

Live in Faith
Grow in Wisdom
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St. Columba's School Bayswater



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School Performance Data 2011

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 2011 academic year.

As a school, we are continuously striving for educational excellence by seeking to improve children's learning and enhancing teacher instruction. Educational excellence means working towards developing higher quality teaching and promoting more effective learning using all learning intelligences.

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.

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 320 children, from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6. The school is in the early stages of moving to double stream. St Columba's Primary 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, Italian and Library skills 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 2011, the average number of days attended, per staff member, was 96%. 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 2011 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
Graduate Certificate in Religious Education	1
Master of Religious Education	1
Master of Education – Leadership and Management	1

4. Workforce Composition

Males	4	Females	24
Full Time	14	Part Time	13
Teachers	15	Education Assistants	7
Administration	3	Other (cleaner, social worker)	2

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. In 2011 St Columba's School employed a Social Worker to professionally take care of Emotional Intelligences of students, families and staff.

STUDENTS

1. Student Attendance.

The average attendance rate for the 2011 gazetted school year, for students in Years 1 to 6, was 97.6%. Student attendance is recorded in class registers. Absences are followed up by teachers requesting a note from parents explaining any absence.

Year	Student Attendance
Year 1	97%
Year 2	98.5 %
Year 3	98.5%
Year 4	96.8%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	96.7%

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 2011, 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

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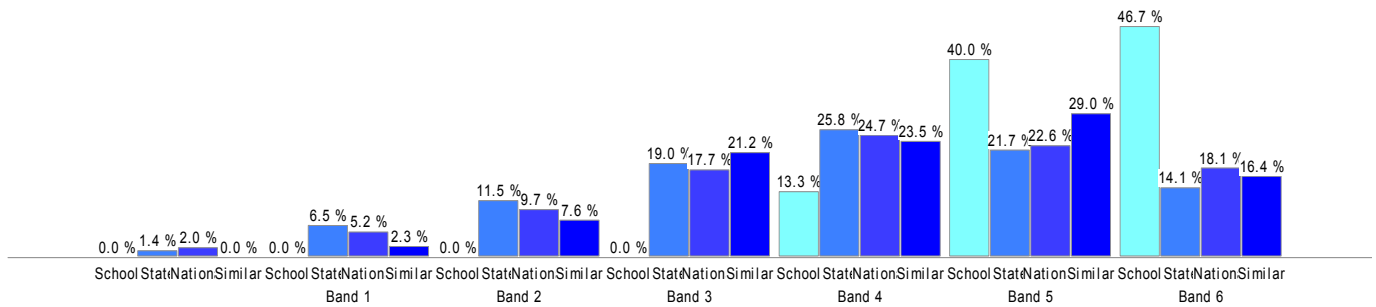
- The NAPLAN does not measure creative thinking, collaborative abilities or emotional intelligence.
- These NAPLAN tests form only one part of the many assessments that take place right throughout your child's primary schooling. At St. Columba's School, we have a wide range of assessment measures that begin at Pre-Primary and continue until Year 6.

ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL 2011 NAPLAN RESULTS COMPARISON

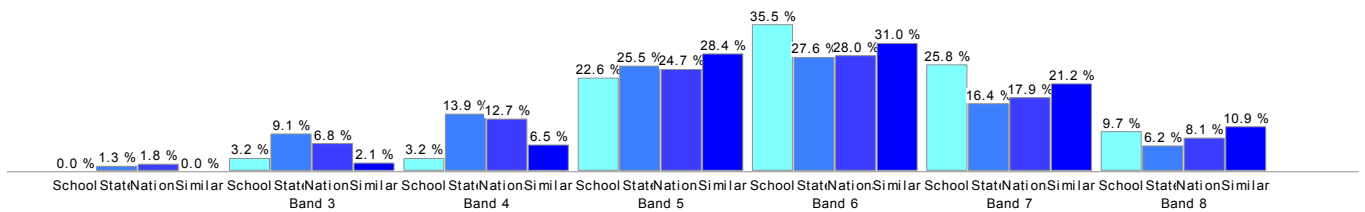
The data below indicates student achievement in NAPLAN in 2011. These figures have also been compared to all other Australian Schools in 2011. In each band, the first bar is the school results, the second is the state results, the third is the national results and the last bar is a comparison with schools of similar demographics.

