

From:
Mrs Candice Morris-Grant

I have serious concerns about the NAPLAN results being used to compile data for the MySchool website. The comparison of schools on the site means that it can be used as a league table to determine which school is better than another. However, how these results are obtained in some schools is very frightening.

For example it was suggested that if we wish to raise our NAPLAN results we should not let students of low ability sit the test as was done in another near by school

Another example is a local private school who provides all expenses paid scholarships to students who have achieved very high results in the NAPLAN test.

A third example would be the school who "practiced" writing a story for the NAPLAN test entitled "What a Mess". A coincidence? I don't think so.

With rampant cheating and manipulation of results is it any wonder that some schools will do better than others on the league table?

I am proud of my High School and I have sent my child to the school I teach at, but I am concerned that because my school did not cheat in NAPLAN she will be looked down upon because her school does not reach the heights of another, independent of her individual results.

Concerned, teacher, parent and citizen.