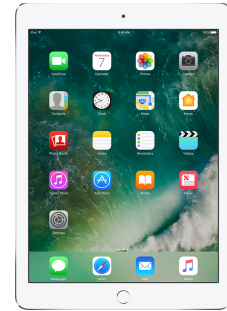# iPad and Student Assessment

As iPad transforms the classroom and expands the possibilities for teaching and learning, educators have also come to rely on iPad for student assessment. For online assessments, iPad can disable certain hardware and software features to meet the requirements for a secure test environment, and prevent a test taker from circumventing the assessment and invalidating test results. iPad is approved for online summative assessments including NAPLAN Online, making it the ideal choice for daily learning and student assessment.

NAPLAN Online with iPad

Setup and management for testing on iPad is streamlined and simple. The many advantages include the following:

- **Compliant.** iPad is approved for all major assessment vendors and summative exam types, including NAPLAN Online.
- **Secure.** iPad can be locked to a single assessment app like the NAP app, restricting functions like Dictionary, Autocorrect, Messages, screen capture, and others that could disrupt the testing experience.
- **Reliable.** With a powerful desktop-class processor, high-resolution Retina display, all-day battery life, and many wired or wireless keyboards to choose from, iPad delivers a stable and reliable testing experience.
- **Flexible.** iPad easily adapts between yearly nationwide online assessment and everyday use for learning and formative assessment.
- **Intuitive.** iPad provides students with a comfortable and familiar experience during NAPLAN Online.
- **Easy to deploy.** With the new Automatic Assessment Configuration (AAC), there is no separate testing setup that needs to be managed once the NAP app is installed.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does iPad support NAPLAN online?

A: Over the last few years, Apple has been working closely with state and national agencies, including Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to ensure a seamless experience with NAPLAN Online on iPad.

Q: Are external keyboards required for NAPLAN Online?

A: NAPLAN Online permits the use of a touchscreen keyboard. If physical keyboards are desired for any portion of an assessment, the preferred options are certified "Made for iOS" wired keyboards, as well as Apple's Smart Keyboard.

Q: How is iPad set up for NAPLAN Online?

A: With Automatic Assessment Configuration (AAC) in iOS 9.3.2 and later, iPad is set up in just one step: installing the NAP app on iPad. No further setup or management is required. The NAP app will automatically lock and configure iPad for testing each time the app is launched.

Q: Which features are restricted by AAC?

A: When a student launches and logs in to the NAP app, iPad will automatically be locked in that single app, preventing the student from accessing other apps during the test. Hardware buttons and the following features will be disabled:

- Auto correct and spell checker
- Predictive keyboard
- Dictionary definition lookup
- Keyboard shortcuts
- Sharing
- Universal Clipboard
- Dictation

Q: What happens when the test finishes?

A: After a student completes the assessment and logs out from the NAP app, iPad will automatically return to its general use settings.

For more details on all methods for managing assessments, see the NAPLAN Online with iPad Guide.