

## MEDIA STATEMENT

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### ACARA RESPONDS TO *NEWS CORP'S* FALSE ARTICLES

An article in *News Corp* papers today incorrectly states there have been changes to the *My School* website that prevent parents from comparing school performances on NAPLAN.

That is not the case and has never been the case.

Parents have always been able, and still are able, to compare school performance on NAPLAN on the website.

Changes to the *My School* website that help parents better understand the NAPLAN data displays were made over 12 months ago and there are no 'new bans' as claimed in the article. ACARA issued a [media release](#) at the time and the changes were covered in the media in March 2020.

Parents can access *My School* NAPLAN data for comparisons and an additional measure of student progress using NAPLAN data was added in March 2020. This change gives greater focus to progress rather than on statistically similar schools and is presented in a way that is fair and easy to understand.

The amendments to the data presentations were agreed by all Australia's education ministers in December 2019, following a comprehensive review of the way NAPLAN data is presented on *My School* conducted by Emeritus Professor Bill Loudon.

They were subject to extensive consultation with stakeholders, statistical experts and parent focus groups and were welcomed particularly by parents.

The March 2020 [media release](#) on the changes to the *My School* website clearly states the reasons for the change as well as the broad support from the parent community.

ACARA was not given the opportunity to reply to the inaccurate claims that parents are prevented from comparing school performances on the *My School* website.

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