2021 Annual Report to The School Community



School Name: Wallarano Primary School (5055)



- All teachers at the school meet the registration requirements of the Victorian Institute of Teaching (<u>www.vit.vic.edu.au</u>).
- The school meets prescribed minimum standards for registration as regulated by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) in accordance with the *Education and Training Reform (ETR) Act 2006*. This includes schools granted an exemption by the VRQA until 31 December 2020 from the minimum standards for student enrolment numbers and/or curriculum framework for school language program.
- The school is compliant with the Child Safe Standards prescribed in *Ministerial Order No.* 870 Child Safe Standards, Managing Risk of Child Abuse in School.

Attested on 22 March 2021 at 09:47 AM by Gail Doney (Principal)

The 2020 Annual Report to the school community:

- · has been tabled and endorsed at a meeting of the school council
- will be publicly shared with the school community.

Attested on 23 March 2021 at 04:53 PM by Tracy Beauchamp (School Council President)





How to read the Annual Report

What has changed for the 2020 Annual Report?

Improved appearance

The appearance of the Performance Summary has been updated to more clearly represent information and to assist interpretation and comparison of individual school's data with state averages and similar school groups.

School performance data

The Victorian community's experience of COVID-19, including remote and flexible learning, had a significant impact on normal school operations. This impacted the conduct of assessments and surveys. Readers should be aware of this when interpreting the Performance Summary.

For example, in 2020 school-based surveys ran under changed circumstances, and NAPLAN was not conducted. Absence and attendance data may have been influenced by local processes and procedures adopted in response to remote and flexible learning.

Schools should keep this in mind when using this data for planning and evaluation purposes. Those schools who participated in the Student Attitudes to School survey in 2020 should also refer to the advice provided regarding the consistency of their data.

What does the 'About Our School' section refer to?

The About Our School section provides a brief background on the school, an outline of the school's performance over the year and future directions.

The 'School Context' describes the school's vision, values and purpose. Details include the school's geographic location, size and structure, social characteristics, enrolment characteristics and special programs.

The 'Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO)' section includes the improvement initiatives the school has selected and the progress they have made towards achieving them.

What does the 'Performance Summary' section of this report refer to?

The Performance Summary includes the following:

School Profile

- student enrolment information
- the school's 'Student Family Occupation and Education' category
- a summary of parent responses in the Parent Opinion Survey, shown against the statewide average for Primary schools
- school staff responses in the area of School Climate in the School Staff Survey, shown against the statewide average for Primary schools

Achievement

- English and Mathematics for Teacher Judgements against the curriculum
- English and Mathematics for National Literacy and Numeracy tests (NAPLAN).
 Note: NAPLAN tests were not conducted in 2020

Engagement

Student attendance at school

Wellbeing

Student responses to two areas in the Student Attitudes to School Survey:

- Sense of Connectedness
- Management of Bullying

Results are displayed for the latest year and the average of the last four years (where available).



How to read the Annual Report (continued)

What do 'Similar Schools' refer to?

Similar Schools are a group of Victorian government schools with similar characteristics to the school.

This grouping of schools has been created by comparing each school's socio-economic background of students, the number of non-English speaking students and the school's size and location.

What does 'NDP' or 'NDA' mean?

'NDP' refers to no data being published for privacy reasons or where there are insufficient underlying data. For example, very low numbers of participants or characteristics that may lead to identification will result in an 'NDP' label. For the 2020 Stude nt Attitudes to School survey, specifically, the similar school group averages are replaced by 'NDP' where less than 50% of schools in a given similar school group did not participate in the 2020 survey.

'NDA' refers to no data being available. Some schools have no data for particular measures due to low enrolments. There may be no students enrolled in some year levels, so school comparisons are not possible.

Note that new schools only have the latest year of data and no comparative data from previous years. The Department also recognises unique circumstances in Specialist, Select Entry, English Language, Community Schools and schools that changed school type recently, where school-to-school comparisons are not appropriate.

What is the 'Victorian Curriculum'?

The Victorian Curriculum F–10 sets out what every student should learn during his or her first eleven years of schooling. The curriculum is the common set of knowledge and skills required by students for life-long learning, social development and active and informed citizenship.

