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1 Introduction

The purpose of this document is to provide instruction on the use of the NAP Locked down browser.

The NAP Locked down browser is used in assessments to stop students from using other applications or websites during assessment events.

Typically, the NAP Locked down browser will be installed by the School Technical Support Officer. Students with BYO devices will need assistance to set up their device for assessments.

For downloads and technical information, use the **Locked down browser** link on the [Online National Assessment Platform home page](https://www.assessform.edu.au) (<https://www.assessform.edu.au>).

This document includes instructions for:

- downloading
- installing
- running
- exiting
- updating
- uninstalling
- proxy setup.

Depending upon the setup at the school, some of these instructions may not be needed. For example:

- Proxy setup: if the devices can already connect to the internet with a browser, then these instructions are not required. If you are having trouble connecting to the internet, then you may need to set up a proxy. Get assistance from your local network administrator. Proxies are not unique to the Locked down browser but part of the network design and installation.
- Volume managed devices: instructions may only be relevant for the running, exiting and connection steps sections of this guide.
- Updating instructions would only be required before assessment events each year unless you are notified otherwise.
- The uninstall instructions are targeted for BYO devices or where other devices will no longer be used for assessments.

2 macOS

2.1 Supported Devices

The student device requirements table below details the supported operating system versions for supported macOS devices for best student experience for NAPLAN online.

Device type	Locked down browser	Supported operating system	Hardware	Not supported
 Mac	Locked down browser for Mac	macOS 14 or later	Mac capable of running supported operating system, 1GB hard drive space free Note: Rosetta 2 is required to run the locked down browser on Mac devices with M1 or M2 processors. If Rosetta 2 is not installed on the MacOS device, the user will be automatically prompted to install it the first time the LDB is run.	N/A

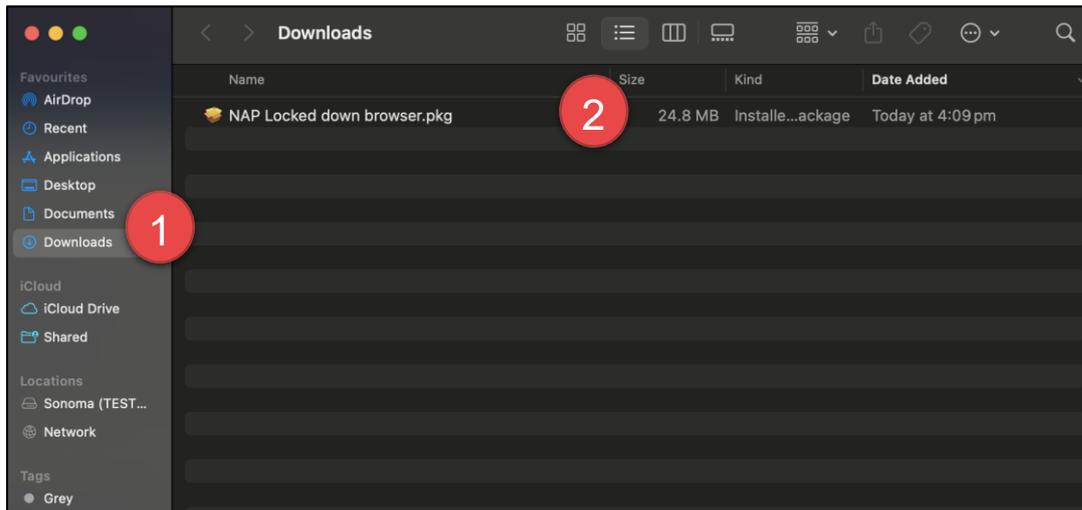
2.2 Download

1. Use the **Locked down browser** link on the [Online National Assessment Platform home page](#).
2. Select the appropriate button to download the NAP Locked down browser application (app) onto your device.

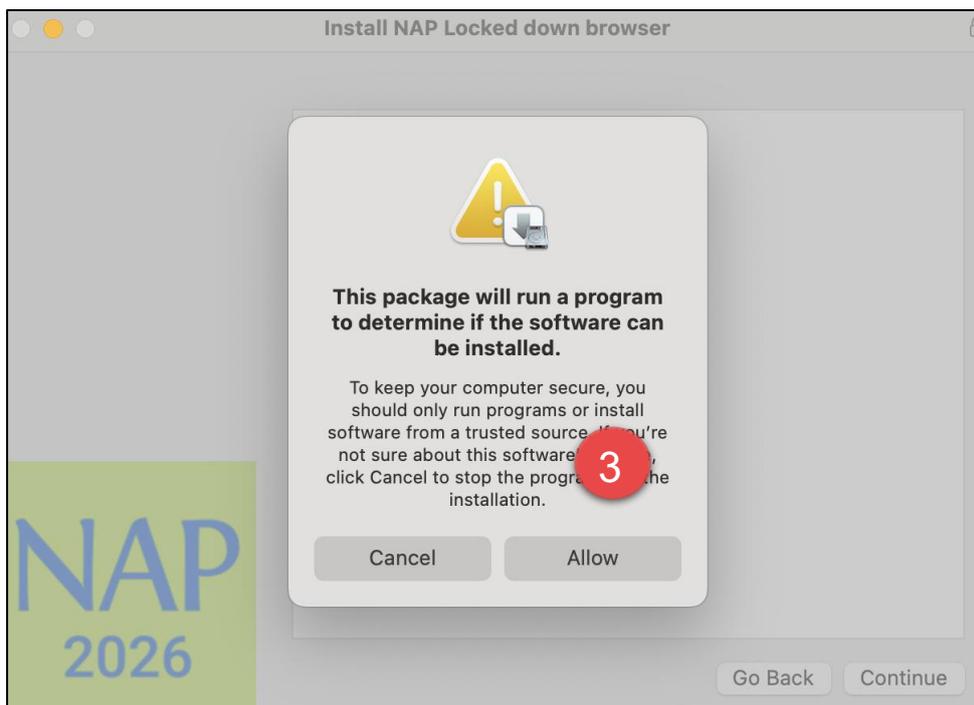
Note: All devices need to be connected to the internet so that you can download the app and install it.

2.3 Install

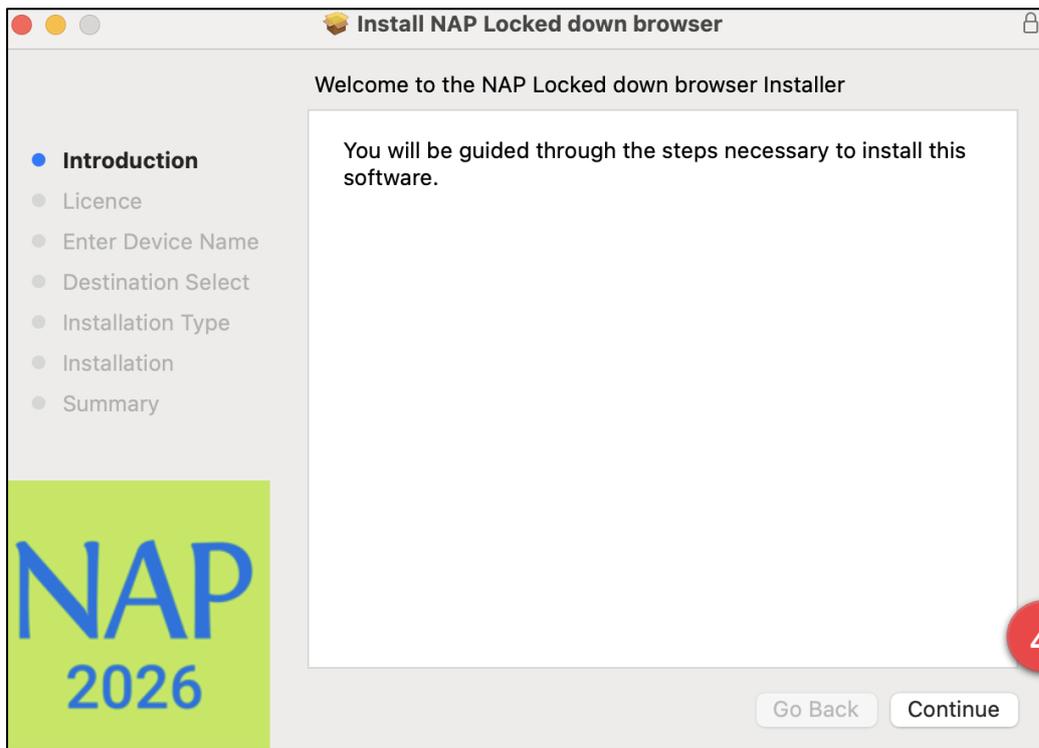
NOTE: These instructions are for a single machine. Network administrators who distribute applications can use the .pkg version to install over a network.



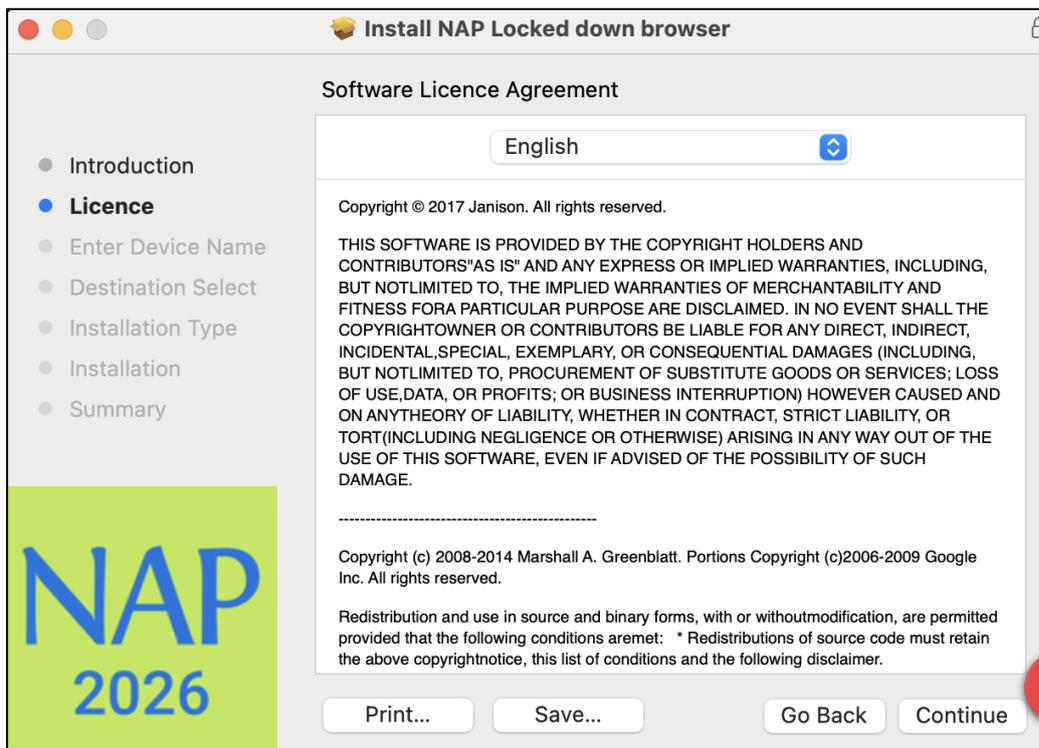
1. Using the **Finder** app, navigate to the **Downloads** folder and search for the **NAP Locked down browser.pkg** file.
2. Double-click **NAP Locked down browser.pkg** to launch the installer.



