

I believe strongly that publishing the NAPLAN data on the My School website does not create any positive outcomes for the schools and pupils when it is used to create "League tables". I am a teacher in a large primary school and I feel that the NAPLAN data should only be used by the school involved to obtain the best, targeted teaching for their pupils. League tables only create an unhealthy atmosphere as schools that are perceived to be "failing" will never be able to catch up once they are "named and shamed". Their perceived "failure" is usually due to factors completely outside their control and which cannot be easily modified to achieve NAPLAN success. Let's celebrate the progress that our pupils make and support those students whose progress is less than desirable rather than shame the school which is usually doing its best to help the students obtain their best results.