SPELLING

YEAR 3 SPELLING 2011

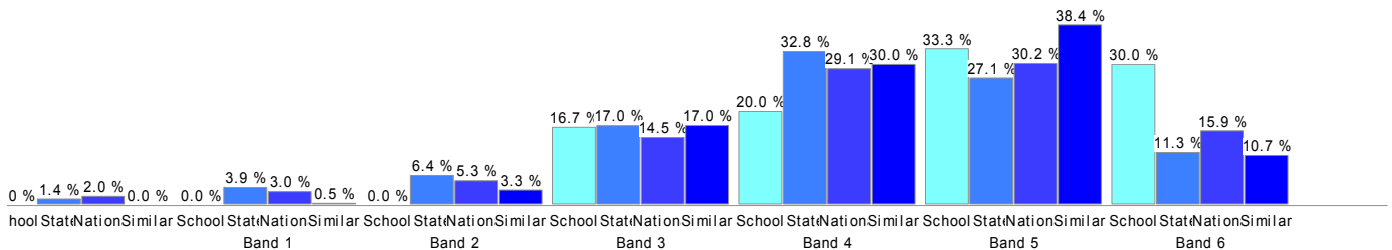


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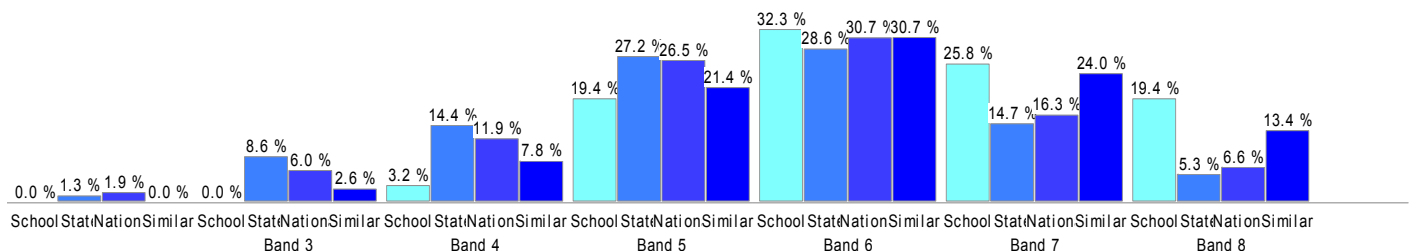


WRITING

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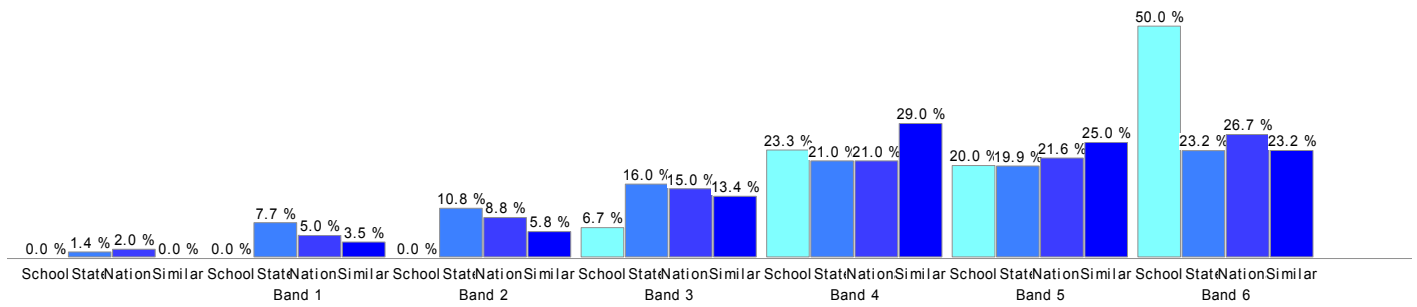