The Victorian Curriculum is assessed through teacher judgements of student achievement based on classroom learning.

The curriculum has been developed to ensure that school subjects and their achievement standards enable continuous learning for all students, including students with disabilities.

The 'Towards Foundation Level Victorian Curriculum' is integrated directly into the curriculum and is referred to as 'Levels A to D'.

'Levels A to D' may be used for students with a disability or students who may have additional learning needs. These levels are not associated with any set age or year level that links chronological age to cognitive progress (i.e. there is no age expected s tandard of achievement for 'Levels A to D').



About Our School

School context

Wallarano Primary School is situated in Noble Park in the city of Greater Dandenong in the south-eastern suburbs of Melbourne, thirty-six kilometers from the Melbourne Central Business District.

Wallarano Primary School is a large multicultural primary school that services a culturally rich community of 656 students:305 females and 351 males. 68 percent of students have English as an additional language and 1 percent are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. The overall school's socio-economic profile is based on the school's Student Family Occupation and Education index. Wallarano's band value is: High. 38% of families receive the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund.

The school facilities consist of a two BER buildings, Building A, modular relocatable classrooms, a gymnasium, and a multi-sensory room. Within these buildings there are classrooms with flexible learning spaces, a library, visual and performing arts spaces and an Out of School Hours Care program room. The grounds include two separate adventure playgrounds and gardens. There is also landscaping that includes a Gumnut garden that is used for outdoor learning activities. The school anticipates that a Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Centre will be constructed in the earlier part of 2022.

The school is committed to providing a rich, relevant curriculum that promotes lifelong learning, local and global citizenship and enables students with the attributes necessary to thrive in the 21st century. Digital Technology is a fundamental component of Wallarano's teaching and learning, where state of the art technology and professional learning equip teachers with transformative skills and develops students that are innovative and confident in an everchanging digital world. The school values – Respect, Learning, Teamwork and Honesty- are embedded into the learning design at Wallarano Primary School. Each value is explicitly taught to all students defining what they mean and what behaviours demonstrate them.

The staffing profile consists of a principal, two assistant principals, four learning specialists, thirty-seven full time equivalent (FTE) teachers and thirty-six (FTE) Education Support (ES) members. The Educational Support staff include one full time Speech Therapist, one full time child psychologist/Student Well-being Officer; three Administration Staff and two IT Technician.

The school has a large integration program with 45 funded students. Inclusion and equity for all students is a major emphasis for children with additional needs - high achievement; low achievement; Living out of Home; Koori; medical conditions and PSD Funded - all having Individual Learning Plans to ensure personalised and individual attention is given to all learning needs.

Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO)

2021 continued to adapt to the challenges of the Covid 19 Pandemic with the majority of the year being in lockdown. Wallarano adapted very quickly and effectively. The school mantra continued to be: 'If we do it onsite we can do it remotely!' Teaching and learning was provided using -1:1 iPads for all students; explicit live and filmed lessons using high impact strategies and worked examples for all lessons; e-learning resources such as See-Saw platform, Google Classrooms, Mathletics, Maths Seeds, PM eLearning Collections and the Essential Assessment Program. The Tutor Program continued throughout remote learning as did one on one speech therapy sessions. Lego League sessions continued weekly resulting in the team of Grade 5&6 students reaching the State finals. Inquiry and science experiments continued throughout online learning with the children participating in online interviews with experts in different fields of work and many exciting experiments. The educational support team also took daily small group instruction for students in their level. Teacher PLC meetings continued throughout this time as did teacher professional development which included Professional Learning Communities [teams] PLC, Learning Cycle; reflections on best practice and online learning walks. The cycle of learning has continued to be practiced throughout the year. When teaching remotely, teams were still involved in collecting data, setting SMART goals, and planning for differentiated





