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At my school we are now working on the NAPLAN TESTS from class one. What a dreadful thing that our curriculum is so influenced by the results of one test. When you put so much importance on the results of ONE TEST you get skewed results.

Such as:

- teaching for 3 years for one test!!!
- students getting far higher results than their ability- it is called coaching
- the pressure for assistance up to and including cheating. Teachers were caught cheating in the AIMS TEST. There is so much more pressure now. By putting the results on the MY SCHOOL website and the ensuing league tables in the Herald Sun etc. the pressure to get GREAT RESULTS is overwhelming for many.

Hailebury poached a teacher/consultant from underpriveledged gov't schools because of the good results he was achieving. That's fair.

Children need to bring their NAPLAN RESULTS to interviews for acceptance at private schools. The pressure goes on and on; up and up.

The only thing that the MY SCHOOL website can achieve is more pressure and the resultant cancers it creates.

TOO MUCH STRESS IS BAD FOR YOUR HEALTH. TOO MUCH STRESS ON SCHOOLS IS BAD FOR THE HEALTH OF THE SCHOOL!!!