

School standards climb

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NAPLAN RESULTS: GREAT STRIDES MADE IN THE REGION'S LEVELS OF EDUCATION

ST Paul's School at Bald Hills was one of the highest performing high schools in Pine Rivers Press district, according to Year 9 NAPLAN results.

Genesis Christian College also emerged as one of the most improved high schools in the region.

The results were based on a four-year average of

NAPLAN competency tests across the state. The five competencies tested were reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

The maximum possible score was 1000 points.

The Queensland average Year 9 score for the 2008-11 period was 560.46 points.

Genesis Christian College scored one of the greatest improvements in the district, with an average increase of 37.2 points.

Average improvement in the state was 3.93 points.

Genesis principal Brian Barker said success at NAPLAN was a by-product of an overall strategy of qual-

ity education.

"Education is not about preparing for a test," Mr Barker said. "It is about quality teaching, high expectations and a curriculum that engages and motivates students"

He said improved pedagogy and teacher professional learning was at the forefront

of progress made at Genesis.

Schools that performed above the state average were St Paul's College 603; Genesis Christian College 593; The Lakes College, North Lakes, 585; Northpine Christian College, Dakabin, 577; North Lakes State College 574; and Pine Rivers State High, Strathpine, 561.

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