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As a teacher in a Secondary College I have some concerns relating to NAPLAN testing and the My School website.

I am concerned about the use of NAPLAN data as it does not take all issues that influence the results for individuals schools. Publishing results of Schools without matching demographic, socio-economic and ESL statistics included.

It also must be explicitly stated that the data is a measure of students on a single day- it is not necessarily a true reflection of the student's ability. (Ongoing assessment is more accurate than a stressful event such as NAPLAN). The NAPLAN tests cause many students severe stress (equivalent to VCE Examinations) and they often comment that they didn't do as well as if we did that in class. Their self esteem is generally low after NAPLAN and if the results are published it would compound this for them, as well as for staff who work with these students.

Data can be dangerous in many forms as it can be manipulated in any way, shape or form to achieve the desired supporting evidence. I see that the media and other vested parties will do this to their own benefit. I strongly object to the data publishing without corresponding information.

I also object to the stress that will be placed on students to perform from parents, teachers and the broader school community.

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