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***My School* updated for 2016**

Education Chair the Hon. Peter Chandler MLA has today welcomed the release of the 2016 *My School* website by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

“The *My School* website is important in supporting improved educational outcomes. *My School* gives nationally consistent school level information for the use of parents, school communities and governments,” said Minister Chandler.

“*My School* provides for fair comparisons of schools in Australia, letting parents, educators and members of the general public see how a school is performing, compared to schools with similar students,” said Minister Chandler.

The Education Council reaffirmed its commitment to *My School* in May 2015, and in September 2015 agreed to improvements to the *My School* website. As a result, ACARA has refreshed the look and feel of *My School*, including reducing the content on the homepage and presenting it in a simplified layout, which makes it easier for visitors to identify information important to them. These updates are in addition to a new measure of student attendance.

A widely used resource, with almost 1.5 million user sessions in 2014-15, *My School* is a tool for supporting and driving improvement in education outcomes. The publication of this data allows educators to share information about school achievements and characteristics.

Parents can use *My School* as one source of valuable information to help them make informed decisions about their child’s education.

Visit the *My School* website at www.myschool.edu.au

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