



Graph of Year x reading for School Alpha

Last year My Schools represented schools' mean scores in standardised testing as an accurate measure of overall school performance and teacher skill, using them to assign absolute verdicts on quality in terms of 'red' versus 'green'.

Council would like to see reporting that moves away from one score, usually the mean*, to summarize the performance of a whole school. The above chart does not mention the school mean or average but shows linear line of best fit that represents' the student scores for school Alpha.

We believe that reporting NAPLAN results on the My School website in this format presents a more accurate portrayal of a school's performance by showing the variation in results, it is simple to read, and will make it difficult to create school league tables.

* Using a median value rather than a mean or average, would also improve the results reporting.