Pretty Beach Public School features in The Daily Telegraph...

Central Coast schools named in NSW's best primary and high schools

From Wagstaffe to Noraville, 11 Central Coast schools have been named among the top performers in NSW.

Eleven Central Coast schools spanning from Wagstaffe to Noraville have emerged among the top in the state.

A recent independent analysis of academic results by the Better Education Group has <u>revealed the top primary and high schools across NSW</u>.

The Group, which provides informative and comparative school results across Australia, marked schools out of 100 and ranked them on performance.

When it came top primary schools, nine coast schools appeared on the list which highlighted schools that scored 90 and above.



Central Coast Grammar School's junior school scored 99.



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Central Coast Grammar School scored an impressive 99 and ranked 65th in the state.

Headmaster Bill Low said the junior school was the highest-ranking primary school outside Sydney.

"We are experiencing a very high level of interest from locals, and from Sydney families attracted by our Central Coast lifestyle and the exceptional education evidenced in this report," Mr Low said.

"Alongside this impressive academic performance, our school also excels in sport, performing arts and all round, holistic character development."



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Coast Christian School in Bensville was the next coast school named with a score of 96 and a ranking of 264th in the state.

Coast Christian School Principal Matthew Drennan said it was great to see the small independent school mentioned, along with other coast schools across the region.

"We're not a school that deliberately sets out to get good NAPLAN results," he told the *Express*.

"We focus on quality teaching and a richness of learning which is underpinned by our strong phonics program."



Coast Christian School Principal Matthew Drennan

"We concentrate on the process, that way the product can look after itself."

Mr Drennan said the school, which has 150 students, also had high expectations for its students and focused on good behaviour.

"We also focus on teachers being the best they can be and we have a strong sense of community here," he said. "We are providing holistic education."

Other top primary schools on the Central Coast included:

- Green Point Christian College, score of 95 and NSW ranking of 322nd
- Gosford Public School, score of 95 and NSW ranking of 325th
- Central Coast Adventist School, Erina, score of 94 and ranking of 365th

Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School, Terrigal, score of 94 and ranking of 384th

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Noraville, score of 93 and ranking of 420th

Pretty Beach Public School, Wagstaff, score of 93 and ranking of 423rd

- Holy Cross Catholic Primary School, Kincumber, score of 92 and ranking of 512th
- Lakes Grammar An Anglican School, Warnervale, score of 91 and ranking of 532nd



The small Pretty Beach Public School also ranked in the list.