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# St. Columba's School Bayswater



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## School Performance Data 2014

### 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 2014 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 400 children, from Pre-Kindergarten 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 school with an emphasis on Early Childhood Education, Pastoral Care, Early Intervention, Gifted and Talented, Literacy and Numeracy. The school is becoming a double stream school and is double stream from Pre-Kindergarten 3 Year Olds to Year 2. Specialist programs in the areas of Science, Humanities, Physical Education, Italian and Music operate within the school.

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 2014, the average number of days attended, per staff member, was 91.46%. 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 2014 was 100%.

### 3. Teacher Qualifications.

Qualifications of Teaching Staff at St Columba's School Bayswater	
Qualifications	Number
Certificate of Music Teaching	
Diploma of Teaching/Education	7
Diploma of Religious Education	
Graduate Diploma in Education	
Bachelor of Education	11
Bachelor of Arts in Education	8
Graduate Certificate in Religious Education	
Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education	3
Master of Religious Education	2
Degrees in other Disciplines	3

### 4. Workforce Composition

Males	5	Females	35
Full Time	18	Part Time	22
Teachers	21	Education Assistants	13
Administration	3	Other (cleaner, social worker)	3

### 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, Drug Education, Faith Development, Environment Studies and Professional Learning Community 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 2014 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 2014 gazetted school year, for students in Years 1 to 6, was 94.30%. Student attendance is recorded in class registers. Absences are followed up by teachers requesting a note from parents explaining any absence.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Student Attendance</b>
Year 1	95.34%
Year 2	95.03%
Year 3	94.02%
Year 4	95.14%
Year 5	94.24%
Year 6	92.01%

### **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 2014, 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](http://www.naplan.edu.au)

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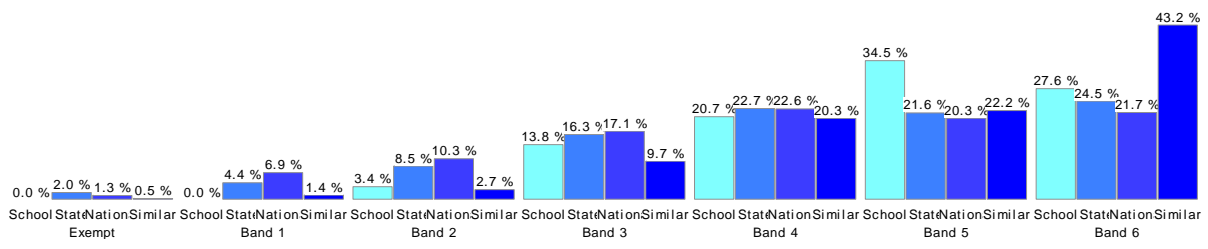
- Year 3 students in New South Wales and Victoria have had three and a quarter years of formal education as opposed to two and a quarter years for Western Australian children. Please also remember that the writing test disadvantaged the more thoughtful and reflective young writers whose output was limited 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 Kindergarten and continue until Year 6.

# ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL 2014 NAPLAN RESULTS COMPARISON

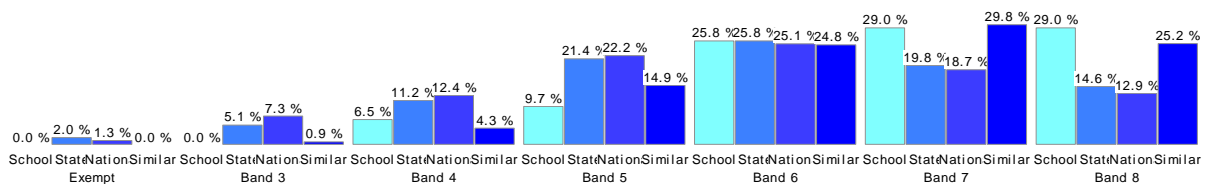
The data below indicate students 'On' or 'Above' the Minimum Standard in NAPLAN. These figures have also been compared to all other Australian Schools in 2014. Please take note that it is not a direct comparison as the children tested are not from the same cohort.

