Peter Chandler, Member for Brennan
Minister for Education

NT students improve literacy and numeracy

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Government schools across the Territory are making major inroads in literacy and numeracy, with the 2015 My School release showing promising gains.

Minister for Education Peter Chandler said 10 Territory schools performed above the national NAPLAN average in 2014.

“That’s a major improvement on previous years and something the Country Liberals Government is very proud of,” Minister Chandler said.

“Five of those schools were public schools - that’s three more than last year.

“36 schools (35%) also performed as well or better than similar schools nationally - a major improvement on 2013 when just 22% of our schools made this category.

“Our gains for years’ 3 to 5 matched students in NT Government schools were strong, with more than 50% of schools achieving greater gains than the national average in reading, writing and numeracy,” Minister Chandler said.

The average gains for matched year 7 to 9 students for numeracy and reading were also strong, with the majority receiving larger gains than similar schools and the national average.

Minister Chandler said there’s no denying the Northern Territory still has work to do to improve education outcomes.

“We have significant and unique socio-educational challenges in the Territory that impact on our learning outcomes,” Minister Chandler said.

“That’s why a new approach is being implemented following Bruce Wilson’s major review, A Share in the Future.

“We are also reforming the Education Act so legislation can support schools in improving their results.”

Information about all schools in the Northern Territory can be found at [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au)

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