

I am concerned with the comparison of selective high schools' data with non-selective high schools' data: The website does not explain to the public that, when they are viewing so-called 'statistically similar schools', they are in fact comparing the achievement of students at comprehensive high schools to the achievement of students at academically selective high schools. This is incredibly misleading.

I have similar concerns with the way primary schools are compared. Primary schools that host Opportunity Classes in years 5 and 6 (e.g. Sutherland, Woollahra etc) are compared to mainstream primary schools and schools with support units. On the My School website, the primary schools that host OC classes' growth results appear to surge remarkably between Yr 3 and Yr 5, as compared to 'like' schools when, in actual fact, the remarkable growth is due to the sudden enrolment of 60+ academically elite students in Year 5.

Shouldn't this basic information be made clear on the site?

And where on the My School website does it explain that elite private and independent schools 'buy' intelligence through scholarship programs? These schools offer the country's most academically gifted students free or partially free enrolment. Of course their results are going to be better than the average comprehensive school down the road but where is this explained in the so-called 'statistically similar school' data?