

Fact Sheet

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What is national data collection and reporting?

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) has responsibility for the implementation of a national data collection and reporting program. ACARA is responsible for collecting, managing, analysing, evaluating and reporting statistical and related information about educational outcomes. This includes the development of national performance measures and performance standards.

With the aim of driving school improvement and enhanced outcomes for students, Ministers responsible for school education have agreed to report on progress towards the achievement of the National Goals in the following priority areas, comparable by State and Territory, and using Key Performance Measures as the basis for reporting:

- literacy
- numeracy
- science
- civics and citizenship education
- information and communication technologies
- vocational education and training in schools
- participation and attainment.

ACARA is also responsible for collecting data from schools for the purpose of accountability and reporting, research and analysis, and resource allocation. Information on individual schools was published for the first time in early 2010 on a new national school performance website called *My School*.

What does national data collection and reporting mean for Catholic education?

The *My School* website provides profiles of all Australian schools which can be searched by location, sector or name. Statistical and contextual information is provided for every school. Each school has a profile page which provides a short description of the school context, number of teachers and students, and attendance rates.

The expanded and updated version of *My School* provides parents and the community with information about NAPLAN performance as well as information about school finances and school communities. NAPLAN results are used to compare each school with statistically similar schools across Australia and the percentage of students achieving at each band on NAPLAN.

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