teaching and learning experiences and completing post assessment. The introduction and use of the curriculum roadmaps for reading has been taken on enthusiastically by the teachers throughout 2021. To ensure a guaranteed and viable curriculum, a set of reading criteria cards and rubrics from Foundation to Year 8 have been created. These have been used for curriculum planning, assessment and instruction. In Term 4, there was a heavy focus on confirming where students were in their learning, and putting into place plans to help catch students up. The Leadership Team continued to participate in a leadership course run by our Educational Consultant. Content included: School Review requirements and developing curriculum and instructional consistency throughout the school. All teacher professional development and the planned meeting schedule were delivered and participated in throughout the year, including remote learning time. Time was set aside during Staff meetings for sharing of practice, including how teachers were assessing during remote learning, guided reading and student agency and for effective use of the digital platforms for maximum student learning and social connection. Google Meets was used from Foundation to Grade 6 to ensure students, teachers and parents were socially and emotionally connected through direct conversations and activities. Teachers and students across all levels participated in online mid-year interviews, where all students were able to give powerful feedback on their learning through articulating their learning goals and reflecting on future areas of improvement.

2021 has been yet another incredible learning curve for all staff, students and members of the community. It has allowed for true student voice to occur, by providing opportunities for students to self-regulate and pace their learning, ask for feedback and to engage in online learning communities. Teachers have been able to make stronger relationships with students and parents.

The school completed an extremely successful School Review in Term 4, 2021 with the panel concluding:

- Wallarano had developed an aspirational and innovative curriculum particularly with the focus on inquiry and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) skills and capabilities.
- the instructional model and the whole school curriculum were consistent in teacher practice in all classrooms. Teachers analysed appropriate evidence to plan for differentiated learning
- the enhancement of the school wellbeing program improved student engagement and learning growth and the development of the school's social skills program, and the regular celebration of students' achievements had a positive impact on students' social skills and behaviour.
- initiatives and strategies enabled improvements in student literacy achievement across the school.
- resources were provided to support the development of student learning goals in reading, writing and numeracy.
- the success of the implementation of the whole school curriculum was evidenced in the positive perceptions of students, staff and parents in review forums and in the Department of Education (DET) surveys. There was significant improvement over the review period in the percentages of positive responses for most factors, well above similar schools, network schools and the state mean.
- The enhancement of the school wellbeing program improved student engagement and learning growth, as evidenced in the 2021 student achievement in NAPLAN reading and numeracy and strong Attitudes to School Survey data.

Achievement

The academic achievements of Wallarano students in 2021 are indicative of the differentiated and high-quality teaching and learning programs embedded throughout the school year. Despite the challenges many families faced throughout the Covid 19 pandemic and the subsequent remote learning and many of our non-English speaking families finding the challenges of online learning difficult the achievement levels, as assessed by teachers against the Victorian Curriculum, have improved with English achievement of students at or above the age expected level at 77.2% for English and 75.2% in Mathematics. Achievement was above Like Schools in English and Mathematics. The 2021 NAPLAN results demonstrated significant improvement.

The number of students who achieved in the **top 3 Bands** for Reading were above similar schools – Year 3-64% and Year 5-69.5% - but below State mean.





The number of students who achieved in the **top 3 Bands** for Numeracy were above similar schools in – Year 3 - 58.1% and Year 5 65%. Grade 5 achieved above the State mean.

The 'Learning Gain' achieved by students in Grade 5 [since being tested in Grade 3] was well above similar schools in all areas tested.

The majority of students with disabilities are diagnosed with ASD. All 45 students had Individual Education Plans with 90% achieving their personal learning goals and 30% working at the expected level of the Victorian Curriculum. This success is due to the wonderful efforts of teachers planning explicit and individualised lessons for these students and the dedicated work of the educational support staff especially during remote learning.

The future plans for 2022, and beyond, will see the continued implementation of successful Literacy and Numeracy teaching and learning approaches. The key improvement strategies for 2022 will be an intensive focus on Reading and Number and Algebra - catch up and extension. A Tutor at each level - Grades 1-6 - has been employed to assist teachers/teams to achieve the goals of this initiative. All students who did not achieve one years growth in these areas will be identified and placed into Tier 1, 2 or 3 categories for relevant and required instruction. Tier 1 students will be provided instruction within the classroom program; Tier 2 students will be given small group targeted instruction and Tier 3 students will be provided one to one instruction. We are very confident that our students will progress quickly with all the targeted support planned and the opportunity to be learning at school.

