LITERACY, NUMERACY BENCHMARK TESTS FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

The Executive Director of the Association of Independent Schools of South Australia, Garry Le Duff, said Independent school student results for the 2007 national literacy and numeracy benchmark assessments are expected to be available to individual schools from this week.

A report on the overall achievement of the Independent school sector will be available early next year.

"We look forward to receiving the full report on the results," said Mr Le Duff.

"The Independent school sector has consistently outperformed the South Australian and national benchmarks since the tests began in 1999.

"We will use the report to target programs for special support as required for particular students and for the professional development of teachers in Independent schools. For instance, we already have established programs to improve the writing skills of Year 7 boys."

About 8000 Independent school students in Years 3, 5 and 7 sat the 2007 literacy and numeracy benchmark assessments.

Contact: Garry Le Duff, Tel: 8179 1402(W), 8339 2106(A/H) or 0419 806 419