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My School will Help Improve Territory Schools

Chief Minister Paul Henderson said the Territory Government would use the information from the new MySchool website to continue improving Territory schools.

The MySchool website was launched today by the Australian Government and compares the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results for schools with similar social demographics.

"Providing quality education for students is a key priority of the Territory Government and the information from MySchool will help us inform policy and resourcing for Territory schools," Mr Henderson said.

"While I understand some concerns have been raised, this will allow us to better target our resources and deliver better performances in our schools.

"The Territory Government has led the way in making education more transparent. My School will complement the Electronic Student Profiles system, esp, which allows Territory parents to follow their children’s progress at school.

"With MySchool and Electronic Student Profiles, parents will be able to understand their children’s performance and their school’s performance."

Mr Henderson said the MySchool data and information would allow the Government to see what was working in schools and replicate that in other similar schools.

"We have a focus on improving attendance, literacy and numeracy – all areas that are reported on the site.

"Parents want more information about their children’s schools and I believe they have the right to get that information.

"NAPLAN testing is an important tool helping individual students and schools measure their numeracy and literacy performance and track improvements over the years.

"MySchool will allow us to learn about what what works best with different groups of students – making our school system better overall," Mr Henderson said.

Parents that wish to discuss the results of MySchool should contact their school principal. To view the MySchool website visit www.myschool.edu.au

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