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St. Columba's School Bayswater



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School Performance Data - 2010

VISION STATEMENT

St. Columba's Primary School aims to foster the total development of each child within a caring community that is totally committed to supporting the Catholic principles and ideals

'Faith, Wisdom, Peace'

ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL, BAYSWATER

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE DATA

Dear Members of St Columba's School Community,

The Australian Government accountability regulations require schools to report information on school performance to their community. The information below is provided to the school community to reflect the school's performance in the 2010 academic year as mandated by the Australian Government.

As a school, we are continuously striving to develop through seeking to improve children's learning and enhancing teacher instruction. This means working towards developing higher quality teaching and promoting more effective learning.

The data presented reflects what can be measured, in terms of what the school is achieving. Although we, as a school, are proud to stand by this data we know that there are many important aspects of our school and what children learn that cannot be readily measured.

Below are our details.

CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

St. Columba's School, Bayswater was established by the Sisters of Mercy in 1936. It is a co-educational Catholic school providing primary education to approximately 250 children, from Pre-Kindy 3 year olds to Year 6. The school is an integral part of and has a close relationship with the St Columba's Parish. St. Columba's School is a well-resourced RAISE school (Raising Achievements in Schools) with an emphasis on Pastoral Care, Early Intervention, Gifted and Talented, Literacy and Numeracy.

Specialist programs in the areas of Science, Information Technology, Physical Education, Music and Library skills also operate within the school. An 'Options' program has been implemented into the curriculum, giving the students in Years 5-6 the opportunity to experience and explore a variety of hobbies and interests.

St. Columba's has a vibrant and committed staff, an active and supportive parent body, and strong links with the local community. The school's motto: 'faith, wisdom, peace' is lived out in our vision of 'fostering the total development of each child within a caring community that is totally committed to supporting and living the Catholic principles and ideals'.

STAFF

1. Staff Attendance.

In 2010, the average number of days attended, per staff member, was 95%. This figure includes staff away on Sick Leave, Personal Leave and Professional Development.

2. Staff Retention.

The proportion of teaching staff retained at St Columba's School in 2010 was 100%.

3. Teacher Qualifications.

Qualifications of Teaching Staff at St Columba's School Bayswater	
Qualifications	Number
Certificate of Music Teaching	1
Diploma of Teaching/Education	5
Diploma of Religious Education	1
Graduate Diploma in Education	1
Bachelor of Education	8
Bachelor of Arts in Education	2
Master of Religious Education	1
Master of Education – Leadership and Management	1

4. Workforce Composition

Males	4	Females	23
Full Time	14	Part Time	13
Teachers	15	Education Assistants	7
Administration	3	Other (cleaner)	1

5. Professional Development and Professional Learning Opportunities for Teaching Staff.

Over the year all teachers attended courses in a number of learning areas. Some of these learning areas were Literacy, Numeracy, Religious Education, Curriculum Professional Development, Early Childhood Pedagogy Network Meetings, Teaching Children with Special Needs, networking sessions on Literacy (RAISE), Drug Education, Faith Development, Environment Studies, RAISE and Professional Learning Community meetings, NuLit Data meetings, School Report meetings, Religious Education network meetings, Kindergarten conversations and Curriculum Issues for Primary Leaders and Religious Education Accreditation courses at the Catholic Education Office, Perth.

Our aim in 2011 is to continue to inservice all staff on the core educational and spiritual areas of the school's curriculum.

KEY STUDENT OUTCOMES

1. Student Attendance.

The average attendance rate for the 2010 gazetted school year, for students in Years 1 to 6, was 92%. Student attendance is recorded in class registers. Absences are followed up by teachers requesting a note from parents explaining any absence.

