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The Chair of the Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC), the Hon Adrian Piccoli MP, today released the 2013 NAPLAN National Report.

The NAPLAN National Report shows that overall student achievement at state and territory levels has remained stable across 2012 – 2013. Minister Piccoli stated, "I am pleased that the report shows that achievement at state and territory levels has remained stable."

"Also heartening is the moderate increase in performance in Year 5 reading nationally, when compared to 2008. This builds on improvements that have been evident in Year 3 reading in recent years," added the Minister.

The National Report provides nationally comparable data on the 2013 national and state/territory results for each year level (3, 5, 7 and 9) and for each test domain: numeracy, reading, writing, and language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation). The report also provides comparisons over time of national, state and territory achievement.

Key findings from the 2013 NAPLAN National Report include:

- Overall student achievement at state/territory levels has remained stable across 2012 -2013;
- A moderate increase in performance in Year 5 reading nationally, when compared to 2008 (the first year of NAPLAN);
- Encouraging signs of continued improvement in Year 3 reading nationally.

The 2013 NAPLAN National Report is available on the National Assessment Program website ([www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)). School-by-school results will be available on the next version of the *My School* website, to be published early in 2014.

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