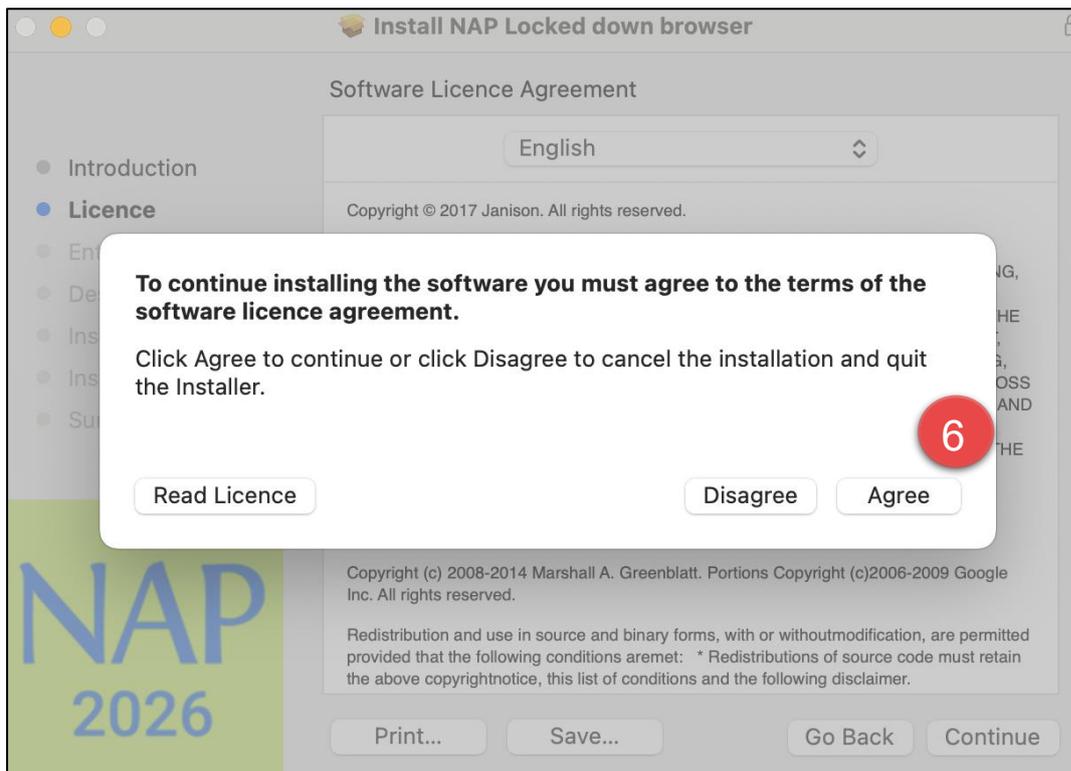
3. A prompt requesting for permission to install the software may display. Select **Allow**.
The installation wizard will launch.



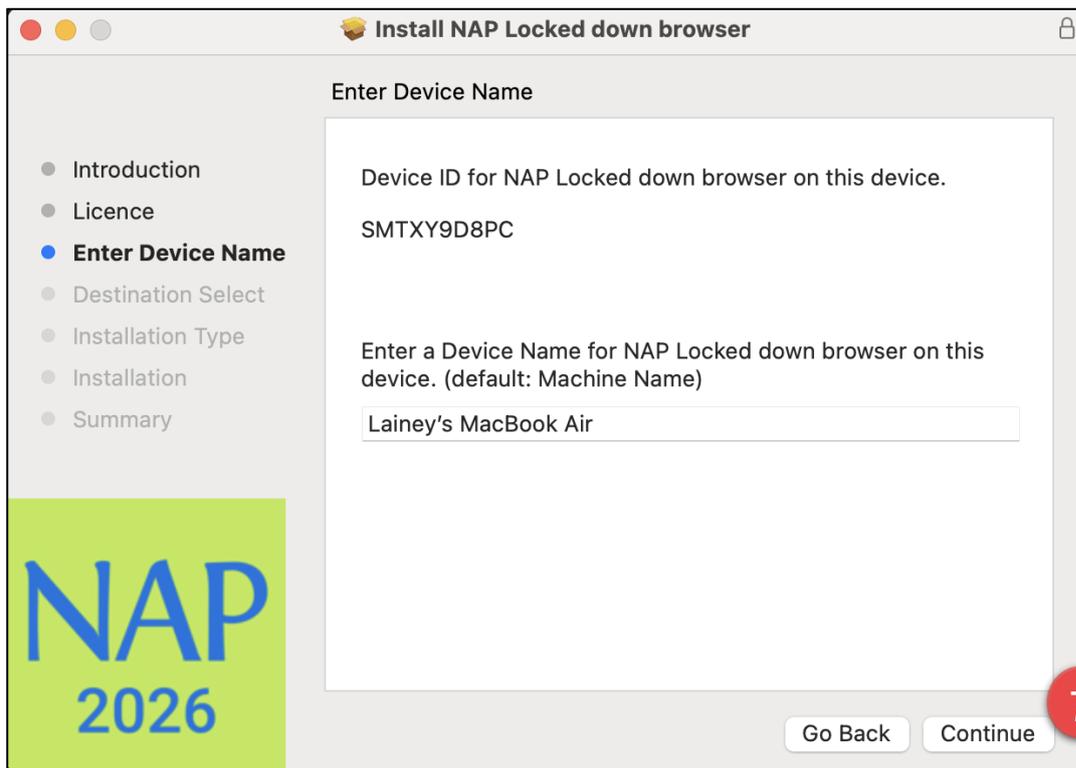
4. Select **Continue**.



5. The Software Licence Agreement will display. Select **Continue**.

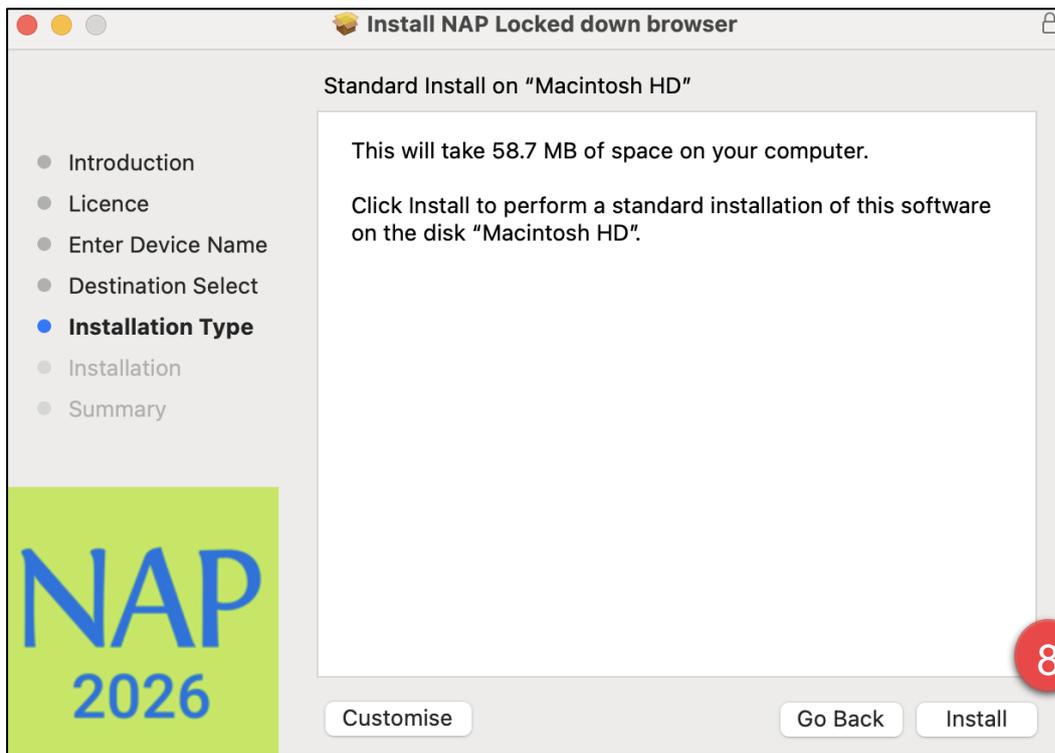


6. Select **Agree**.

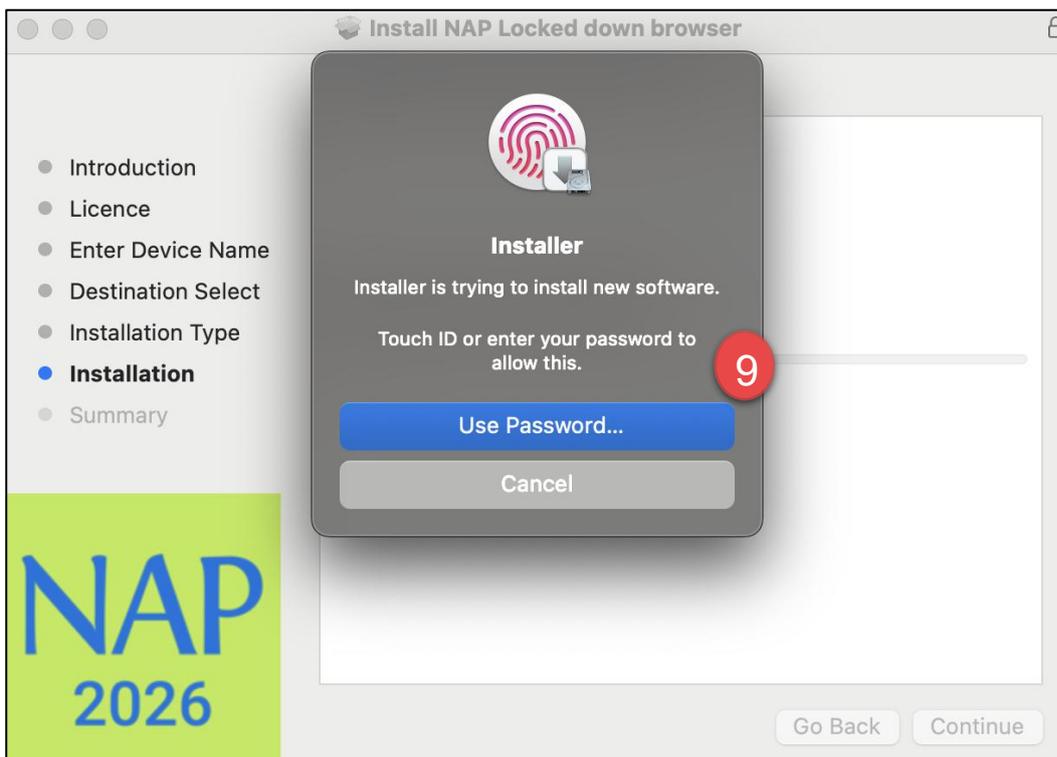


7. Enter the device name and select **Continue**.

NOTE: Your device name must not exceed 20 characters.



