

Hon Sue Ellery MLC Minister for Education and Training Leader of the Legislative Council

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Mr Wayne Austin Principal Dianella Secondary College

Dear Mr Austin

The past few months have been a complex and challenging time for schools and the community, and I very much appreciate the extraordinary efforts of our public schools to ensure continuity of education for Western Australian students. Having reached what seems to be a more settled point in managing the pandemic, I wanted you to know your school's 2019 NAPLAN results did not pass unnoticed.

As you would be aware, the 2019 NAPLAN results have been released on the *My School* website and Dianella Secondary College has been identified as demonstrating levels of achievement in 2019 NAPLAN <u>and</u> student progress from 2017 to 2019 above or well above the national average of students from similar backgrounds.

Successful schools do many things in order to achieve the best outcomes for their students, and NAPLAN results provide just one important measure of achievement. There is nothing more fundamental to education than supporting students to acquire the literacy and numeracy skills that will set them up for future success.

I take this opportunity to acknowledge and commend you, your staff and your students on achieving such pleasing results.

Yours sincerely

SUE ELLERY MLC

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