Premier Nathan Rees today welcomed the latest national test results which confirm NSW students lead the nation in spelling, writing and numeracy.

The Premier congratulated school teachers and students across the State on their outstanding results in the 2009 national literacy and numeracy tests (NAPLAN).

"NSW students, teachers, principals and parents should feel proud of these strong results, with students performing well above the national average," Mr Rees said.

"This is proof we have a strong curriculum focused on literacy and numeracy and students benefit from a world class education.

"NSW students were the undisputed champion spellers in the country, with NSW students getting the highest marks in the nation at every year level tested.

"NSW also has a greater proportion of students achieving above the national average in the key area of writing, with NSW ranked first in almost every year group.

"In numeracy, NSW has the greatest proportion of students in the highest achievement band at every year level.

"These results would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of teachers and principals in more than 3,000 schools across the state.

"The 2009 results build on last years efforts which showed that NSW students are performing well above the national average in every subject and at every year level tested."

NSW Education Minister Verity Firth said the tests were taken by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students from all school sectors in every state and territory in May this year.

"NSW’s 350,000 students who sat the test performed very well out of the million in total who took part across Australia.

Ms Firth said the results were a valuable tool for principals and teachers to help every child reach their full potential and from 14 September individual student reports would be sent home to all parents.

"Schools will be able to analyse the results and use the rich data to pinpoint ways they can help individual students and further improve their teaching practices to drive even better results.

"The results will also help provide additional support to students who haven’t reached the minimum standard."

Parents of students in government schools will also receive a supplementary report which will contain more information about their child’s performance in every area of the test.