

I am extremely concerned about the affects of My School on the choice for my year 6 child gaining entry to a Brisbane private school.

Recently in the Courier Mail, the OP scores of each school in Queensland were published. The publication of these results only benefit already academic and gifted students, but severely punish low performing students.

This school has dramatically improved its ranking since last year.

My son is due to enter Year 8 in 2012 and we received a letter this year for his enrolment. However the school has changed its policy. My son will have to sit an entry test to ensure that he will meet the rigorous academic program of this elite school. Unfortunately my son has learning difficulties and has achieved poorly on the NAPLAN results and will not be selected. This school in its efforts to perform on the MY School site to the expectations of parents paying their fees needs to be seen as being an elite school.

The creation of My School and the reporting of NAPLAN results has only served to have an adverse affect on the choices for my son.

MY SCHOOL is great if you are a high achieving student, it gives parents the option to look for the best schools and then make an application to these schools if the school has an enrolment cap/catchment.

Whilst this school is close to our geographical area, I will have to choose a school that is further from our area, simply because my son is too dumb to keep the school looking good in the Courier Mail. There are many ways to improve one's results, but do they have the interest of all learners at heart. Crunch the numbers and do away with these ridiculous leagues tables.

I would like to think that Brisbane State High School would be an option for my son as an alternative. However, one must live in the zone. An enormous percentage of children come from outside the zone, but of course one must be gifted, a high achiever and of course there is a place for your child if they fall into this category. Brisbane State High is considered an elite school. Is the teaching of a higher standard???? I think not. One must really consider the damaging affects of this site.