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The annual NAPLAN assessment begins tomorrow, with over a million students set to take the test across Australia.

The data as it is the first test to take place in two years NAPLAN was not conducted in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

This year, 70 per cent of schools will participate in NAPLAN Online, in preparation for a full transition to NAPLAN Online in 2022.

ACARA CEO, David de Carvalho, welcomed the return of NAPLAN, assessment all Australian children undertake, NAPLAN provides rich data that helps inform decisions about improving the learning of all young Australians.

determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

Mr de Carvalho said no extra preparation is required for NAPLAN and reassured students that there is no need to feel anxious about the assessment.

It is up to the adults to reassure the children that NAPLAN should be treated as just another routine event on the school calendar and

students may face at school not only academic tests but sporting events, musical performances and other extra-curricular activi

With NAPLAN cancelled in 2020 due to COVID-19, the data from this NAPLAN assessment is going to be particularly important in helping to show the impact COVID has had in terms of learning gain (or





ACARA is committed to an inclusive testing process that allows all students to participate in the national assessment program. We have implemented a range of adjustments to support students with diverse learning needs and functional abilities.

These adjustments enable an equivalent learner experience for students during testing and include magnification, alternative questions, keyboard accessibility, extra time, rest breaks and tailored testing.

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