



## ONLINE TESTING

**Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have been completing their NAPLAN examinations this week.**

These exams have run very smoothly at Thomas Hassall, aided by the practice tests that were completed a number of weeks ago, along with the excellent technology infrastructure in place at the College that enables us to reliably participate in these online examinations. With the NAPLAN exams being conducted entirely online, there has been discussion for some time now about the move to online examinations for other high-stakes tests such as the Higher School Certificate. While the HSC is yet to move to an online format, ensuring that our students are prepared for such testing is important.

The recent introduction of the new Digital Technologies curriculum as part of the K-6 Science and Technology syllabus and Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) Technology Mandatory syllabus has incorporated many key digital literacy skills. These are important skills for students to develop. Not only will these digital literacy skills be helpful for students when completing online tests, but also essential skills for all aspects of life in a digital society.

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