

Release of 2017 NAPLAN Results Encouraging for New South Wales

The 2017 NAPLAN results have been released and are a positive reflection on the state of New South Wales education.

Over 96% of Year 9 students in New South Wales achieved the national minimum standard in numeracy and nearly 92% achieved it in spelling, the highest rate of all states and territories. In all areas, the attainment of the national minimum standard in New South Wales was higher than in previous years and was higher than national levels.

Despite these results, up to 68% of New South Wales students will need to retake the tests in at least one area to qualify for the HSC in 2020.

P&C Federation Vice-President Joel Matthews commented "We acknowledge and congratulate our students for their strong performance in the latest NAPLAN tests. We would like to get to a point where a majority of Year 9 students qualify for their HSC on their first go, without having to sit for more tests."

"With this in mind, we're very concerned that the Government needs to have appropriate strategies in place to attract teaching professionals to cater for the growing needs within the education space."

This is particularly concerning in light of previous NAPLAN results, which revealed lower numbers of Aboriginal students and students outside major cities attaining the national minimum standard.

Mr Matthews commented "The gaps in education outcomes undermine our goal for an equitable public education system. We strongly urge the Commonwealth and New South Wales governments to help lift the game for students in all sectors."

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