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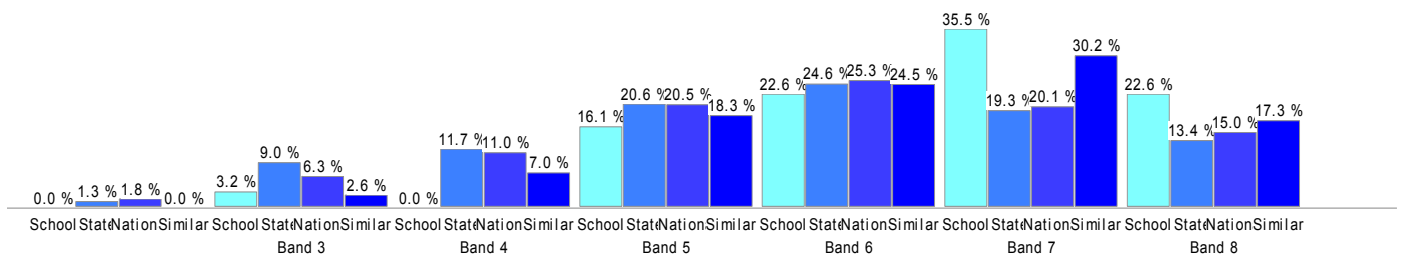


GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION

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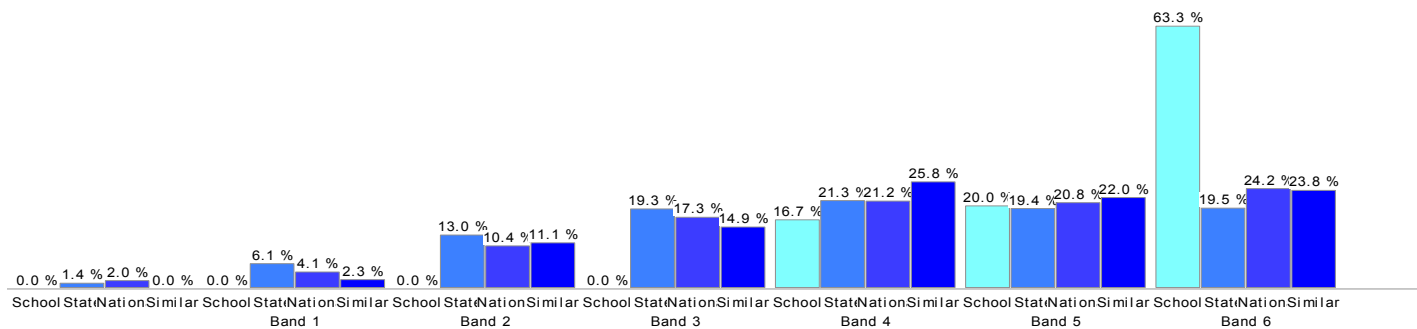


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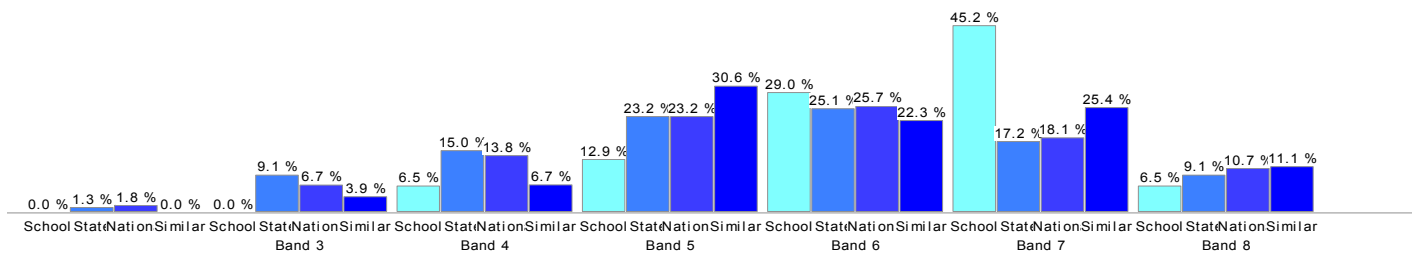


