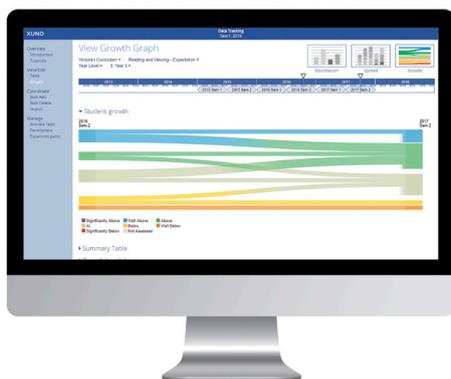


Accelerus announces Xuno GPS – school management software that lets schools choose their own journey

School reporting software experts Accelerus, have created an advanced school management system which incorporates the best of contemporary reporting, assessment and analysis into a powerful and enhanced suite of school management software.

According to Accelerus, the new system, Xuno Growth Progression System or Xuno GPS, was conceived as a response to concerns that schools were “paying too much for incumbent systems, along with a rising chorus of complaints about current service and performance standards in the industry.”

The new system has a full range of capabilities for attendance, student welfare, and parent and student communications (Portals, Apps, email, SMS) as well as the advanced Continuous Assessment tool. The tool allows teachers to issue tasks, receive and review work, provide feedback,



and direct communications to parents and students in real time. It also allows them to populate interim or end of semester reports directly from the assessment details.

MD David Jones said: “Accelerus is well known for the versatility and depth in its reporting software and provides both cloud and on-premise solutions for all types of schools, in all states. Xuno GPS is built with the same versatility in mind.

“With over 2000 schools using our software over the years, it’s amazing just how many different approaches that we have seen. In our view, it’s important that schools can craft their own path with our tools.”

Xuno GPS is backed by Accelerus’ Australian support team, with experienced staff answering 97.4% of phone enquiries within 60 seconds at peak volume. Over 95% of enquires are resolved at the initial call.

To allow easy transition to Xuno GPS, Accelerus will provide data transfer from incumbent systems free of charge. Jones said: “some schools are under the mistaken impression that they are locked into a particular system by virtue of the data that they have within it. They shouldn’t worry. It’s their data, and we can retrieve it for them.”

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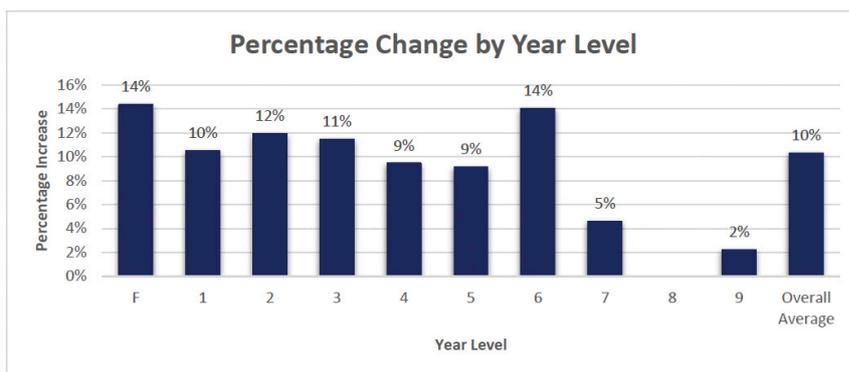
10% writing improvement with Seven Steps program

Pre- and post-implementation testing by *Seven Steps to Writing Success* has revealed an average 10% improvement in writing results after 10 weeks use of the writing program.

The *Making Real Change in School* report aggregated data from over 1740 students who were given a writing test before they were taught the Seven Steps, and then again 10 weeks later, after the Seven Steps had been implemented in their school. Schools marked their students’ writing using the NAPLAN Marking Criteria, then the data were analysed.

The data shows that over an average 10-week period:

- Students’ writing scores improved overall by 10%.
- 69% of students improved their post-Seven Steps test score by at least 1 NAPLAN band.
- The greatest improvements were found in the ‘harder to teach’ elements of writing: Paragraphing, Character &



Setting, Text Structure, Persuasive Devices and Ideas.

While NAPLAN expects students to improve by 3/4 to 1 1/2 bands every two years *the majority of Seven Steps students improved by the equivalent of two years in writing ability.

In addition, teachers reported other (non-results focused) benefits to implementing the *Seven Steps*, including increased student engagement and par-

ticipation during writing lessons and an increased desire to write.

An Australian writing program, *Seven Steps to Writing Success* has trained over 10,000 teachers from over 1600 Australian schools during 2017-18.

Download the Making Real Change in School report at www.sevenstepswriting.com/real-change-report/

*Source: www.education.sa.gov.au/sites/g/files/net691/ff/interpreting-2018-naplan-results.pdf p5.