

As a staff, Bouldercombe State School teachers wish to raise some concerns regarding the My School site and its use of NAPLAN data.

We feel that:

*accurate like school comparisons should be used and these should be based on similar socio-economic environments, similar localities eg. rural, and in a comparable state
*accurate background data on students should be included. Our school has a number of students that travel from other areas to attend our school *information included from the School Opinion Survey should be included, to include a focus on how the parents, staff and students feel about their school and give some information on school climate *more information needs to be added on extra programs happening in the school. In our school we currently have positive behaviour management systems, GEM program, Speech/ Language programs including Support-a Talker and PMAP as well as individual speech programs, social skills programs and a highly inclusive curriculum for students with special needs both social, behavioural and physical *an easy to read format should be included, such as a graph to enhance its useability *an explanation of the results in plain English should be included *it should also be added that NAPLAN data is a "one off snapshot" of a school not the sum total of all its results

Our other concern is that the results reflect on the school ethic and competence of the staff in a negative way. As some reading the My School data may assume that poor performance in this test means poor curriculum and poor teaching which is detrimental to school and staff morale.