

# NAPLAN: 2019 Top performing high schools revealed

One of Fairfield's newest schools has taken the number one spot in a list of the top performing high schools in NAPLAN.



Pal Buddhist School student Joseph Ameer. The Canley Vale school has performed well in the latest NAPLAN results.

*Picture: Monique Harmer*

Years 5 and 7 students at Pal Buddhist School — established in 2013 as Australia's only Buddhist school — outperformed others in the region with an average score of 591.6 across literacy and numeracy subjects.

Freeman Catholic College ranked second with a score of 584.7, followed by Canley Vale High with 568.5, Prairiewood High with 566.2 and Bonnyrigg High with 562.2.

Pal Buddhist School founding principal Panha Pal said the excellent academic results stemmed from a more wholistic approach to education with a focus on wisdom and morality.

“By focusing on being a good human being, they develop compassion, they develop selfless joy ... they also develop an unshakeable mind.”

The latest NAPLAN results was a “vote of confidence” in the school, which had the potential to one day be “on par or even better” than James Ruse Agricultural High School - which topped the state - or Sydney Grammar, he said.



## HOW YOUR SCHOOL PERFORMED:

1. Pal Buddhist School — 591.6
2. Freeman Catholic College — 584.7
3. Canley Vale High School — 568.5
4. Prairiewood High School — 566.2
5. Bonnyrigg High School — 562.2
6. Patrician Brothers' College Fairfield — 554
7. Bossley Park High School — 547.5
8. Westfields Sports High School — 543.6
9. Fairvale High School — 543.6
10. Mary MacKillop Catholic College — 541.8
11. Cabramatta High School — 538.7
12. St Narsai Assyrian Christian College — 530.6
13. Irfan College — 530.6
14. St Johns Park High School — 529.9
15. Fairfield High School — 496.7
16. Aspect Western Sydney School — 490.8



Founding Principal Panha Pal. *Picture: Monique Harmer*

