# SCHOOLS





Use NABERS to improve your school's energy and water efficiency



#### WHY NABERS?

At NABERS, we know that environmentally friendly buildings are not only better for the planet, but they also create healthier and more productive learning environments for our children to thrive.

NABERS (which stands for the National Australian Built Environment Rating System) provides simple, reliable and comparable sustainability measurements you can trust across building sectors like apartments, offices, hotels, data and shopping centres and more.

Over the last 20 years, we have proven that "what gets measured gets managed".

Our customers have saved an average of 30-40% on their energy over 10 years.

Our rating system has driven financial growth and solid returns in properties across multiple sectors through the achievement of sustainability objectives.

A NABERS rating helps you to accurately measure, understand and communicate the environmental performance of your building while identifying areas for cost savings and future improvements.

## ABOUT NABERS FOR SCHOOLS

NABERS for schools quantifies your campus's energy and water performance. We give your school a rating from one to six stars, based on the energy and water efficiency. Your NABERS rating can then be used to identify areas for future cost savings and building improvements, as well as to promote your school's environmental credentials.

#### NABERS STAR RATING GUIDE

*****	MAKING A START
*****	OPPORTUNITIES FOR UPGRADES
*****	MARKET STANDARD
*****	HIGH PERFORMANCE
*****	SUPERIOR PERFORMANCE
*****	MARKET LEADER

## WHAT'S AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS?

- NABERS Energy
- NABERS Water

#### BENEFITS TO SCHOOLS



LOWER ENERGY AND WATER BILLS



SUPPORT A GOOD LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



ALIGN WITH COMMUNITY EXPECTATIONS



VERIFY AND VALIDATE INTERNAL TRACKING



IMPROVE WATER EFFICIENCY



COMPARE TO OTHER SCHOOLS



SUPPORT A HEALTHY LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



COMPARE ASSET PERFORMANCE ACROSS A PORTFOLIO



BRIDGE THE INFORMATION GAP



ENHANCE SCHOOL REPUTATION



IDENTIFY COST SAVINGS

## HOW WE DELIVER FAIR COMPARISON

NABERS ratings consider factors unique to your school campus to ensure a fair, like-with-like comparison. Depending on your rating type, some of the parameters we look at are:

- Gross floor area
- Students enrolled
- Full-time equivalent employees
- Site area
- Climate and location
- Swimming pools

"At Knox Grammar School, environmental sustainability is an integral part of our agenda as we pave the way for the next generation.

NABERS ratings will allow us to measure and manage our energy and water consumption, driving efficiency, reducing emissions and creating a healthier learning environment for our students, staff and community.

We welcome the NABERS rating tools positive impact on the school sector."

 Duncan Sharpe, Director of Operations, Knox Grammar School



#### HOW NABERS ADDS VALUE

#### **ACHIEVE RECOGNITION**

Your rating will allow your school to showcase its commitment to sustainability by measuring and monitoring energy and water consumption. A rating is a way to demonstrate your commitment to a better tomorrow for your students, staff and wider community.

#### **IMPROVE PERFORMANCE**

Having a way to measure your operational performance is the first step toward effectively managing your consumption and decreasing emissions. Understanding how your school is performing is key to initiating positive change and reducing operational costs.

#### **COMPARE YOUR SCHOOL**

Getting NABERS ratings enables you to track the school's consumption year upon year and gain insights into how it compares in relation to other schools in Australia.

#### STEPS TO A RATING



#### 1. GET READY

Visit NABERS website.

Obtain 2-3 quotes from a NABERS accredited assessor to understand scope of work (site hours and consulting hours).

Obtain sign-off on a NABERS rating and engage a NABERS Assessor



### 2. GATHER YOUR DATA

You'll need 12 months of historical data on your energy consumption and some evidence about the size and features of your buildings. Your Assessor will advise you on what you need to provide.



### 3. ACHIEVE NABERS CERTIFICATION

Organise access for your Assessor to conduct a site visit to validate your information.



### 4. IMPROVE YOUR RATING

Your NABERS rating lasts for 12 months.

Take action.

Enjoy savings.

Get annual ratings so that you can track improved performance.

#### **GET YOUR RATING**

#### Visit our website

www.nabers.gov.au/ratings/spaces-we-rate/schools

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