Parents of school students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will this week receive reports of their child’s and school’s performance in national literacy and numeracy tests.

Minister for Education and Training Verity Firth said schools would either mail the reports or send them home with students.

“The reports will show the results from the first ever national literacy and numeracy tests that students sat in May,” Ms Firth said.

“More than 350,000 NSW students sat the tests and achieved outstanding results, something of which we are all incredibly proud.

“These reports are a great chance for parents to look at their children’s progress.

“The reports will show the student’s own score, how they compared with the national average for their year level as well as how their school performed.

“The final page of the report will include a summary of skills assessed in each aspect of the test and a clear indication of the next step in the learning process.”

Ms Firth said the reports were a wide-ranging analysis of a child’s performance in spelling, grammar and punctuation, writing, reading, and numeracy.

“NSW students are performing well above the national average in every subject and at every year level tested.

“I am particularly pleased to see the outstanding spelling abilities of our students, with NSW ranked number one for spelling in Years 3, 5, and 7.

“NSW students in Year 3 are also ranked number one for their writing skills with students in Year 5 ranked number two in the country.

“These results are a tribute to the hard work and dedication of staff and students in more than 3000 primary, secondary and central schools across the State,” Ms Firth said.