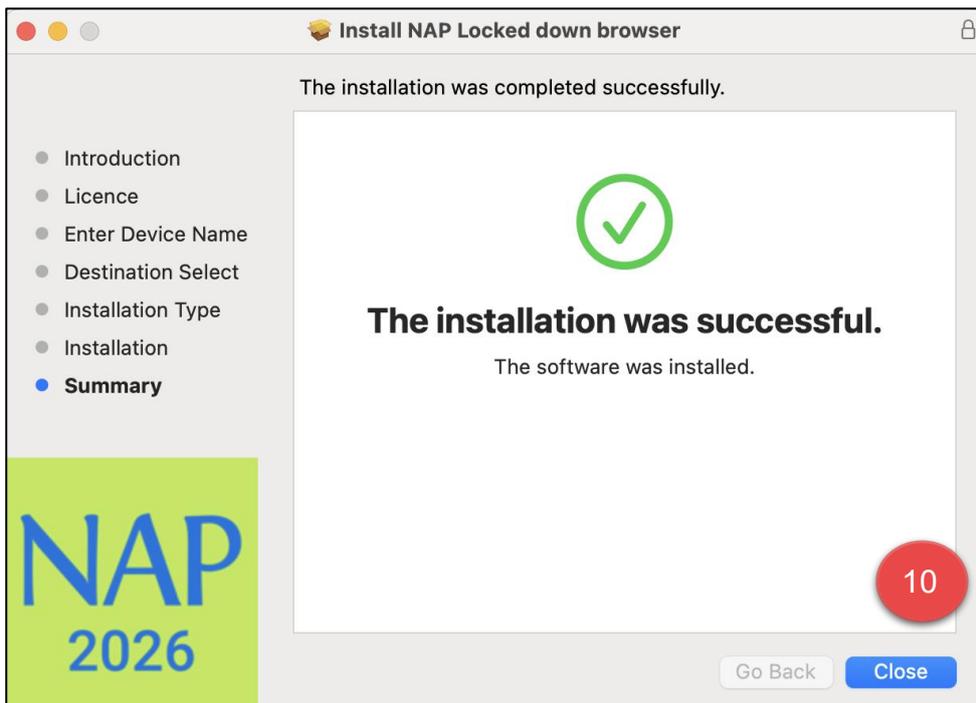
8. Select **Install**.



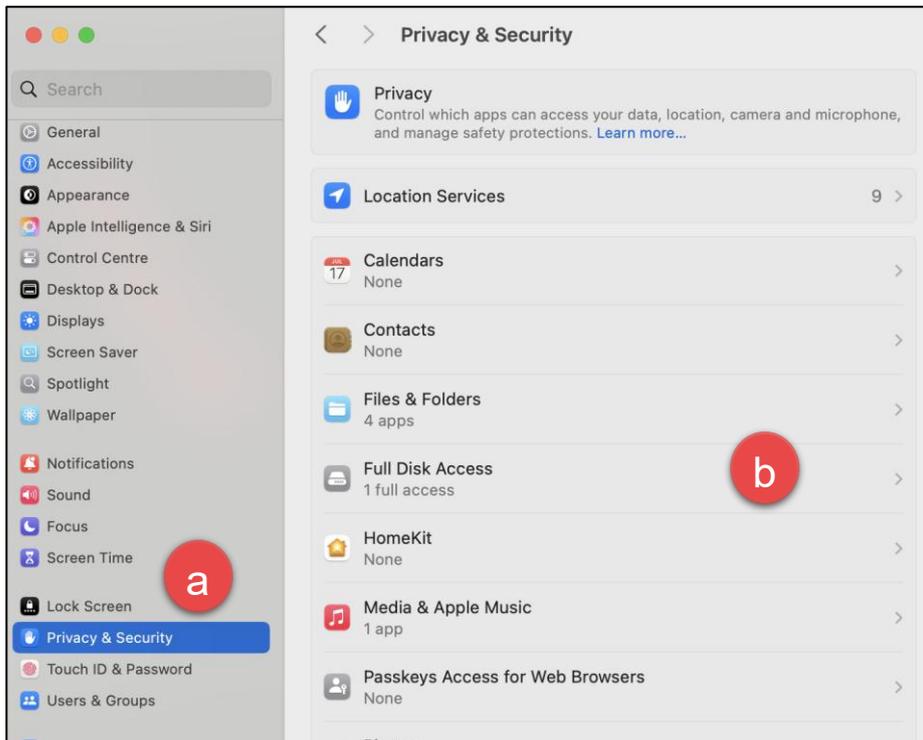
9. A prompt requesting your user Touch ID/password to install the software may display. Enter the **Password** and select **Install Software** to continue.



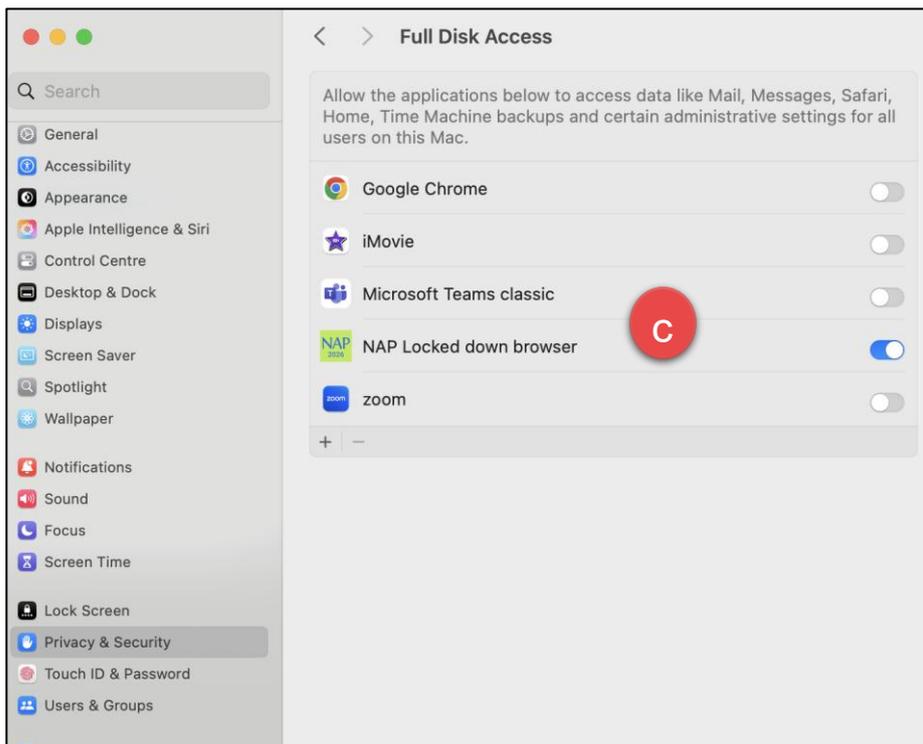
NOTE: Depending on the MacOS version, you may be presented with a prompt requesting access to the Download folder. Select **OK** to continue installation.



10. Once the installation has completed, select **Close**.
11. If this is the first time a version of the **NAP Locked down browser** app has been installed on the device, users must complete the following steps to ensure the application runs without error.



- a. Select **System Settings**, then select **Privacy and Security**.
- b. Select **Full Disk Access**.



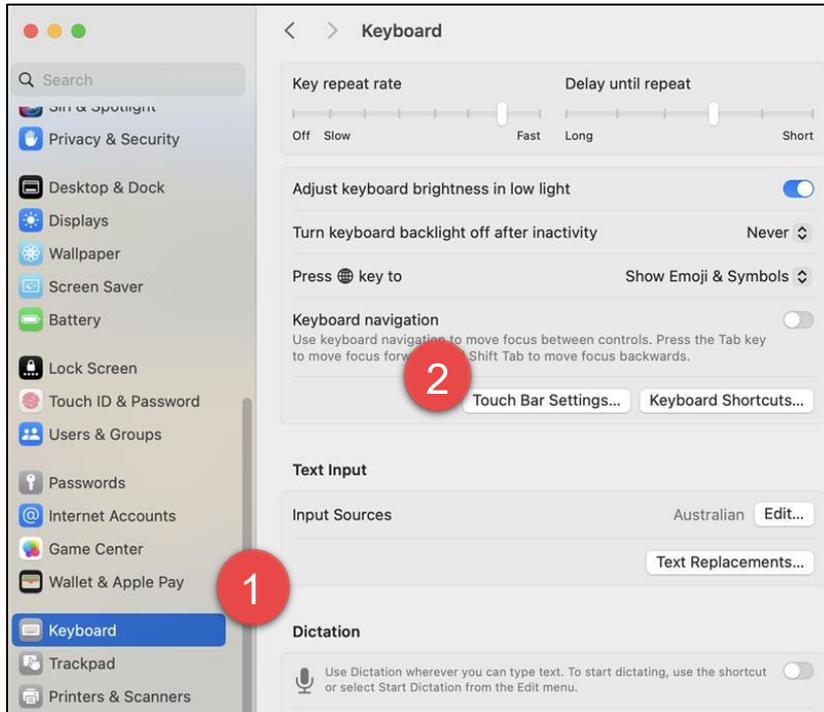
- c. Drag and drop the LDB application from the **Applications** folder into the **Full Disk Access** list.

2.4 Configure device

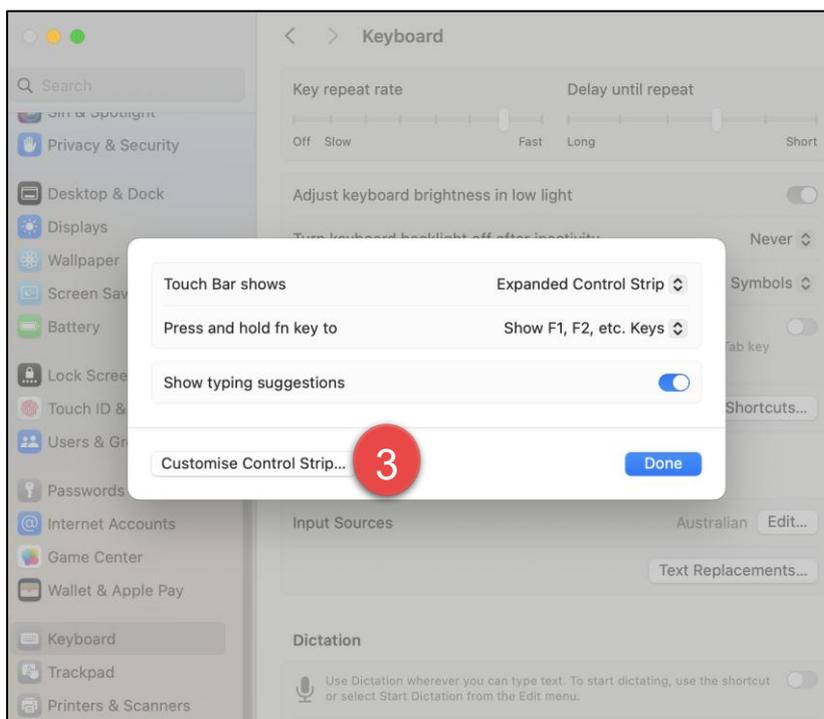
2.4.1 Disable Touch Bar and remove Siri from Touch Bar

The following steps are only applicable for Mac devices with a touch bar.

To disable the Touch Bar on a Mac:



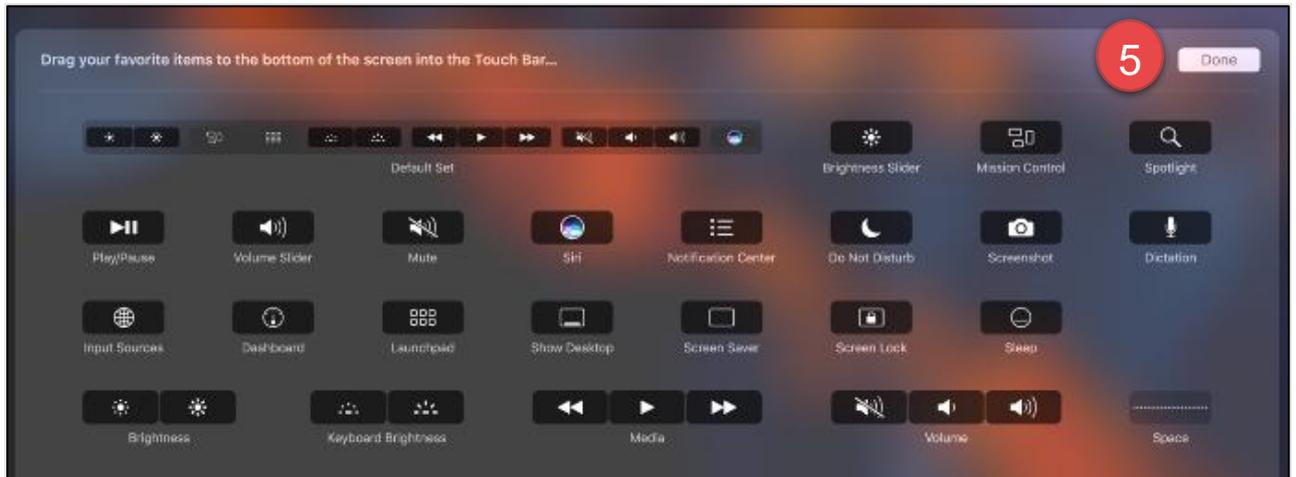
1. From the Dock, open **System Settings**, then select **Keyboard**.
2. Select “**Touch Bar Settings**”.



