



With the public release of NAPLAN results today, St Philip's Christian College Gosford has been identified as demonstrating "substantially above average gain" in achievement across the school.

Principal of St Philip's Gosford, Mrs Michelle Cairelli, is pleased with the results, as it is the fruition of much hard work by both her staff and her students.

"Over the last three years my staff and I have put a great deal of time into looking at ways to develop approaches to programs that would go deeper in the areas of literacy and numeracy and to help to achieve stronger outcomes for our students. The results we have received from the most recent NAPLAN testing is pleasing as it reflects the success of these initiatives," Mrs Cairelli said.

St Philip's Christian College Gosford have been participants in the NSW Literacy and Numeracy Action Plan (LNAP). This has been supported with additional funding for an Instructional Leader through the Australian Independent Schools (AIS). Staff have engaged in regular personal development with AIS, consultations, regular lesson observations, regular disciplined dialogue around student data and 20 hours of online PD for each teacher in Junior School involved in the program.

"One aspect that has made it work so well is the overwhelmingly positive buy-in from teachers. We could not have achieved the success that we have without it. The teachers involved in the program are thrilled that all their extra efforts have produced these excellent results," Mrs Cairelli explained.

As a result of the success of the Instructional Leadership model over the past three years, shown in both internal assessments and external assessments, the school has now implemented an instructional leadership model in the College K-12 to assist teachers in improving student outcomes.

Mrs Cairelli received a letter from ACARA CEO David de Carvalho congratulating the school on the achievement, "On behalf of ACARA, I would like to extend my congratulations to you and your school community on this achievement. Improvement in student literacy and/or numeracy of this magnitude, as measured by NAPLAN, is significant and worthy of highlighting and acknowledging."

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) is responsible for Australia's national reporting program, including the *My School* website. The *My School* website is updated annually with previous year's NAPLAN results.