Engagement

Survey results demonstrate that the Wallarano vision, values and culture were enhanced throughout 2021, as was the building of our community and the strengthening of our relationship with parents and carers as partners. Empowering students and building school pride were enhanced throughout this very difficult year: Positive responses in all surveys-student, parent and staff have improved on 2021 Reponses.

Student attendance for 2021 was outstanding with overall absence rates being maintained and data equal to State. Attendance for all grade levels were over 91%: Foundation 91%; Grade 1-92%; Grade 2-93%; Grade 3-92%; Grade 4-94%; Grade 5-92% and Grade 6-95% demonstrating engagement in learning and connectedness to school.

Throughout 2021, Wallarano has experienced great success in student engagement through the implementation of powerful relationships, high quality curriculum delivery, provision of exemplary digital tools for learning, strong ICT support for families and a caring and focused well-being approach to support students and their family. The data above is clear evidence that Wallarano students are engaged in their learning and feel safe and secure in the school environment. Parent satisfaction with the school is extremely high - positive endorsement at 91% and student connectedness to school is at 90.1%.

Wallarano will continue to provide a stimulating and engaging learning environment in 2022 and will further enhance learning through the development of student voice, choice and leadership. Students from Foundation - 6 will be engaging in Integrated/STEM inquiry units where all students will engage in topics of interest and learn how to work collaboratively with their peers to investigate topics and deepen their own learning. Lunch time clubs will be further developed with the students taking the lead by planning and supporting a large variety of clubs.

Wellbeing

Wallarano Primary School is committed to safety and wellbeing of all children and young people. This is the primary focus of our care and decision-making, with particular attention paid to the cultural safety of Aboriginal children and children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, as well as the safety of children with a disability. Wallarano Primary School has zero tolerance for child abuse. Wallarano Primary School is committed to providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe, and their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Every person involved in Wallarano Primary School has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role he/she plays individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

Health and wellbeing was a major focus throughout 2021 - a year that required an even more focussed nurturing and caring approach to the health and wellbeing of our whole community. Consistent monitoring of student attendance and





participation were followed up regularly by the classroom teachers, the Well-being Learning Specialist, the School Psychologist, the Integration Teacher and Speech Therapist - all conducting small group or individual sessions with students or families considered at risk.

Having a positive partnership with parents is a high priority and is achieved through open communication, information sessions; Parenting Tips published in the school newsletter and regular personal contact be it onsite or online. Wallarano has achieved outstanding results in the area of student wellbeing through giving a high priority to the emotional and social development of all students. High student attendance, the ACER Social and Emotional Wellbeing Survey 2021 results being well above National benchmarks at all levels, the classroom and playground behaviour records being exceptionally positive and suspension and expulsion at zero are strong evidence of this. The 2021 Attitudes to School survey in the area of Student Connectedness to School is at 90.1% [higher than the State average] and the positive endorsement on the Management of Bullying factor, as reported in the Attitudes to School Survey was at 84.1% [higher than the State average]. The schools emphasis in everyday activities, in every classroom, is to build every students intellectual engagement, self-awareness and resilience. In 2021 the specialist Health program focused on building student emotional intelligence and awareness of personal health - physical and mental. Student playground and classroom behaviour records were monitored weekly when students were onsite and followed up with care and support. The school has a high focus on 21st Century pedagogy for learning, concentrating on collaboration and student voice to ensure students feel they are being heard.

In 2022 the program will be expanded to incorporate, a Tiered Approach to Intervention, Play is the Way- student behaviour education, continued improvement of data collection and analysis and the expansion of student leadership and clubs.