3. Select “**Customise Control Strip**”.

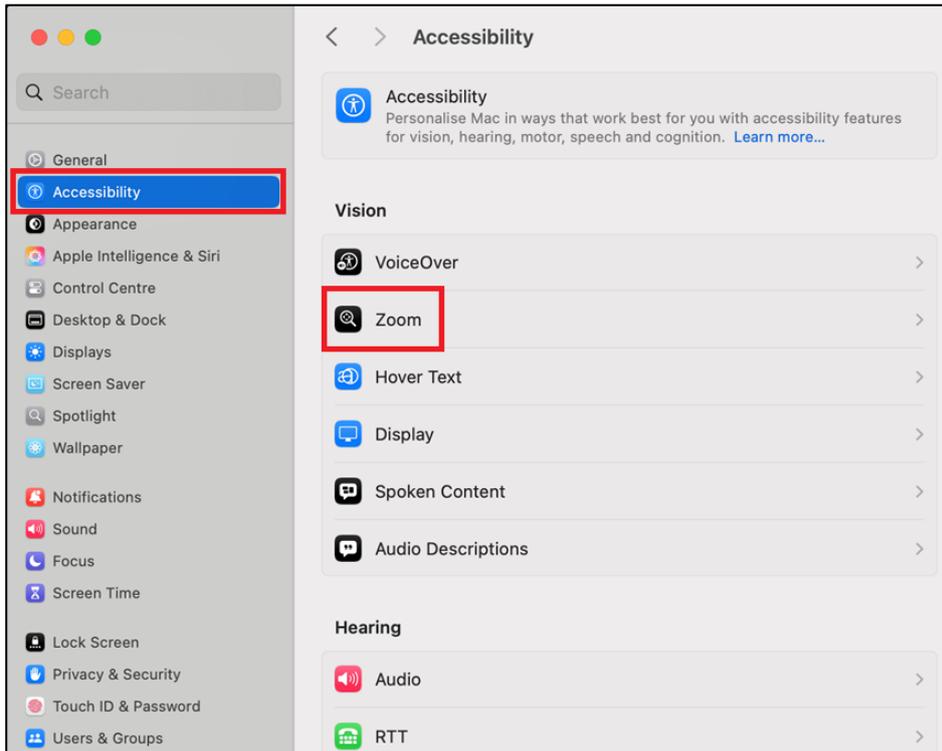


4. Drag the **Siri** icon off the Touch Bar onto the panel shown in the screen capture above.

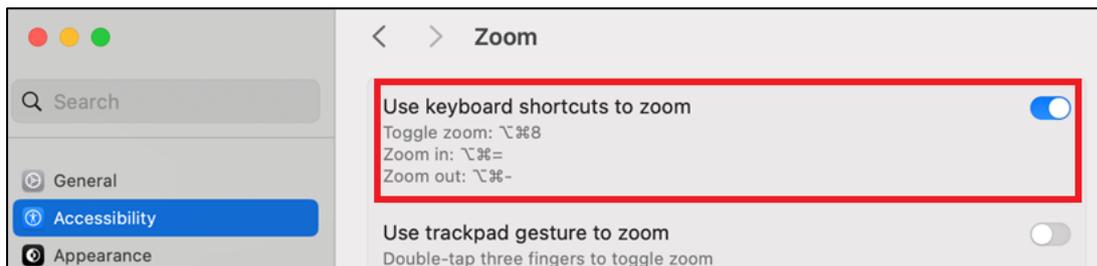


5. Select **Done**.

2.4.2 Enable or disable magnifier settings



1. From the Launchpad, open **System Settings**, then select **Accessibility**.

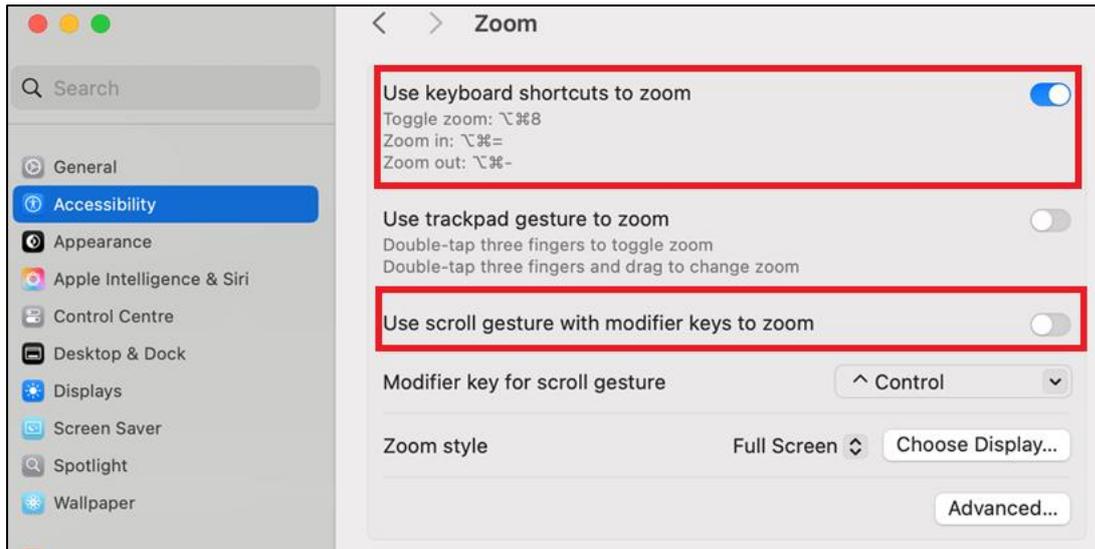


2. Select **Zoom** from the menu. Select **Use keyboard shortcuts to zoom**.

The following keyboard shortcuts will then be enabled:

- shortcut keys for Zoom
- Command + OPT + 8
- Command + OPT + =
- Command + OPT + -

To disable the keyboard shortcuts, deselect the box.



3. To use scroll gestures with modifier keys to zoom, select **Use scroll gesture with modifier keys to zoom**.

The options below can be selected per user's preference.

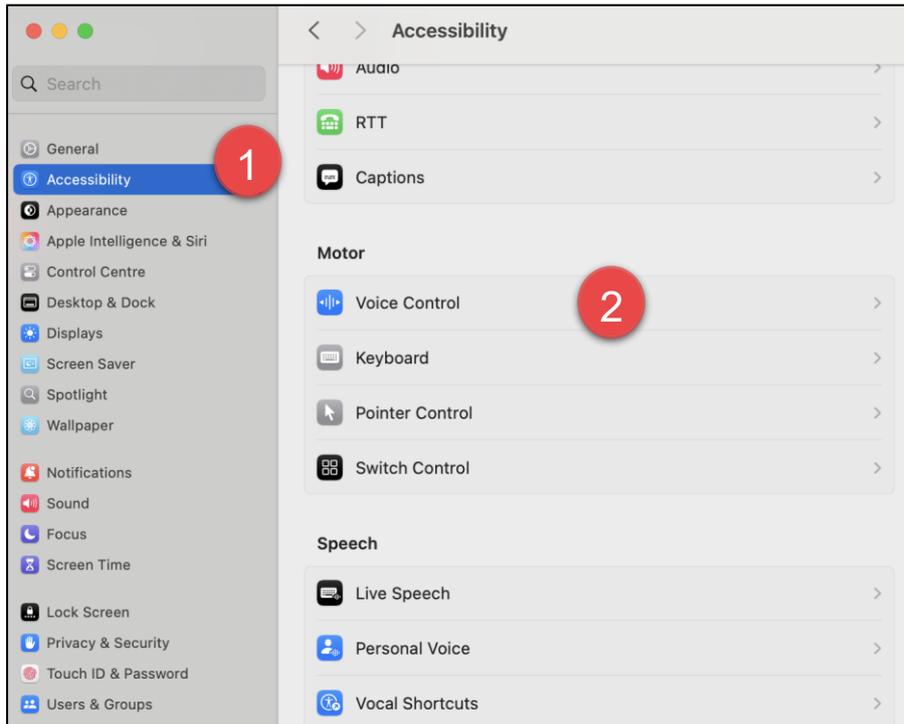
- Command
- Control
- Option

To disable the scroll gestures, deselect the box.

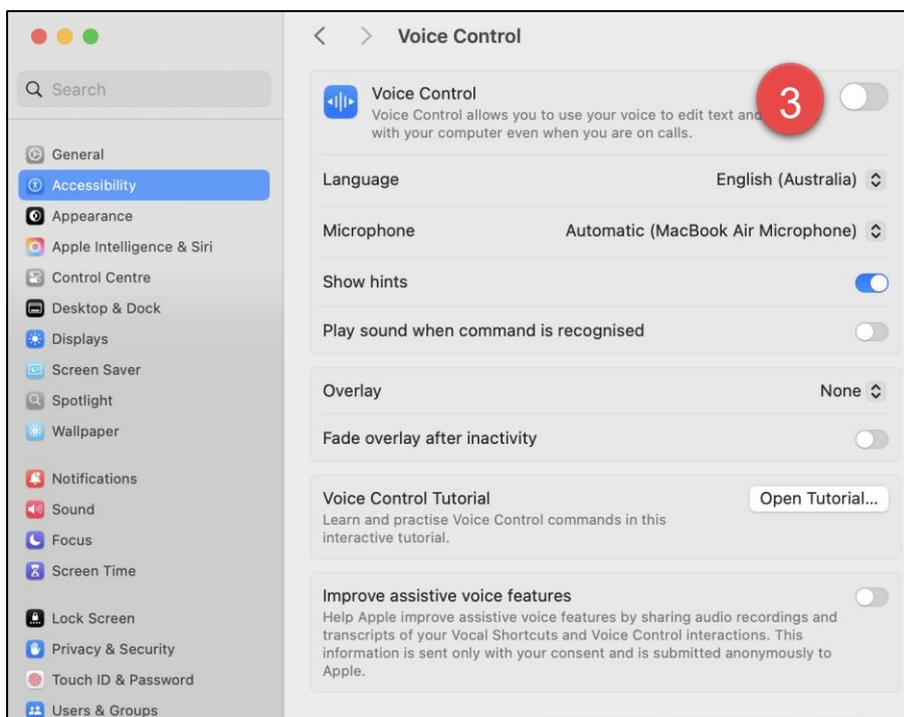
The table below summarises all available options.

