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## NAPLAN: Southwest Sydney's top-performing schools revealed



PAL Buddhist School, in Canley Vale, received an outstanding NAPLAN average of 607.2 across its primary school students.

It maintains its strong track record: it ranked second in Sydney by percentage of students receiving over 95 in the ATAR last year, only behind Sydney Grammar.

Founding principal Panha Pal said the school focused on not just intelligence, but wisdom.

“One focus is to help our students understand the value of wisdom over intelligence,” he said.

“We have too many intelligent people in the world and not enough wise people.”

Spiritual endeavour was another focus, “helping students understand the value of morals”, but discipline was also important.

“Discipline, responsibility and accountability is something we try to embody and put into the values of everything we do,” Mr Pal said.



“We call a lot of our programs and activities ‘training grounds’, because we try to ensure everything we do embodies these values.”

For Mr Pal, the incredible NAPLAN average also came down to both the hard work of his staff and the desire of students.

“It’s a reflection of our teachers’ commitment, we are blessed to have excellent staff,” he said.

“But we also want our pupils to improve their own personal best, and when they do that they’ll be successful in everything they touch.”

