

A group of school children in uniform are walking on a modern school staircase. The children are wearing dark blue blazers, light blue shirts, and dark ties. The girls are wearing blue and black plaid skirts. The boys are wearing dark trousers. They are walking on a staircase with a metal railing. Large windows are visible on the left side of the staircase, showing an outdoor area with tables and chairs. The overall atmosphere is bright and modern.

Elevate your school
with NABERS



NABERS ratings are now available for schools.

For over 25 years, NABERS (National Australian Built Environment Rating System) has provided a trusted, government-backed way to measure and compare the environmental performance of buildings across Australia.

Now, schools can access this same powerful rating system to measure their energy and water performance on a 1-6 star scale, turning data into clear insights for improvement.





A trusted way to demonstrate building performance, justify investment, and strengthen your school's reputation.

School leaders are under increasing pressure to demonstrate environmental performance, justify infrastructure spend, and maintain a strong reputation, all while managing tight budgets and limited time. NABERS gives principals a trusted, independent way to do that, without adding administrative burden.

NABERS is Australia's government-backed rating system for measuring building performance. It provides an independently verified benchmark that schools can use to compare performance, plan improvements, and support decision-making.

NABERS for schools helps leaders:

- ✔ Demonstrate performance credibly
- ✔ Justify investment and funding decisions
- ✔ Plan with confidence





Strengthen your school's reputation.

A NABERS rating is independently verified and publicly recognised, giving your school a trusted benchmark to demonstrate leadership and sustainability progress.

A NABERS rating for your school:

- ✔ Builds credibility with boards, parents and regulators
- ✔ Helps your school stand out in a competitive sector
- ✔ Demonstrates leadership without relying on claims or anecdotes

Allocate budgets where it will have the most impact.

The verified data NABERS provides helps school leaders identify inefficiencies and prioritise upgrades, so infrastructure spending is directed to projects that deliver real educational and operational value.

This approach:

- ✔ Strengthens business cases for capital works
- ✔ Supports confident board and governance discussions
- ✔ Reduces risk of reactive or misdirected spend



Designed for busy school leaders.

NABERS is delivered by accredited Assessors who guide the process end-to-end, using existing data and a clear, structured approach.

- ✔ Minimal time required from principals or executives
- ✔ No need for in-house technical expertise
- ✔ Clear pathway from assessment to insight

Report and plan with confidence.

NABERS is a government-backed, independently assessed certification, suitable for governance, reporting, grant applications and long-term planning.

NABERS supports funding and grant applications by providing trusted, independently verified evidence for reporting and compliance, giving school leaders confidence that decisions and disclosures will stand up to scrutiny and reducing both reputational and decision risk.

FAQ's.

“We’re already very time-poor, is this just another thing on our to-do list?”

NABERS is designed for busy school teams. Accredited Assessors guide the process end-to-end, using existing data and a structured approach. Very little time is required from principals or executive teams, and there’s no need for in-house technical expertise.

“We already do some sustainability activities, isn’t that enough?”

NABERS helps you validate and prioritise what you’re already doing by turning activity into independently verified evidence. It strengthens credibility and supports decision-making, rather than adding a new program.

“What’s the return? How does this actually help us?”

The value of NABERS is confidence. It supports stronger investment cases, clearer funding and grant applications, and more informed long-term planning, helping ensure limited budgets are spent where they deliver the greatest educational and operational value.

“Will this expose us to any criticism or greenwashing claims?”

NABERS is government-backed and independently assessed, which reduces reputational risk. It provides credible evidence that stands up to scrutiny from boards, parents, regulators and funders.

“Are other schools doing this?”

NABERS is well established in other sectors and is now expanding into schools. Early adopters benefit from clear differentiation and leadership positioning, while still using a trusted, nationally recognised framework.

“Is this just a reporting exercise rather than a leadership tool?”

Reporting is an outcome, not the purpose. NABERS is designed to support planning, investment and decision-making, with reporting as a by-product of better performance insight.



Your NABERS rating, made easy.



Strengthen your school's reputation

Demonstrate leadership and progress with a trusted, independently verified NABERS rating.



Allocate budgets where they'll have the most impact

Use verified data to identify priorities, build strong business cases, and direct funding where it delivers real value.



Designed for busy school leaders

NABERS Assessors guide the process end-to-end using existing data.



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NABERS is a government-backed certification that supports governance, reporting, grant applications and long-term planning.

Getting started is straightforward.

- 1 Start with one assessment using existing data.
- 2 Use the results to support planning or board discussions.
- 3 Apply insights over time to guide future investment.

Learn more about NABERS for Schools

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