Keyboard shortcut key	Accessibility setting OFF	Accessibility setting ON
CMD (+/=) and (-)	Yes	Yes
CMD + OPT + 8	No	Yes
CMD + OPT + (+/=)	No	Yes
CTRL+ Scroll	No	Yes
CMD+ Scroll	No	Yes
OPT+ Scroll	No	Yes

2.4.3 Disable Voice Control

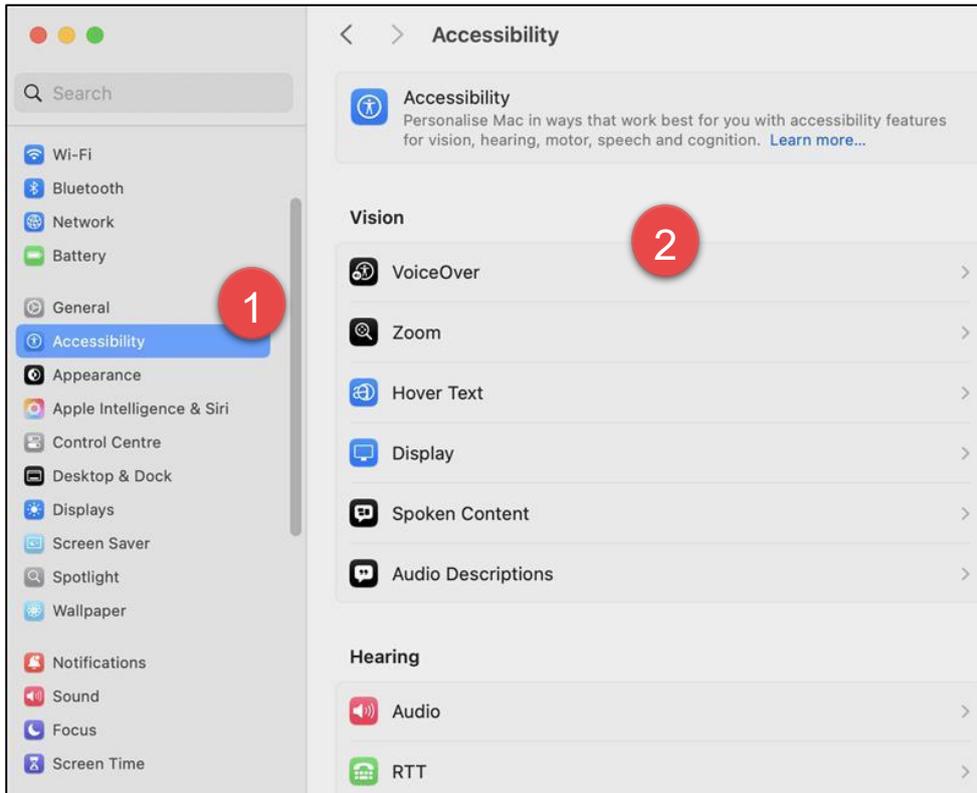


1. From the Launchpad, open **System Settings**, then select **Accessibility**.
2. Select **Voice Control** from the menu.