READING

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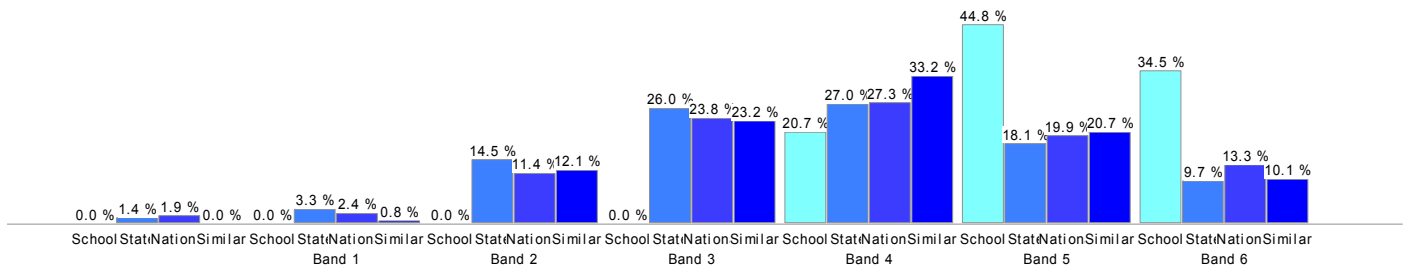


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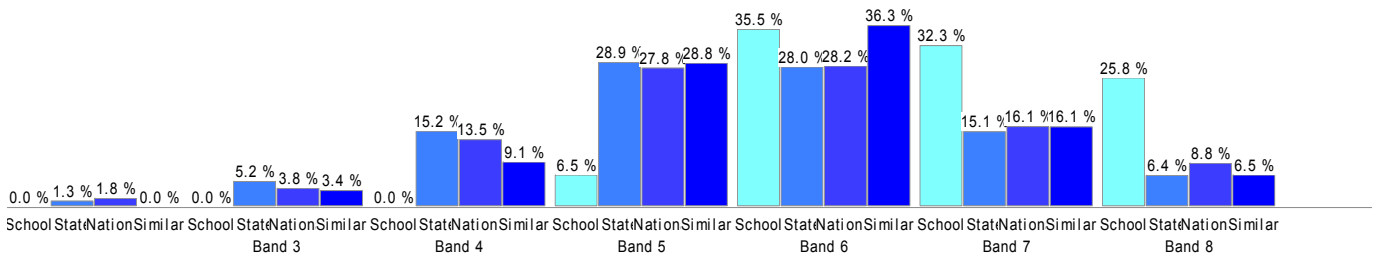


NUMERACY

YEAR 3 NUMERACY 2011



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In 2011 the year 3 and 5 results indicate that our students are performing well above the national levels and schools with similar demographics. St Columba's NAPLAN results show that there is exemplary teaching and learning happening in all year levels. Our students have achieved fantastic results as individuals and in comparison to the nation.

VALUED ADDED ACTIVITIES AT ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL IN 2011.

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
- 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 and weekly 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.
- Sacred Saints Sports Competition

Community Activities

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

POST SCHOOL DESTINATIONS

Our 2011 Year 6 student's high school destinations are as follows:

Destination Schools	No of Students
Chisholm College	17
Mercedes College	7
Trinity College	1
Bayswater Primary School	1

PARENT, STUDENT AND TEACHER SATISFACTION

Having completed Kindergarten and prospective student interviews recently, it is an honour to be able to report 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. Increased applications for enrolment has resulted in Catholic Education Office requesting that St Columba's School move to double stream. We are in the process of becoming double stream. In 2012 there are two Kindergarten classes and two Pre-Primary classes, and the double stream will grow as the Pre-Primary students move up the year levels.

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, parents and staff.

Along with incidental discussions I have had with students, teachers and parents, both before school and during the day, feedback from all aspects of St Columba's community indicate that there is a high degree of satisfaction with the school.

Greg Martin

Principal

St Columba's School, Bayswater

12th June, 2011