

Having worked in the past for the Australian Bureau of Statistics, it is near impossible to hide data to protect identities or to adequately compare data, if the sources are dissimilar.

However, as a parent both of my younger children who did the NAPLAN last year did very well indeed, but the schools they attended did very poorly. The ACT Minister for Education had the gall to say that these schools were performing according to the socio-economic areas that they covered. Neither of my children get any advantage to doing well on NAPLAN. Nor is there any obvious improvement in the schools due to the publication of the results no matter how poorly they do.

But I wish this were the case. I think some school principals should look very clearly and closely at the results and stop complaining about league tables. Unfortunately where we live there are no other alternative schools close by, except private or religious ones.