



Media release: 2012 NAPLAN Summary Report released

The Chair of the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC), the Hon. Peter Collier MLC, today released the 2012 NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) Summary Report, giving Australians the first look at results of this year's national assessments.

The Summary Report provides NAPLAN test results nationally and broken down by state and territory, year level, and learning area. The report provides initial information about the achievement of students in literacy and numeracy.

“Students have been sitting NAPLAN tests for five years now, and the results provide educators and the community with valuable information about how students and schools are tracking in literacy and numeracy,” Minister Collier said.

“Australians should be encouraged by emerging evidence of an upward trend in reading performance among primary school students across the country,” said Minister Collier.

The Summary Report shows that in most areas, student performance has remained steady year on year.

NAPLAN tests are developed each year by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). Each year, ACARA works with state and territory education authorities to administer the test to approximately one million Australian students in Years 3, 5, 7, and 9.

From next week, schools and students will receive their own individually tailored results as distributed by state and territory test administration authorities.

The 2012 NAPLAN Summary Report has been posted on the National Assessment Program's website, www.nap.edu.au where support information about how to further interpret the results is also available.

The full national report will be released later this year, and individual school information will be made available on the next version of the *My School* website, to be published in early 2013.

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