## Reading

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2014 Reading Year 3



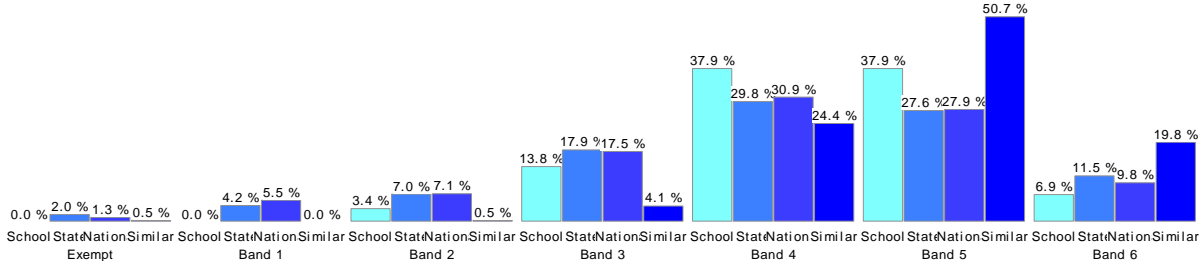
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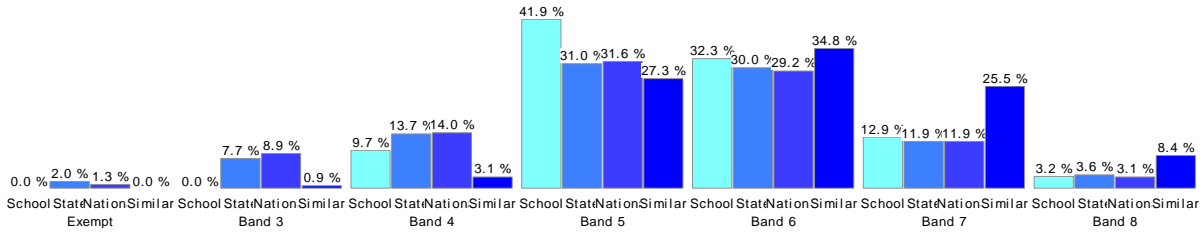
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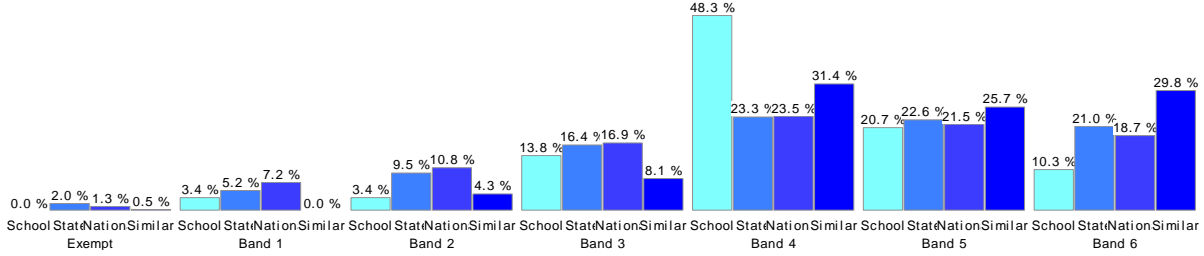
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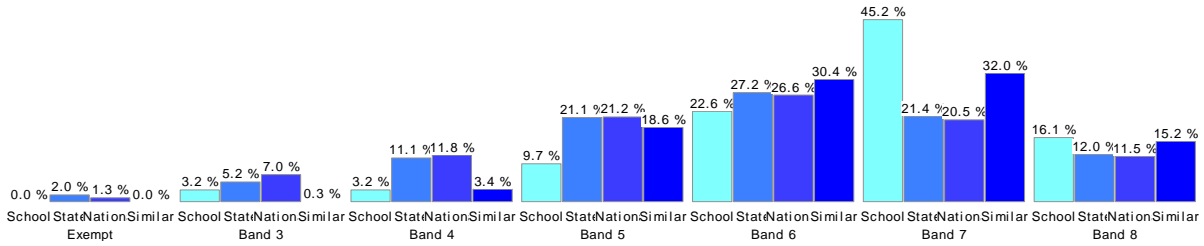
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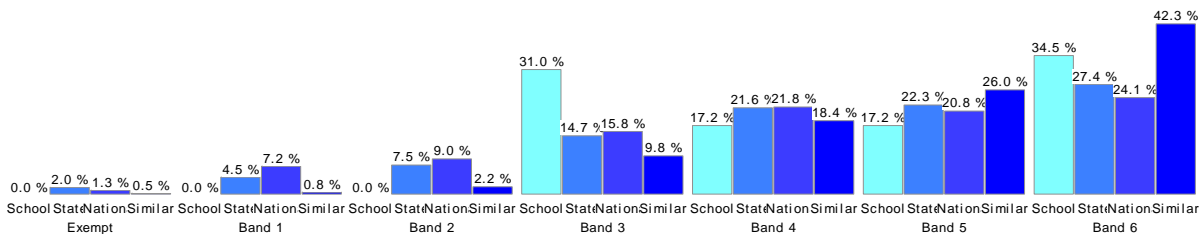
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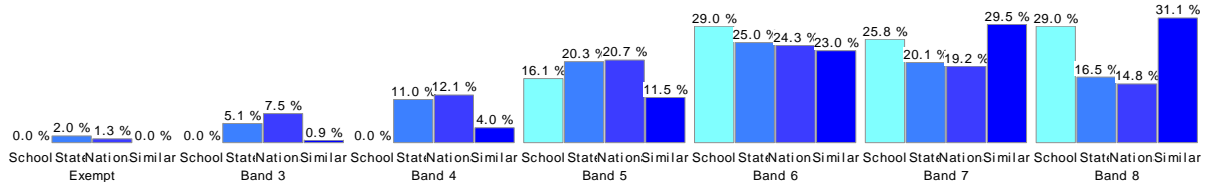