2. Proportions of Years 3 and 5 Students Meeting National Reading, Writing, Spelling and Numeracy Benchmarks and Changes in Benchmark Results From The Previous Year

In 2010, the National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy tests were administered throughout all Australian states and territories. More detailed information can be located at the NAPLAN website www.naplan.edu.au

Please note:

- Year 3 students in New South Wales and Victoria have had three and a quarter years of formal education as opposed to two and a quarter years for Western Australian children. Please also remember that the writing test disadvantaged the more thoughtful and reflective young writers whose output was limited by the time permitted.
- The NAPLAN does not measure creative thinking, collaborative abilities or emotional intelligence.
- These NAPLAN tests form only one part of the many assessments that take place right throughout your child's primary schooling. At St. Columba's School, we have a wide range of assessment measures that begin at Pre-Primary and continue until Year 6.

ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL 2010 NAPLAN RESULTS COMPARISON

The data below indicate students 'On' or 'Above' the Minimum Standard in NAPLAN. These figures have also been compared to all other Australian Schools in 2010. Please take note that it is not a direct comparison as the children tested are not from the same cohort.

Year 3	Learning Area	Year 3 (NAPLAN 2009) % Above National Minimum Standard: St Columba's School	Year 3 (NAPLAN 2009) St Columba's School Mean	Year 3 (NAPLAN 2009) Western Australian Schools' Mean	Year 3 (NAPLAN 2009) – National Schools' Mean
	Numeracy	100	432	384	392
	Reading	100	463	400	412
	Spelling	100	436	384	396
	Grammar & Punctuation	100	464	398	413
	Writing	93	438	401	414
Year 5	Learning Area	Year 5 (NAPLAN 2009) % Above National Minimum Standard: St Columba's School	Year 5 (NAPLAN 2009) St Columba's School Mean	Year 5 (NAPLAN 2009) Western Australian Schools' Mean	Year 5 (NAPLAN 2009) – National Schools' Mean
	Numeracy	96	496	479	487
	Reading	100	530	479	486
	Spelling	89	512	477	484
	Grammar & Punctuation	93	505	487	497
	Writing	96	514	474	483

VALUED ADDED ACTIVITIES AT ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL IN 2010.

Throughout the year, the students at St Columba's School were involved in a variety of activities, incursions and excursions, which helped their development and added value to their learning. Below are some examples.

Excursions/Incursions/Extension Activities

- Schoensatt Shrine Visits
- Years 6 Camp
- Options Program
- Enrichment Program
- Gymbus
- Scitech (Perth)
- Recycling Program

Curriculum

- PIPS (Progress Indicators in Primary Students).
- NAPLAN Testing (Years 3, 5 & 7).
- Friendly Schools & Families Programme.
- National Safe Schools Framework.

Religion

- Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation Sacramental Programmes.
- Whole school masses.
- Class masses.
- Weekend Parish Celebrations.
- Sacramental Parent Information Sessions.
- Feast Day Celebrations.
- Sacramental retreat days

Performing Arts

- School Choirs.
- End of Year Christmas Concert.
- Class Assemblies.
- Arts Night

Sport

- Swimming Lessons.
- Faction Swimming & Athletics Carnivals.
- Interschool Swimming & Athletics Carnival.
- Eagles Cup Football.

Community Activities

- Missions.
- ANZAC Day.
- Book Week
- Open Day

POST SCHOOL DESTINATIONS

Our 2010 Year 6 student's high school destinations are as follows:

Destination Schools	No of Students
Chisholm College	13
Mercedes College	2
Iona Presentation College	1
Aranmore College	1
Trinity College	3
La Salle College	2
Bayswater Primary School	1
Mount Lawley School	3

PARENT, STUDENT AND TEACHER SATISFACTION

Having completed Kindergarten and prospective student interviews recently, it is great to be able to report to you the high opinions held by the outside community regarding St Columba's School. This is supported by the high number of applications seeking enrolment into the school in the junior year levels. There were also many positive comments and feedback from parents with children currently attending the school.

I am proud to state that we are providing many opportunities for the students and parents to grow in their faith through liturgical and sacramental celebrations, sacramental meetings, faith development days and evenings for the students, staff and parents.

Along with incidental discussions I have had with students, teachers and parents, both before school and during the day, there is a high degree of satisfaction with the school. The general consensus is that St Columba's School is a great school.

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Bayswater

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