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***MY SCHOOL* UPDATED FOR 2021**

The *My School* website has been updated for 2021 with new data including school profiles, school finance and post-school destinations. A refresh of data on 2019 senior secondary and VET in schools has also been completed.

Since 2010, the *My School* website has been providing up-to-date information about all Australia's schools.

The cancellation of NAPLAN for May 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic means there is no NAPLAN data in the *My School* 2021 update.

School attendance data for 2020 has also not been published as the data was severely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic as a result of the different arrangements that were put in place for schooling across the country in response to health advice.

"The COVID-19 pandemic disrupted our lives across the globe and NAPLAN was cancelled to assist school leaders, teachers and support staff to focus on the wellbeing of students and continuity of education, as they responded to the COVID-19 pandemic," said ACARA CEO, David de Carvalho.

"Each state and territory had a very different experience when it came to schooling. While in some states and territories students were still able to attend school in person, other states had to adapt quickly to teaching remotely, meaning the reporting data on attendance isn't consistent".

My School provides information that supports national transparency and accountability of Australia's schools through the publication of nationally consistent school-level data. It complements other reporting measures aimed at ensuring schools and school systems are accountable to parents and to the broader community.

For parents, *My School* information helps inform the discussions they have with teachers and supports them in making informed decisions about their child's education. The child's teacher will have the best insight into educational progress.

The 2021 *My School* update contains:

- 2020 school profile and population data
- 2019 school financial information, including capital expenditure and sources of funding.

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