Financial performance and position

Expenditure in 2021 included investment in the future technologies for education resulting in: 1:1 iPads for all students Grades Foundation -6; digital learning platforms to support online learning, various forms of robotics and exemplary maintenance of present technologies e.g. Interactive Whiteboard projectors. We continued to further resource the digital technology program across the school to support students' critical and creative thinking as well as thinking mathematically and scientifically. A significant budget was allocated to teacher professional development in line with the research knowledge that identifies the most significant factor in a child receiving an excellent education is the quality of the teacher. Equity Funding has been spent on the three FISO priorities for Wallarano in 2021 – STEM, Literacy and Student Agency to ensure disadvantage is addressed for all students: exposing all students F-6 to cutting edge technologies and teaching and learning experiences. In addition, the school continues to allocate funds to subsidise excursions to ensure all children have access to high quality experiences. A major building works project is still in the planning phase and accounts for the Wallarano surplus due to the allocation of significant funds being tagged for future plans in 2022, and beyond, that include: First Aid room; the construction of a STEM room; renovations to the administration area and the installment of shading over the Gumnut Garden and community BBQ area. The school is currently working with the Victorian Schools Building Authority.

For more detailed information regarding our school please visit our website at http://wallarano-ps.vic.edu.au/



Performance Summary

The Performance Summary for government schools provides an overview of how this school is contributing to the objectives of the Education State and how it compares to other Victorian Government schools.

All schools work in partnership with their school community to improve outcomes for children and young people. Sharing this information with parents and the wider school community helps to support community engagement in student learning, a key priority of the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes.

Refer to the 'How to read the Annual Report' section for help on how to interpret this report.

SCHOOL PROFILE

Enrolment Profile

A total of 676 students were enrolled at this school in 2020, 302 female and 374 male.

68 percent of students had English as an additional language and 1 percent were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Overall Socio-Economic Profile

The overall school's socio-economic profile is based on the school's Student Family Occupation and Education index (SFOE) which takes into account parents' occupations and education.

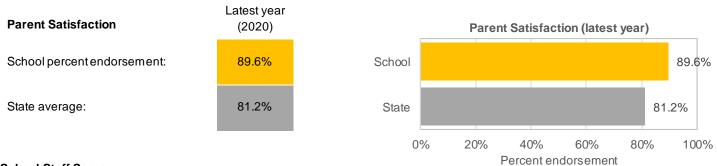
Possible socio-economic band values are: Low, Low-Medium, Medium and High.

This school's socio-economic band value is: High

Parent Satisfaction Summary

The percent endorsement by parents on their school satisfaction level, as reported in the annual Parent Opinion Survey.

Percent endorsement indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree) from parents who responded to the survey.

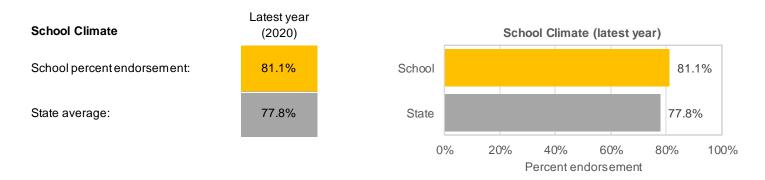


School Staff Survey

The percent endorsement by staff on School Climate, as reported in the annual School Staff Survey.

Percent endorsement indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree) from staff who responded to the survey.

Data is suppressed for schools with three or less respondents to the survey for confidentiality reasons.





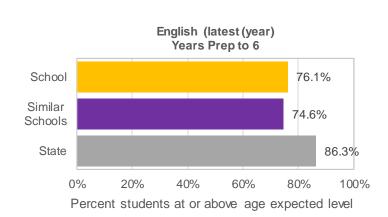
ACHIEVEMENT

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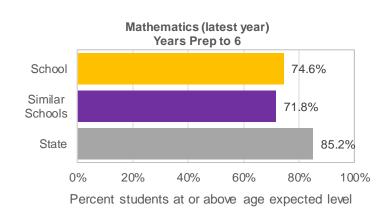
Teacher Judgement of student achievement

Percentage of students working at or above age expected standards in English and Mathematics.

English Years Prep to 6	Latest year (2020)
School percent of students at or above age expected standards:	76.1%
Similar Schools average:	74.6%
State average:	86.3%



Mathematics
Years Prep to 6Latest year
(2020)School percent of students at or above age
expected standards:74.6%Similar Schools average:71.8%State average:85.2%



NAPLAN

NAPLAN tests were not conducted in 2020.

NAPLAN Learning Gain

NAPLAN learning gain is determined by comparing a student's current year result to the results of all 'similar' Victorian students (i.e. students in all sectors in the same year level who had the same score two years prior).

