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Tutors – Parents working together

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Early next week students throughout the nation will undertake basic national numeracy and literacy tests in the following areas:

- Tue 14th May (Language Conventions and Writing)
- Wed 15th May (Reading Conventions)
- Thurs 16th May (Numeracy)

Private tutors and coaching colleges have been supporting children and their families to prepare for the NAPLAN tests and raise national standards in literacy and numeracy. Parents and their children are finding that partnering with tutors helps manage the stress levels associated with testing and that confidence levels improve.

ATA CEO, Mr Mohan Dhall said, “Exposure and some practice helps students to gain confidence. They can learn and practice the skills and thinking required to do their best. This will reflect well on them and the schools also benefit”

There are many benefits for students and families for using tutors to assist with NAPLAN preparation:

- Reducing the stress associated with exams through helping students familiarise themselves with the range and type of questions they will face
- Helping students to increase their problem-solving skills through implementing various strategies
- Assisting students to acquire an ability to think quickly on timed tasks
- Improving confidence and transfer learning in mainstream classes through exposing students to concepts prior to coming across them in school

Benefits also flow from the reporting that NAPLAN delivers to families. Parents like the insight NAPLAN testing gives as it helps them work with tutors to best meet the needs of their child. “National tests like NAPLAN are important when determining the basic numeracy and literacy levels of students”, Dhall said. NAPLAN tests are very important for assisting parents in finding where any literacy and numeracy issues may be. In this way they can make informed decisions about the type of tutoring that suits their child.

Moreover, if NAPLAN helps identify students at risk then appropriate decisions about funding can be made to support students in need. Governments often turn to the private sector through the use of private tuition vouchers in order to help improve the literacy and numeracy of children found to be falling below national standards.

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