

# PISA 2018

Show the world what you can do



You and more than 14,500 students have been chosen to represent Australia in PISA

# What is PISA?

PISA is the **P**rogramme for **I**nternational **S**tudent **A**ssessment. Internationally, it is the world's largest student assessment with around half a million participating students in 80 different countries. Nationally, PISA is one of the international sample assessments of the National Assessment Program (NAP) and is run every three years.

PISA asks what young adults around the world are capable of doing, how they can apply what they have learnt in school, and what they think about school. Your answers are important for us to identify areas in which Australian students are doing well, and areas in which the Australian education system needs to improve.

PISA is:

- An initiative of the OECD: the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).
- Jointly funded by the Australian and State and Territory governments.
- Organised by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER).

## You are in our Australian National Team!

### Why you?

Across 80 countries, schools and students are selected to represent their country.

#### **Step 1 Schools are selected:**

Small schools, large schools, schools in the city and those in the country, public schools and private schools. Approximately 800 Australian schools will participate in PISA.

#### **Step 2 Students are selected:**

A group of students aged about 15 years is randomly selected from each school, and you are one of them.

### How does it work?

- The assessment is conducted on computer, on a date organised by your school between 30 July and 7 September 2018.
- You'll be asked to complete a:
  - test that will include questions about reading, but may also include questions about science, mathematics and financial literacy.
  - questionnaire that will ask you about your home background, your attitudes towards learning and experience about school.



#### **You do not need to prepare for the test.**

We want to see how you apply what you've learnt in school to real life.

#### **All you need to do is try your best.**

You'll receive a certificate and a small gift for participating in PISA.

PISA is part of the NAP which encompasses all tests endorsed by the Education Council. Under the *Australian Education Act 2013* (Cth), participation in PISA is an obligation for all schools selected.

## What happens after I've completed PISA?

Once you've finished the test and answered the questionnaire, your answers will be analysed alongside the answers of other students across Australia and the world.



## In December 2019

the results for PISA will be released.

The results are important for the future of Australia's education system. PISA compares education systems around the world to find out how well they are preparing people your age for the challenges of adult life.

The Australian report shows the results for Australia, makes comparisons between our results and other countries, and also looks at how well different groups, such as males and females and students from different socioeconomic backgrounds, in Australia perform. Previous Australian reports as well as the PISA database can be accessed at:

**[www.acer.org/ozpisa/publications-and-data](http://www.acer.org/ozpisa/publications-and-data)**

Your individual answers will not be shown when the results are presented, and there is no identification of any students or their schools in any information that is available in the public domain.

Help shape education policy and improve schools for students across the world.

Show us what you can do and what matters to you.



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  - b. Commonwealth and State and Territory educational authorities or statutory bodies which support or have an interest in PISA; and
  - c. the International Consortium that processes the Australian PISA data.

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