

I wish to register my disapproval of the My School website.

While I am fortunate to work in a relatively highly performing school, it is demoralising, as a rural public high school teacher, to be compared with private, highly-funded Sydney schools. It is hardly an accurate, or fair, portrayal of the socio-economic state of my area. The means by which this is determined are quite flawed.

I believe that the My School website does little to assist teachers in the work that they try to do with limited resources. I definitely feel it has, negatively, introduced a competitive drive between teachers, and between teachers of different schools. Essentially it is a divisive tool.

Community perception of teachers and schools, particularly public schools, are not particularly high. I believe this is not helped by parents being able to 'judge' a school and those that work there via these means.

On the whole, I find the My School website offensive. It drives a wedge between the 'haves' and the 'have nots', when what really is important is the education of students. This focus is lost with competitive bickering between staff and the schools they teach in. This is not what education is about.