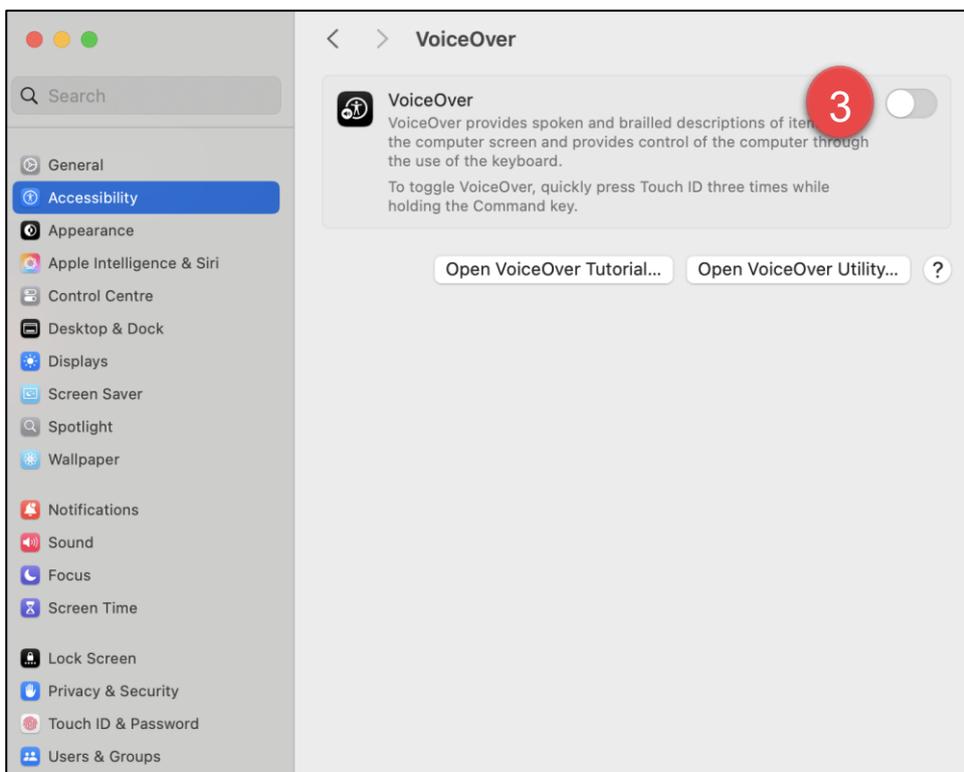


3. Ensure **Voice Control is not enabled**.

2.4.4 Disable VoiceOver

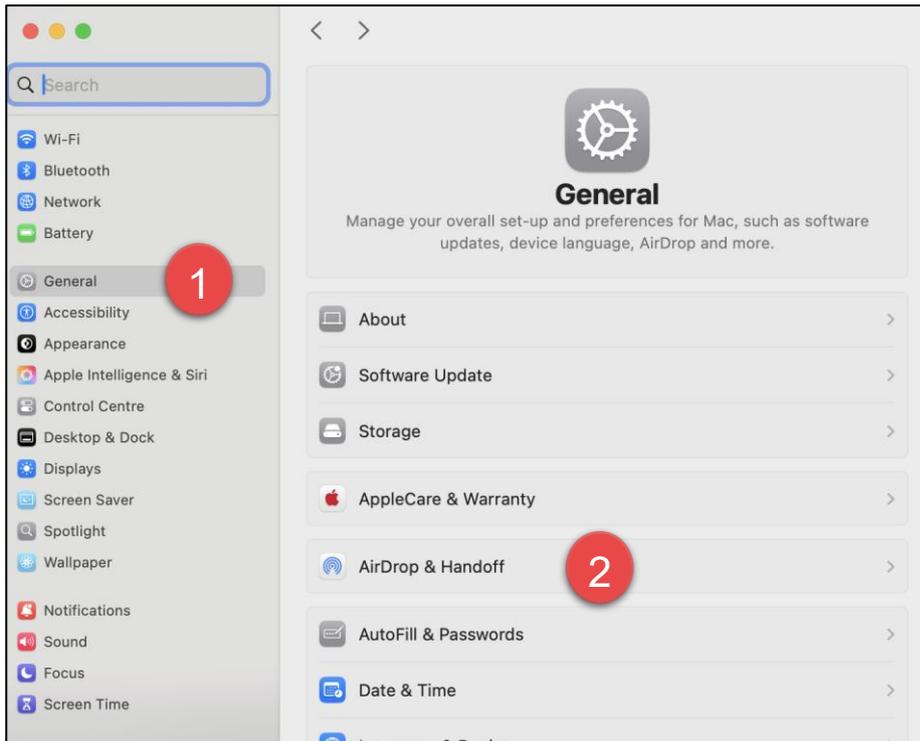


1. From the Launchpad open **System Settings**, then select **Accessibility**
2. Select **VoiceOver**

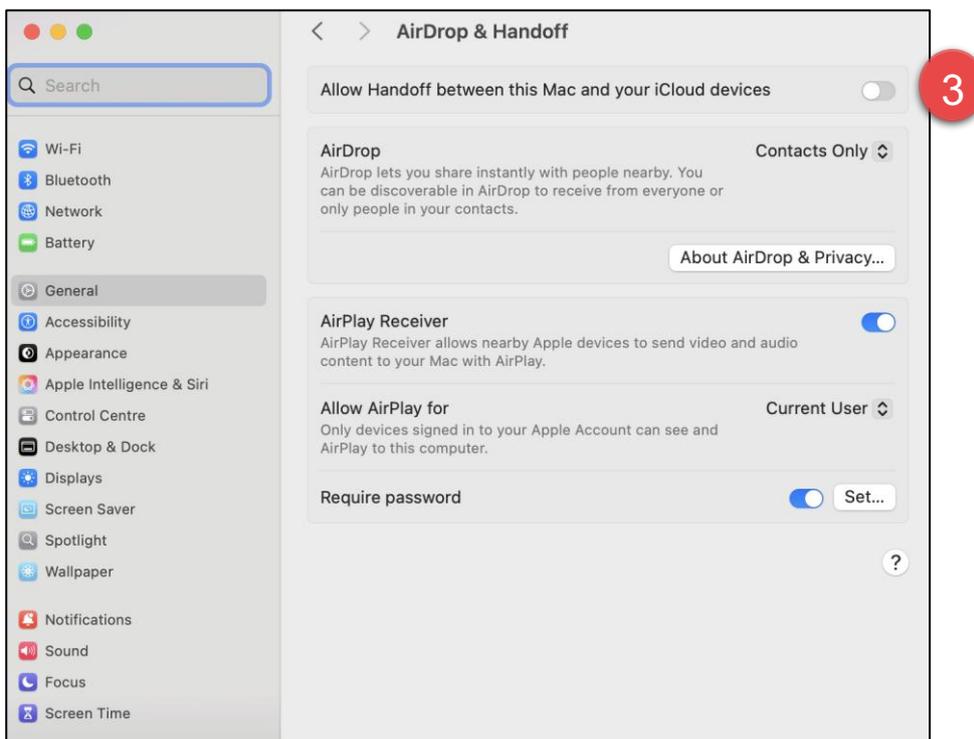


3. Uncheck **Enable VoiceOver**.

2.4.5 Disable Handoff feature

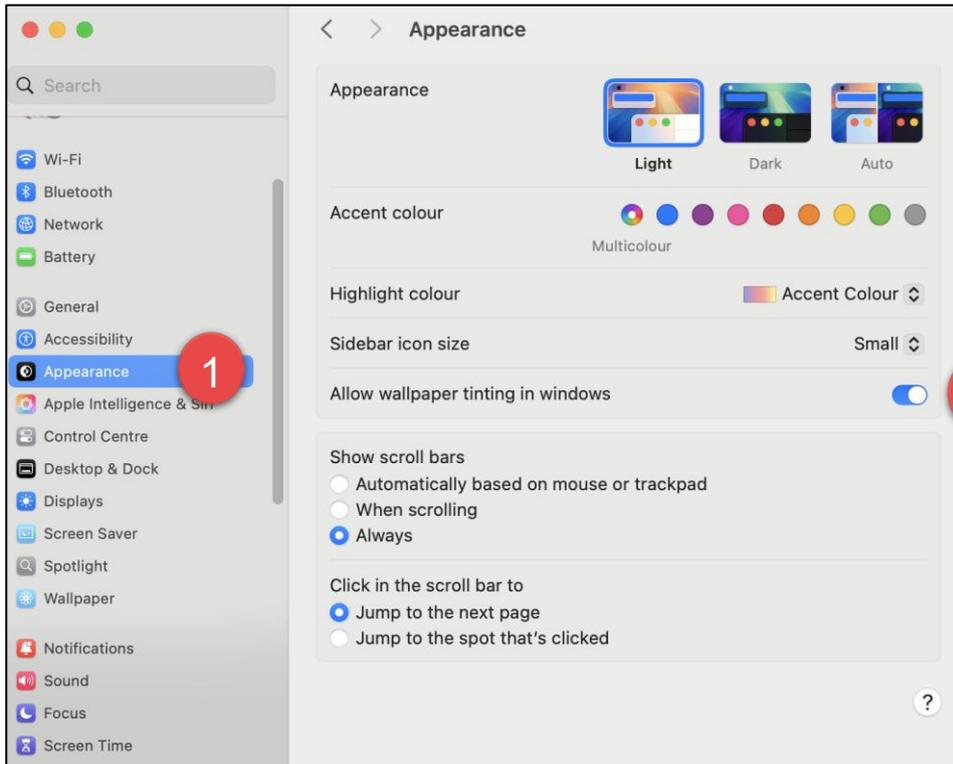


1. From the Launchpad, open **System Settings**, then select **General**.
2. Navigate to **Airdrop and Handoff**.



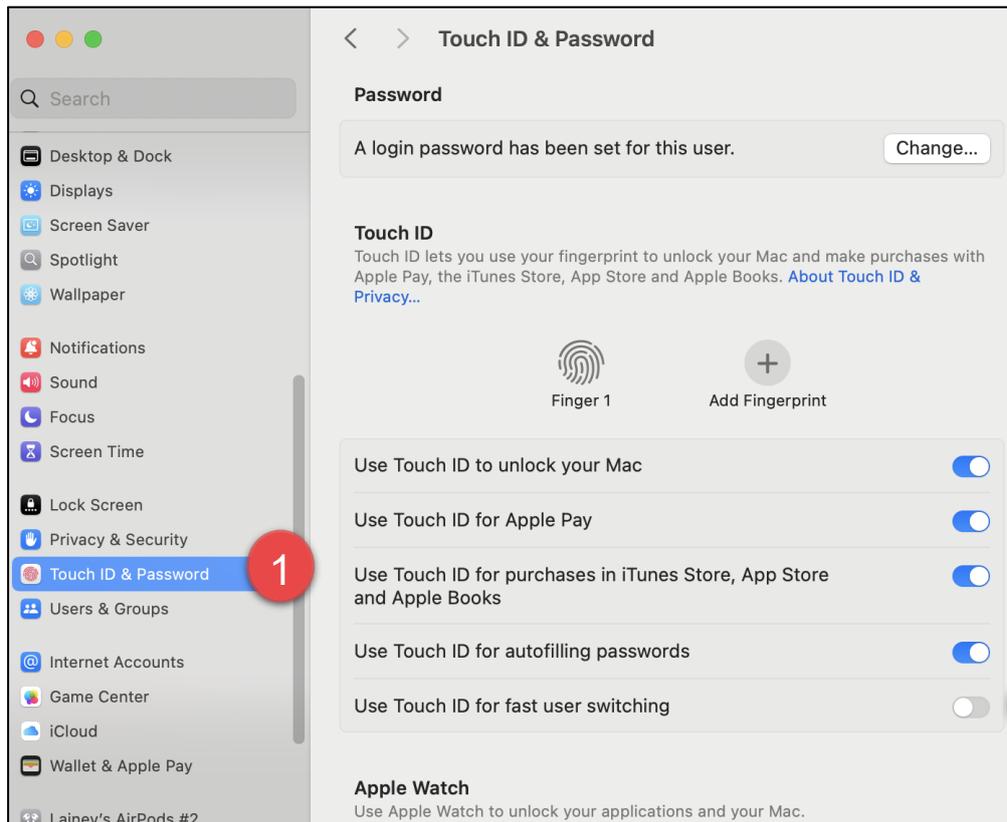
3. Uncheck **Allow Handoff between this Mac and your iCloud devices**.

2.4.6 Enable scroll bar for Progress Summary screen



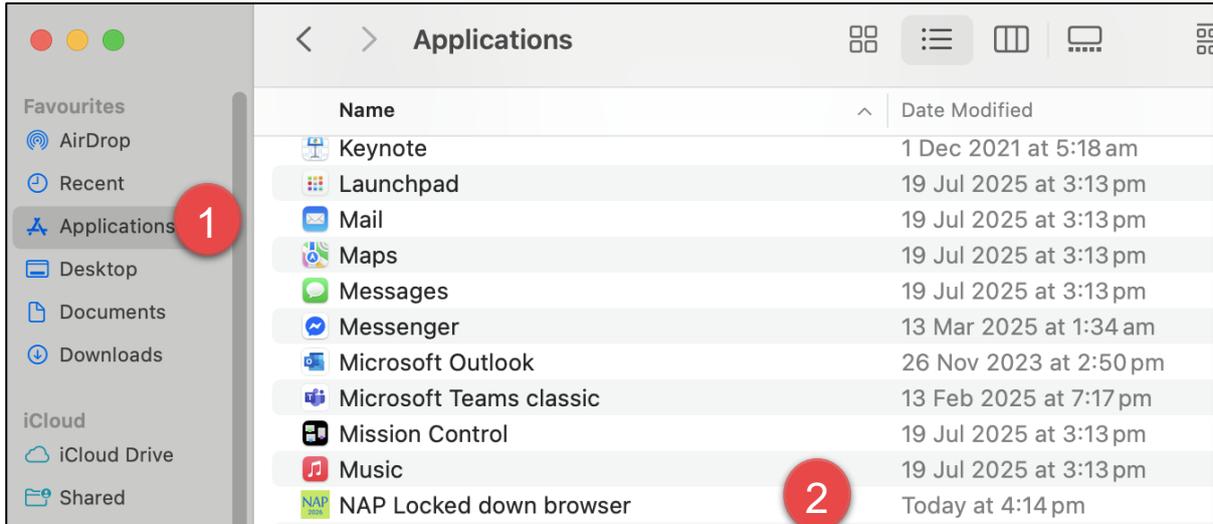
1. From the Launchpad, select **System Settings**, then select **Appearance**.
2. From the **Show scroll bars** section, select **Always**.

2.4.7 Turn off Touch ID for fast user switching



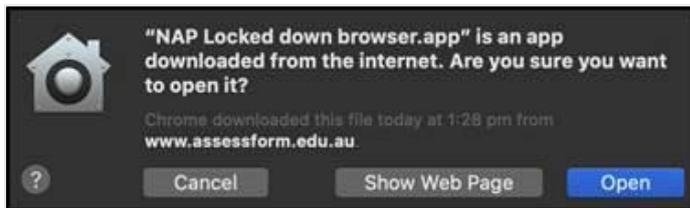
1. From the Launchpad, select **System Settings**.
2. Select **Touch ID & Passwords**.
3. Uncheck **Use Touch ID for fast user switching**.

2.5 Run



1. Using the operating system Finder app, search for the **NAP Locked down browser** in the **Applications** folder.
2. Select **NAP Locked down browser**.

A warning message may display on the first opening of the **NAP Locked down browser** app.



3. Select **OK**.

Note: Selecting 'Don't Allow' will prevent the **NAP Locked down browser** app from running without error.

2.5.1 Connecting to online server

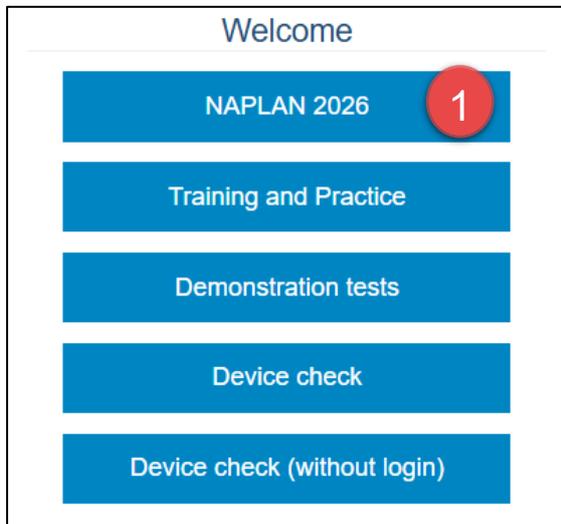
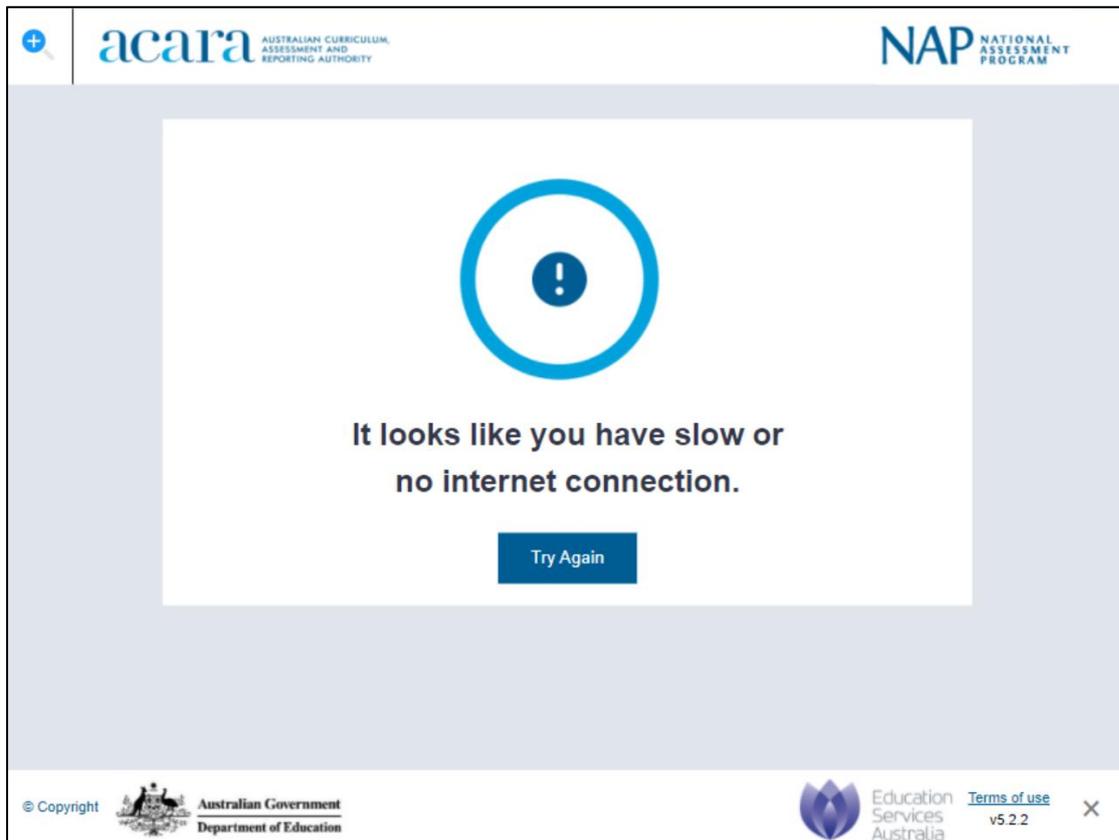
When you start the NAP Locked down browser, the connecting screen loads while application checks to see if the device is connected to internet.



Once connected to the internet, you will see the Launchpad. Note: The options on the screen will change regularly.



Note: If you have no internet connection, you will see the following screen. Correct the internet connection issue and select **Try again**.

