns to normal functionality.

The browser can be uninstalled after students complete NAPLAN Online testing.

Follow these steps two weeks before the test to install or update the locked down browser on your child's device.

1. **Make sure you are aware of your school's BYOx charter or agreement.**
Contact your school if you have any questions.
2. **Confirm your child's BYOx device meets the requirements for NAPLAN Online.**
The BYOx device must meet the [national minimum technical requirements](#). Your school can provide advice if you are unsure.
3. **Install the locked down browser.**
Please [download the appropriate software](#). If the locked down browser is already installed on your child's device, check for updates two weeks before the assessment to ensure they have the latest version.

What personal information will be collected when using a BYOx device?

During the 2020 nationwide coordinated practice test and the NAPLAN Online assessment period, information may be collected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), including school and student identification codes, and device configurations. This will be stored securely according to agreed state and national privacy standards. Please refer to the [privacy information](#) located on the ACARA website for further details relating to the collection of student information. Information collected during any testing of the assessment platform will be similarly protected.

A device check may also be undertaken to confirm, for example, that headphones are working. No student information is collected during the device check and the information collected is not linked to student details.

What do I need to be aware of if my child is using a BYOx device?

A BYOx device may only be used for NAPLAN assessments if the student and parent/guardian acknowledge that:

- the school's BYOx charter or agreement will be complied with at all times
- the latest version of the locked down browser will be installed on the BYOx device two weeks before the assessment period
- the locked down browser is installed and uninstalled correctly
- they are responsible for the security, integrity, insurance and maintenance of their BYOx device
- the department takes no responsibility for the correct functioning or removal of the locked down browser, or for any cost incurred or loss suffered as a result of the BYOx device being used to undertake a NAPLAN test
- screen time limits on the BYOx device will be adjusted to ensure the device is usable for all NAPLAN tests

If you have any further questions please contact your child's school.