

To whom it may concern:

The staff of the Holbrook School unanimously support the continuation of the NAPLAN procedure. They believe the value of the NAPLAN **results:**

1. Assist staff in assessing their student's abilities within the school, and within the state.
2. Assist school to target areas where deficiencies are identified
3. Identify students who may have special needs, measured objectively

The staff at the Holbrook Public School does not however in any way support the use of League Tables for the following reasons:

1. Schools should not and cannot be compared using purely NAPLAN results. These results are only academic in nature and do not take into account demographic influences, racial differences, socioeconomic differences to mention a few.
2. There is absolutely no guarantee that results are honest and genuine-as exemplified two weeks ago with a 'cheating' incident reported
3. Overseas experiences using League table have not been successful

As a result-continue the NAPLAN testing but do not use the results as a tool for ranking and comparing schools.