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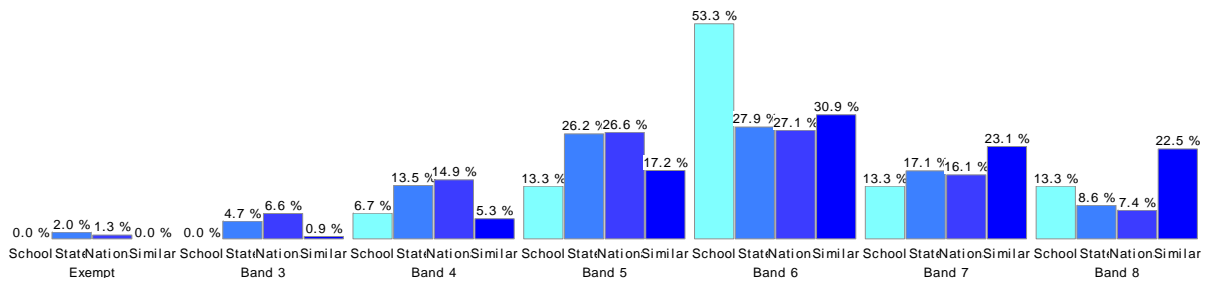
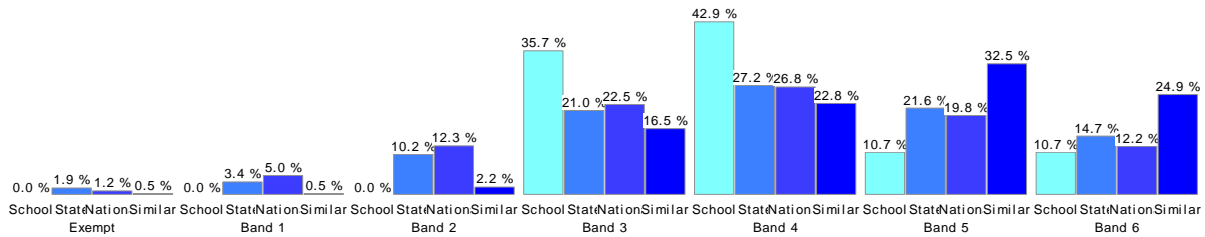
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## Numeracy





## **VALUED ADDED ACTIVITIES AT ST COLUMBA'S SCHOOL IN 2014.**

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).
- 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.
- Columba Runners

### **Community Activities**

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

## POST SCHOOL DESTINATIONS

Our 2014 Year 6 student's high school destinations are as follows:

<b>Destination Schools</b>	<b>No of Students</b>
Chisholm College	17
Mercedes College	9
Trinity College	1
Perth College	1
Guildford Grammar	1
Total	29

## 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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St Columba's School  
Bayswater

15<sup>th</sup> June, 2015