

Using *My School* to support school and student improvement

The *My School* website provides quality data that teachers, schools, parents and the wider community can use, along with other information, to help ensure that every child in every classroom is receiving a high-quality education. Some constructive ways in which this information can be used are listed below.

Schools

Schools and school systems can use the information on *My School* to:

- monitor performance and identify priority areas in which to focus improvement efforts
- support and enhance existing activities to identify schools that are performing at a high level, particularly in priority areas
- enhance activities that explore success factors in high-performing schools and incorporate relevant strategies into improvement plans
- support communication with the wider school community about performance and gain support for improvement initiatives.

Teachers

Teachers can use the information on *My School* to:

- integrate with system and classroom data, and use this to develop intervention programs to support higher levels of student achievement in literacy and numeracy
- determine where they need to make adjustments to teaching programs and strategies
- connect with teachers in other schools to share ideas
- compare the progress of their students with students with statistically similar backgrounds in other schools
- engage with parents in support of their child's learning.

Parents and the community

Parents and other members of the school community can use the information on *My School* to:

- understand how their local school is performing relative to other schools with students from statistically similar backgrounds
- gain a broader understanding of learning environments and performance of schools in their local community, as well as within their state or territory and across the nation
- understand the financial resources available to each school
- initiate communication with a school based on comprehensive and detailed information
- seek a greater level of engagement with a school in support of their child's learning
- become involved in advocating for and supporting improvement initiatives within the school.