

The Ainslie School AEU Sub-branch is opposed to the use of NAPLAN data on the MySchools Website. We also oppose the creation and publication of League Tables ranking schools.

We recognise that ongoing assessment is a vital part of successful teaching and learning. At Ainslie teachers use regular assessment such as rich tasks, SENA, read and retells, First Steps mapping, anecdotal records and observations and detailed reports and portfolios.

NAPLAN is only one part of a child's assessment and data used for reporting to parents. This data is not sufficient to form a rich picture of a child's performance. Receiving the NAPLAN results months after it has been administered does not help teachers to use it as a useful diagnostic tool.

NAPLAN was not designed for comparing schools and the use of it to do so is inappropriate. Using the data to compare school performance is harmful to school communities - students, staff and parents.