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MY SCHOOL UPDATED: A NEW AND IMPROVED WEBSITE FOR 2018

A revamped <u>My School website</u> has been released today, giving the most up-to-date information about all of Australia's schools.

"The *My School* website has been updated with the most recent NAPLAN results and other information for schools across Australia," said ACARA CEO, Robert Randall.

"Based on stakeholder feedback, we have taken the opportunity to redevelop the site to make it mobile-friendly, easier to use and more engaging for visitors.

'In revamping the *My School* website we have set out to make it more accessible and understandable. The presentation of some data has been made easier to understand, including in areas of 'gain' in NAPLAN scores – a key indicator of how successful a school has been in improving literacy and numeracy learning," said Mr Randall.

For parents, *My School* provides a wealth of valuable information to help make informed decisions about their child's education. For educators, *My School* allows for the sharing of information about school achievements with the aim of supporting and driving improvement across the nation.

"We know that schools are more than just their NAPLAN results. However, literacy and numeracy are the fundamental skills all our children need to be successful in and beyond school. The information provided on *My School*, including a school's NAPLAN results, is a valuable source of data for parents and educators," said Mr Randall.

"The focus of *My School* is about enabling fair comparisons between schools and celebrating success where we see schools have achieved gain in results over time. It is not about league tables or ranking.

"By looking at what individual schools are doing at a local level to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes, those learnings can be used by other schools to lift achievement across the board," said Mr Randall.



The 2018 My School update contains:

- 2017 NAPLAN results for schools
- 2017 school profile and population data
- 2016 school financial information, including capital expenditure and sources of funding.

Visit the My School website at www.myschool.edu.au

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