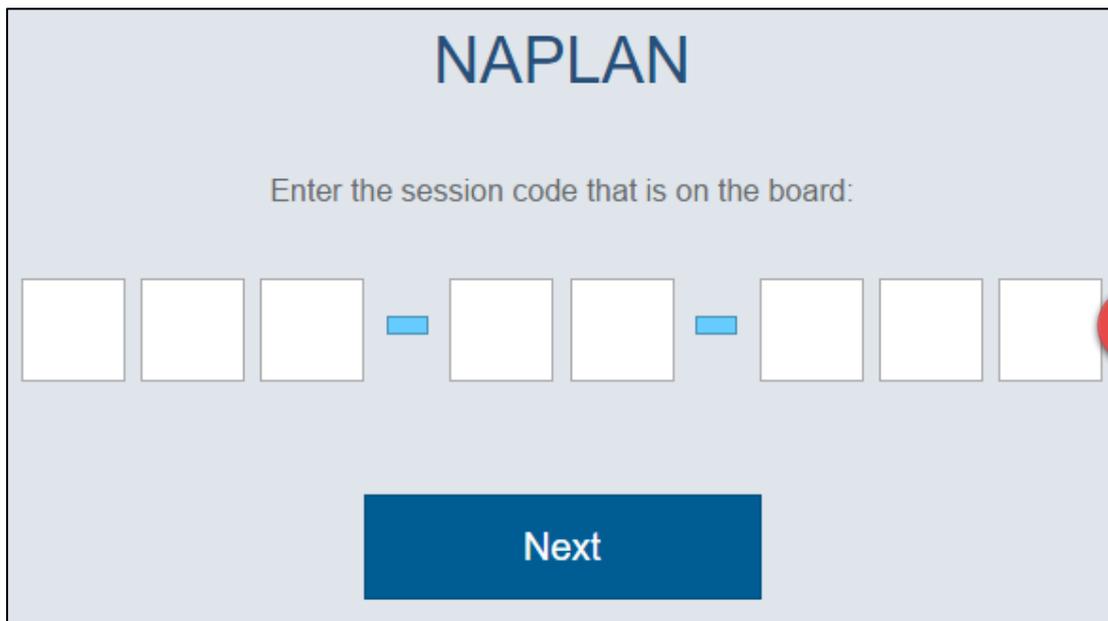


1. Select **NAPLAN 2026**.

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Enter the session code that is on the board:

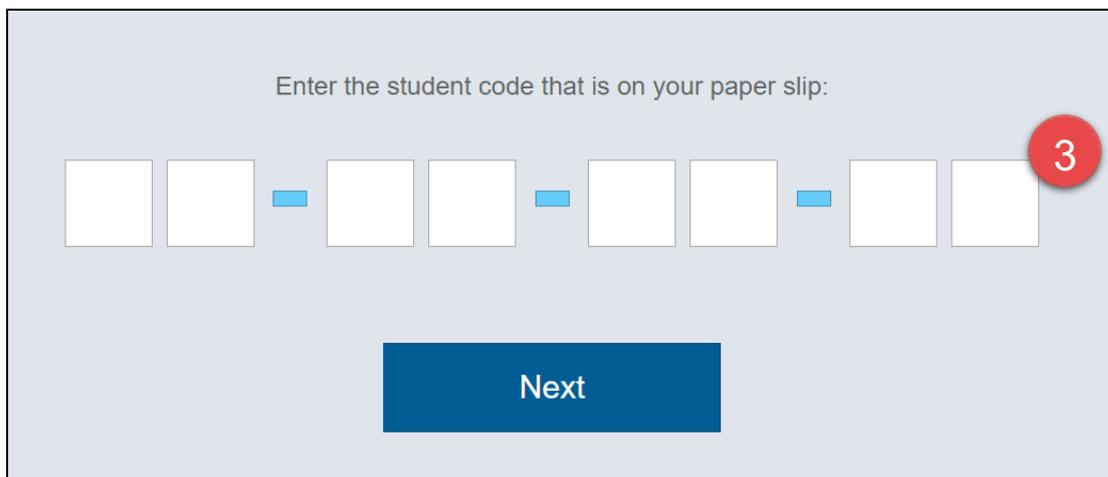
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2. Enter the provided session code.

Enter the student code that is on your paper slip:

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3. Enter the provided student code.

2.5.2 Run device check

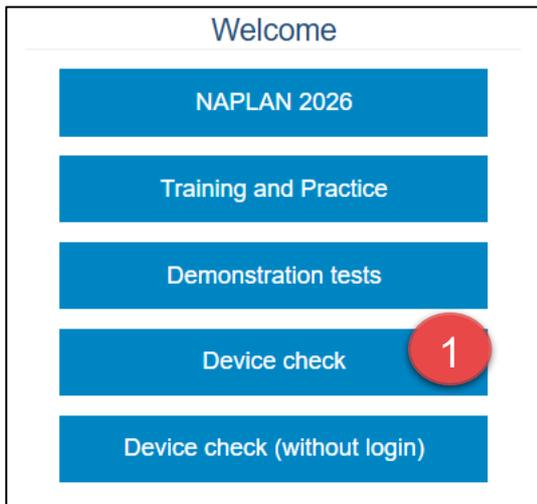
When you start the app and have connected online, you will see the Launchpad.

Note: The options on the screen will change regularly.

You can either:

- A. Run a **Device check**. Requires login and records the results against your school.
- B. Run a **Device check (without login)**. No record of the device check is recorded.

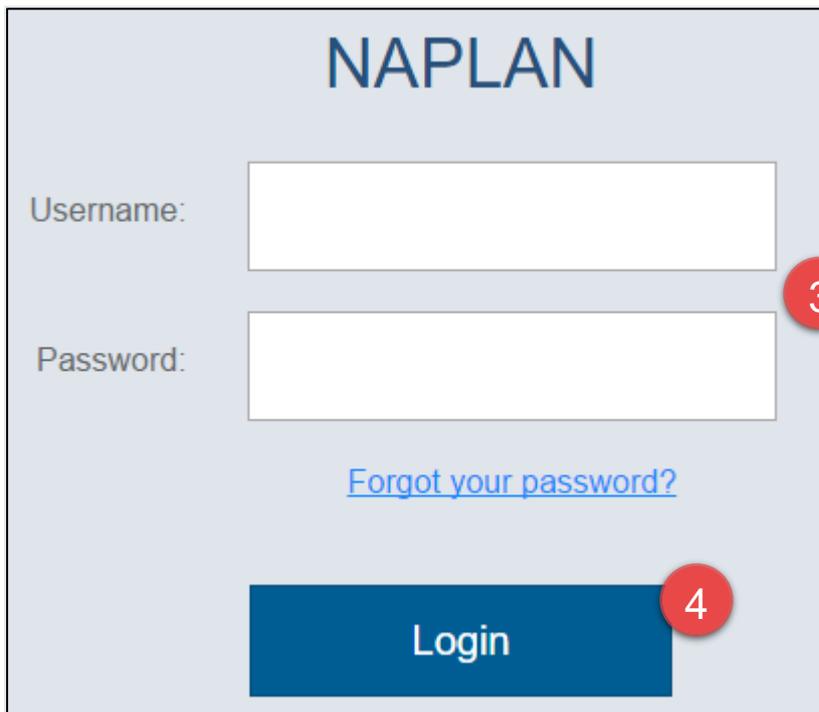
A. Device Check



1. Select **Device check**.

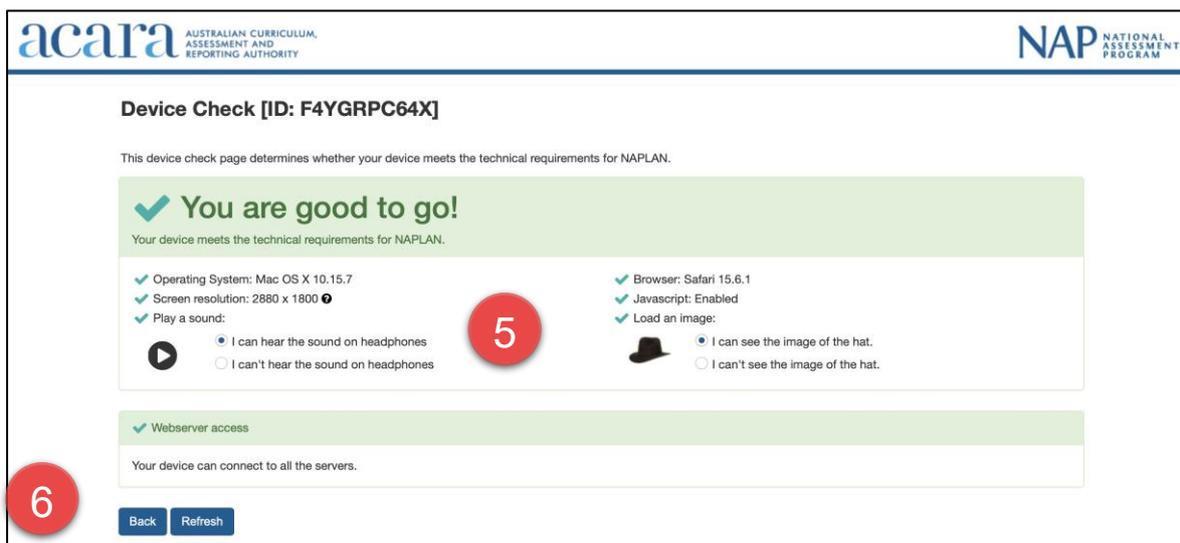


2. Select the required server to perform the device check on.



The image shows the NAPLAN login page. At the top, the word "NAPLAN" is displayed in a large, blue, sans-serif font. Below this, there are two white input fields: the first is labeled "Username:" and the second is labeled "Password:". To the right of the password field, there is a red circle with the number "3" inside. Below the password field, there is a blue hyperlink that says "Forgot your password?". At the bottom of the form, there is a large blue button with the word "Login" in white text. To the right of the "Login" button, there is another red circle with the number "4" inside.

3. Enter your Username and Password.
4. Select Login.



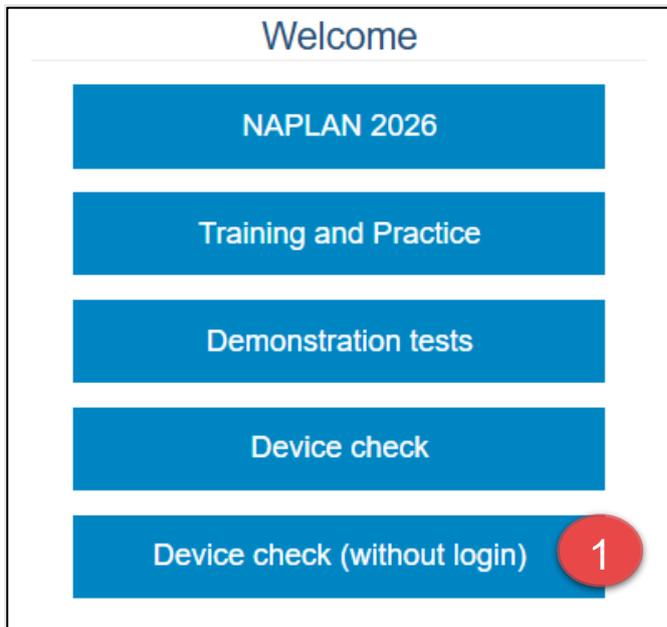
The image shows the NAPLAN Device Check page. At the top left, the "acara" logo is displayed, with the text "AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING AUTHORITY" below it. At the top right, the "NAP" logo is displayed, with the text "NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM" below it. The main heading is "Device Check [ID: F4YGRPC64X]". Below this, there is a sub-heading: "This device check page determines whether your device meets the technical requirements for NAPLAN." A large green banner with a checkmark icon and the text "You are good to go!" is displayed. Below this banner, there is a sub-heading: "Your device meets the technical requirements for NAPLAN." There are two columns of technical requirements, each with a checkmark icon. The left column includes: "Operating System: Mac OS X 10.15.7", "Screen resolution: 2880 x 1800", and "Play a sound:". The right column includes: "Browser: Safari 15.6.1", "Javascript: Enabled", and "Load an image:". Below the "Play a sound:" and "Load an image:" sections, there are radio button options. A red circle with the number "5" is placed over the "Play a sound:" section. At the bottom left, there is a red circle with the number "6" inside. Below the device check section, there is a "Webserver access" section with a checkmark icon and the text "Your device can connect to all the servers." At the bottom, there are two buttons: "Back" and "Refresh".

5. Check the device. Refer to "NAPLAN Online - School Technical Support Officer Guide".
6. Select **Back** to return to the Launchpad.

