

Make NAPLAN Online Equitable Before Implementing It

P&C Federation is continuing its call for the Australian Education Council to not rush into the implementation of NAPLAN Online. A survey commissioned of members by P&C Federation revealed high levels of concern that NSW public schools are not ready for NAPLAN Online.

P&C Federation Vice President, Joel Matthews commented, "Considering parents' concerns about NAPLAN Online testing, we need our Ministers to take measured steps."

"It is appalling that Governments are pushing for NAPLAN Online despite concerns over equity, capacity, capability and student wellbeing."

"The survey has revealed that only 7% respondents believe that an automated marking system can assess creative work whereas an overwhelming 82% respondents said students lacking keyboard and computer literacy skills will be disadvantaged due to online testing."

He went on to say, "P&C Federation, as a peak parent advocacy group, will continue lobbying the State Government and the NSW Minister for Education to delay the online roll-out and continue with paper-based testing until the systems, the schools and the students are ready for it."

"NAPLAN Online appears to be driven by commercial interests and our children should not be used in this fashion."

Mr Matthews added "We strongly encourage the NSW Minister for Education to urge his State and Federal Ministers to delay the roll out of NAPLAN Online testing until the concerns of parents are addressed."

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