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Catholic Schools Broken Bay Celebrate Outstanding 2026 NAPLAN Results

Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) continues to outperform most State and National schools in the latest NAPLAN results.

Results from Years 3,5,7, and 9 have all shown strong performances from students in the 2026 NAPLAN assessments released this week which places CSBB among the best performing education systems.

Year 3 achieved an average of 32 scaled score points above the National average across all domains – Readings, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy. A third of these students achieved the Exceeding proficiency level for Reading, the highest across all years of NAPLAN testing on the new scale.

When compared with National averages, Year 5 recorded the highest positive differential in Reading, Spelling and Numeracy across the four years of results available to date.

20% of Year 5 students achieved Exceeding proficiency level in Numeracy, an increase of 4% on the previous best (2025) figures, while Year 5 Grammar and Punctuation had an increase of 8% in the Strong and Exceeding proficiency levels with 1 in 3 students improving their proficiency level.

Year 7 also recorded the largest proportion of students at the Exceeding proficiency level in each of the literacy domains of Reading, Writing, Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation, similarly with Year 9.

Also in Year 9, 25% of CSBB students achieved Exceeding in Writing, a figure which is around 10% higher, and stands in stark contrast to the downward trend in State and National levels.

Director of Schools, Danny Casey said these outstanding results once more reflect the ongoing commitment of CSBB to excellence, equity, and high expectations for all learners as well as the hard work and transformation of culture and practice across all CSBB schools.

"These results are the outcome of deliberate and sustained efforts under CSBB's *Shaping Tomorrow Together in Faith Strategy* to strengthen teaching and learning.

"Central to this success is a focus on targeted and explicit teaching, aligned closely with the standards of the NSW curriculum. This ensures all students are taught the essential knowledge and skills that matter most."

"We have delivered a strong and sustained focus on student learning. This includes high-quality curriculum implementation, widespread use of CSBB's early years literacy and numeracy screeners that identify student learning needs early, and ongoing professional learning that builds teachers' expertise."

"The strategic use of assessment data, including CSBB's new, state of the art, *Data Ecosystem*, has further supported teaching and learning, allowing educators to identify learning strengths and address areas requiring additional support. Teachers and leaders are responding with precision, ensuring interventions are targeted and effective—particularly for students who need it most."

These results also reflect the strength of collaborative leadership across CSBB schools and the system-wide commitment to providing every student with access to high-quality learning opportunities.

Mr Casey said, "The 2026 NAPLAN results affirm our belief in the power of teacher professionalism, evidence-informed practice, and the importance of knowing every learner. Catholic Schools Broken Bay remains focused on continuous improvement to ensure every student is supported to thrive—academically, spiritually, and personally."

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General Information

*At Catholic Schools Broken Bay, our vision is to provide authentic, professional Catholic education, delivered with care and compassion. This vision is brought to life through our bold and future-focused **Shaping Tomorrow, Together in Faith** strategy - a shared commitment to walking alongside every student and family on a seamless journey in faith and learning, from Baptism through to post-school pathways.*

***Shaping Tomorrow, Together in Faith** places students firmly at the centre of everything we do in our Shared Mission - uniting schools, parishes, and communities to work as one. It commits our system of schools to being at least as good as the very best, to maximising the learning growth of every student, and inspiring hearts and minds to know Christ and to love learning.*

Spanning the Central Coast, Sydney's Northern Beaches, and the North Shore, Catholic Schools Broken Bay is a vibrant system of 43 schools serving over 18,000 students from Kindergarten to Year 12 - each part of a shared mission to shape extraordinary futures, together in faith.