B. Device check (without login)

When you start the app and have connected online, you will see the Launchpad.

Note: The options on the screen will change regularly.



1. Select **Device check (without login)**.



2. Select the required server to perform the device check on.

Device Check [ID: F4YGRPC64X]

This device check page determines whether your device meets the technical requirements for NAPLAN.

✔ You are good to go!

Your device meets the technical requirements for NAPLAN.

✔ Operating System: Mac OS X 10.15.7

✔ Screen resolution: 2880 x 1800

✔ Play a sound:



I can hear the sound on headphones

I can't hear the sound on headphones

✔ Browser: Safari 15.6.1

✔ Javascript: Enabled

✔ Load an image:



I can see the image of the hat.

I can't see the image of the hat.

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✔ Webservice access

Your device can connect to all the servers.

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Back Refresh

3. Check the device. Refer to “NAPLAN Online - School Technical Support Officer Guide”.
4. Select **Back** to return to the Launchpad.

2.6 Exit

You can exit the app by selecting the **X** in the bottom right on the student login screen (and other screens before starting the exam).

Once you are in an exam session, a Test Administrator must **pause** your attempt, and from the pause screen the user can log out (returning them to the student login screen where they can then exit the app using the **X** button at the bottom right).

If there is a connection disruption (i.e. the app cannot communicate with the server), the student can exit the app from the disruption screen.

There is a keyboard shortcut for exiting the app.

1. Press Command + Q.
2. Enter the quit password: QUIT!please
3. Select OK.

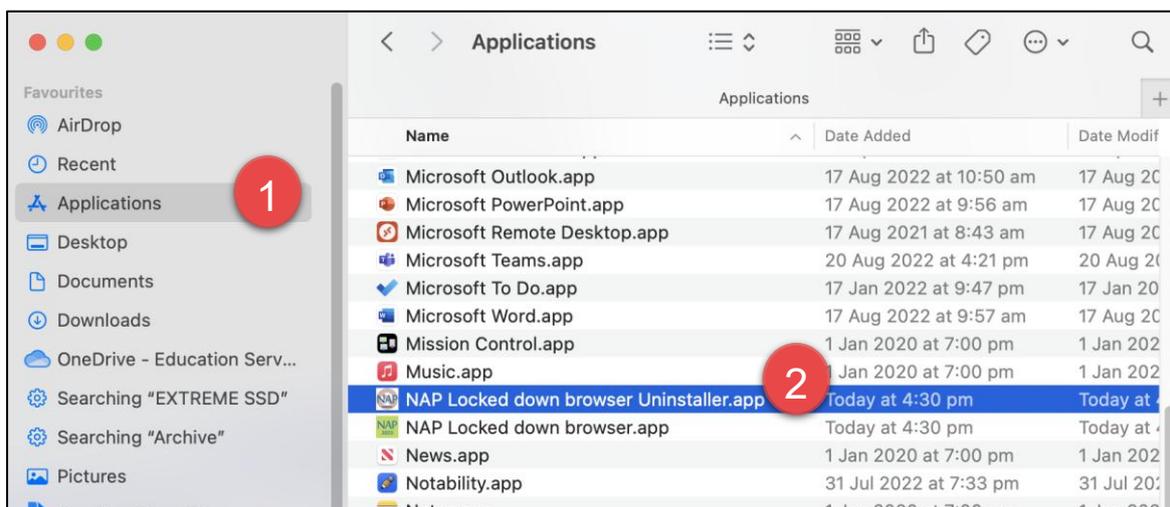
2.7 Update

Follow the **Install** steps to update the Locked down browser application.

2.8 Uninstall

The following steps can only be performed after you have exited the NAP Locked down browser.

1. Using the operating system **Finder** app, search for the **NAP Locked down browser** in the **Applications** folder.

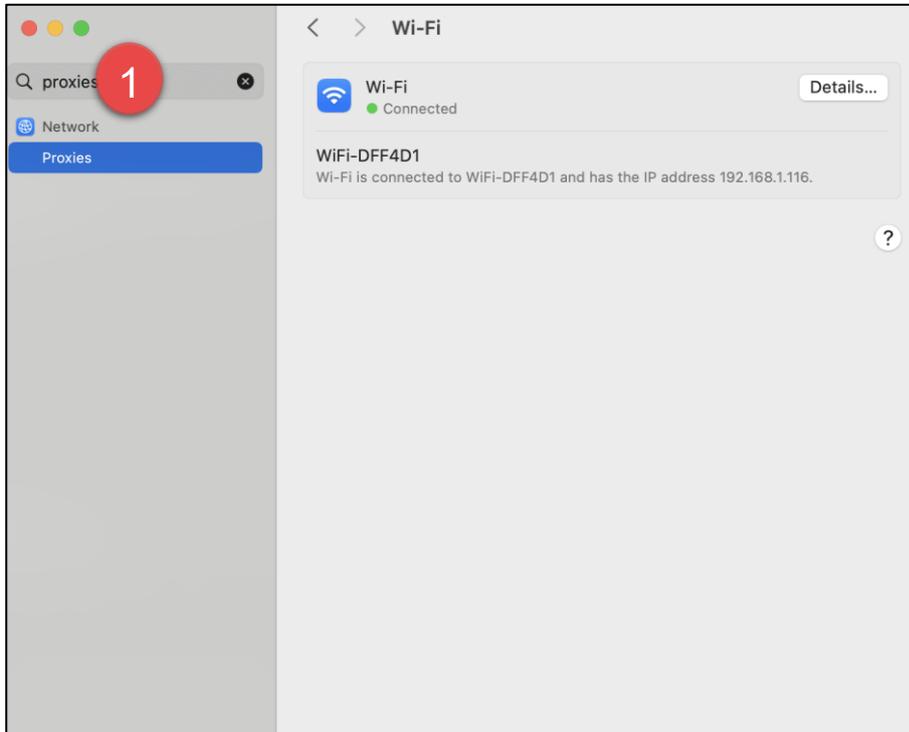


2. Select **NAP Locked down browser Uninstaller.app** and follow the prompts.

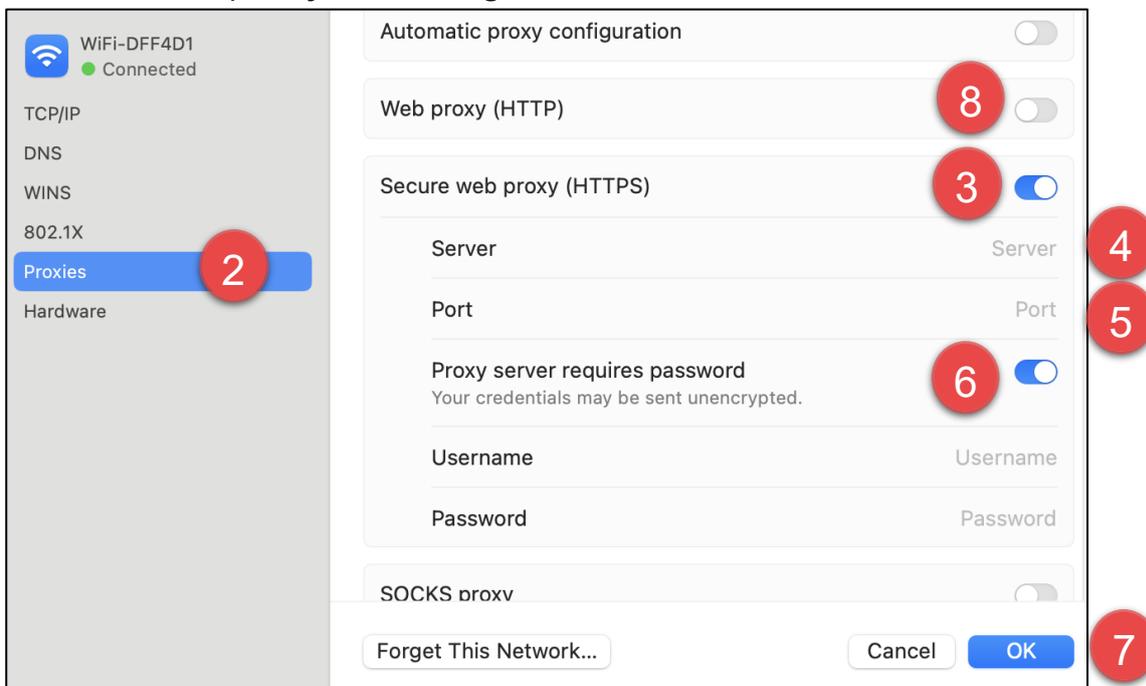
2.9 Proxy settings

Confirm there is an internet connection before starting the NAP Locked down browser. For example, try and open a webpage in Safari.

If your network requires the use of a proxy, the following steps guide you to the place to enter the proxy details provided by your local Network Administrator.



1. From the Dock, open **System Settings**, then search **Proxies**.



2. Select **Proxies**.
3. Select **Secure Web Proxy (HTTPS)**.

4. Enter the network address of the server.
5. Enter the port number.
6. If the proxy server requires a password, select the checkbox **Proxy server requires a password** and enter the **Username** and **Password** in the fields.
7. Select **OK**.
8. Select **Web Proxy (HTTP)** and repeat steps 5 to 7.

2.10 Troubleshooting:

2.10.1 Device Issues – Advice for Schools

Following are the known issues for macOS devices when the student is undertaking NAPLAN Online tests using the device specific locked down browser.

Issue	Details of issue/question	Advice
NTLM proxy authentication	The macOS LDB does not support (Windows) NT Lan Manager (NTLM) proxy authentication.	Use alternative protocols for proxy server authentication.
Apple Remote Desktop and Screen sharing security concerns	Apple Remote Desktop and Screen Sharing may be enabled while the LDB is running, allowing remote monitoring of test content.	Ensure Remote Desktop/Screen sharing is disabled. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> macOS Screen Sharing: System Preferences > Sharing > Screen Sharing macOS Remote Management: System Preferences > Sharing > Remote Management macOS Remote Login: System Preferences > Sharing > Remote Login
Switch user function on MacBook and iMac	Students can switch to another account, open other apps, and return to the original account to resume the test session after entering the Quit/Restart password.	Monitoring this user action involves noting the red LDB screen upon returning to the original user account, requiring entry of the LDB Quit/Restart password.
TAB key inactive on Launchpad screen (prior to student login)	Upon launching the LDB, the TAB key cannot be used to navigate the Launchpad screens.	Select anywhere on the Launchpad screen. The TAB key will become active for use.
Copying information including the writing Stimulus into the writing response pane	Pasting data into the writing pane can create issues with styles and formatting that will affect the student's writing response.	Delete the pasted text whilst preserving the student's response. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To highlight the student's response text, place the cursor at its beginning, hold Command ⌘ + Shift, and press the right arrow key until all text is selected. Press Command ⌘ + C to copy this text.

Issue	Details of issue/question	Advice
		<p>3. Press Command ⌘ + A to select all text in the response pane, then press Delete to clear it.</p> <p>Press Command ⌘ + V to paste back the student's response.</p>
<p>Back and Next button no longer show when using test tools</p>	<p>Dragging the calculator, protractor or ruler off the screen may cause the Back and Next button to not display.</p>	<p>Press anywhere on the screen to restore the Back and Next buttons.</p>

2.10.2 Extract logs

When an issue is encountered by a user and reported via the ESA ServiceDesk, the user/s device logs may be requested to assist investigations.

To extract logs for the MacOS device:

1. Navigate to Macintosh HD (root folder) within your device
2. Select on the user's folder
3. Select the username logged in with
4. Press **Command+ Shift+ period** and the hidden folder would display
5. Select **Library**
6. Select **Applications Support** and then select **NAP Locked down browser**
7. Copy the **replay.log** file