



## Making *My School* better

The *My School* website is an important resource for parents and the community. It provides detailed information about all Australian schools and supports parent engagement in their children's education.

As part of our *Students First* policy, the Australian Government conducted a review of the *My School* website to see how it could be improved.

### **Making the site easier to use and understand**

There is a need to enhance the website's functionality, to ensure it is user friendly and that the information available is easy to access and understand.

### **More options to compare schools**

We want the *My School* website to give parents the ability to compare schools based on the criteria they choose so they can determine which information is the best for their family.

### **More data on schools**

More comprehensive information is needed to provide a more rounded picture of a school. This will include details about a school's extracurricular activities, the student support services available and its connections with the local community.

The website could also provide statistics on the numbers of students who achieve a minimum standard in year 12, tertiary entrance score information, information about the proportions of teachers at each level of expertise and information on parent, student and staff satisfaction.

### **Increased focus on student progress**

We believe the focus should be on the improvements in student outcomes rather than a single set of results. By providing clearer information that shows student learning growth, parents will be able to easily identify schools that have made significant improvements in student outcomes.

### **Better access to information**

All data and information on *My School* should be readily available to all users, including researchers so everyone can look at ways that we can continue to improve our education system.

### **Real-time updates of information**

Rolling updates of data as it becomes available rather than the current system of annual updates is more useful for parents and schools. This will mean information is as up to date as possible.

### **Mobile friendly**

The *My School* website should be mobile-friendly for smartphones and tablets, making it even easier for busy families to view school information on any device.

