

PISA is coming to Mater Maria Catholic College

Mater Maria will be participating in the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) Field Trial from Tuesday 15 June to Friday 18 June.

A random sample of students aged about 15 years (with students mostly from Years 10 and 11) will be selected to represent Australia in the programme, to help understand what students know and what can they do?

Nationally, PISA is one of the international sample assessments of the National Assessment Program (NAP), which encompasses all tests endorsed by the Education Council. Under the Education Act 2013 (Cth), participation in PISA is an obligation for all selected schools.

International assessments provide a wide range of valuable information for education policy and review in Australia and overseas. The information also enables Australia to consider the performance of our education system compared with others. This is the eighth PISA assessment cycle that has been conducted since 2000 and involves more than 80 participating countries.

What will PISA mean for our school?

Up to 75 students will be randomly selected from our College to participate in PISA. They will complete a two-hour computer-based assessment consisting of mathematics, science and reading, and creative thinking questions. These students will also complete a questionnaire that includes questions about their home background and attitudes to learning.

Every participating school and student has an important role in showing the rest of the world what Australia can do.

If your child is selected

We will notify parents next week if your child has been selected to represent Australia in the programme. Those parents will be sent more information about the PISA Field Trial.