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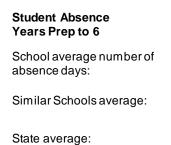


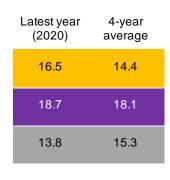
ENGAGEMENT

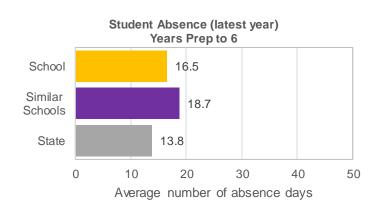
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Average Number of Student Absence Days

Absence from school can impact on students' learning. Common reasons for non-attendance include illness and extended family holidays. Absence and attendance data in 2020 may have been influenced by local processes and procedures adopted in response to remote and flexible learning.







Attendance Rate (latest year)

Attendance Rate by year level (2020):

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91%	88%	92%	92%	91%	93%	94%



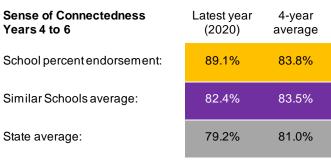
WELLBEING

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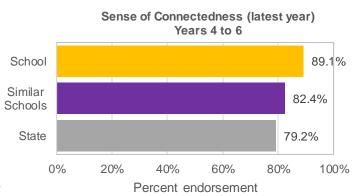
Student Attitudes to School - Sense of Connectedness

The percent endorsement on Sense of Connectedness factor, as reported in the Attitudes to School Survey completed annually by Victorian Government school students, indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree).

Schools who participated in the Student Attitudes to School survey in 2020 should refer to the advice provided regarding the consistency of their data.



Due to lower participation rates and differences in collection methodology in 2020, data are often not comparable with previous years or within similar school groups. Care should be taken when interpreting these results.



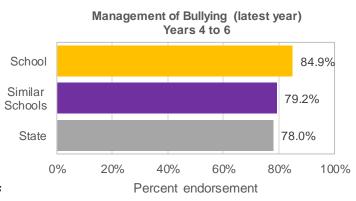
Student Attitudes to School - Management of Bullying

The percent endorsement on Management of Bullying factor, as reported in the Attitudes to School Survey completed annually by Victorian Government school students, indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree).

Schools who participated in the Student Attitudes to School survey in 2020 should refer to the advice provided regarding the consistency of their data.

Management of Bullying Years 4 to 6	Latest year (2020)	4-year average
School percent endorsement:	84.9%	79.5%
Similar Schools average:	79.2%	81.3%
State average:	78.0%	80.4%

Due to lower participation rates and differences in collection methodology in 2020, data are often not comparable with previous years or within similar school groups. Care should be taken when interpreting these results.





Financial Performance and Position

FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE - OPERATING STATEMENT SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 DECEMBER, 2020

Revenue	Actual
Student Resource Package	\$7,842,756
Government Provided DET Grants	\$1,072,071
Government Grants Commonwealth	\$4,928
Government Grants State	NDA
Revenue Other	\$22,400
Locally Raised Funds	\$94,467
Capital Grants	NDA
Total Operating Revenue	\$9,036,621

Equity ¹	Actual
Equity (Social Disadvantage)	\$1,001,661
Equity (Catch Up)	NDA
Transition Funding	NDA
Equity (Social Disadvantage – Extraordinary Growth)	NDA
Equity Total	\$1,001,661

Expenditure	Actual
Student Resource Package ²	\$6,843,303
Adjustments	NDA
Books & Publications	\$4,255
Camps/Excursions/Activities	\$24,926
Communication Costs	\$7,708
Consumables	\$179,538
Miscellaneous Expense 3	\$153,589
Professional Development	\$28,640
Equipment/Maintenance/Hire	\$190,456
Property Services	\$107,686
Salaries & Allowances 4	\$276,093
Support Services	\$163,266
Trading & Fundraising	\$21,606
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$2,907
Travel & Subsistence	NDA
Utilities	\$63,845
Total Operating Expenditure	\$8,067,816
Net Operating Surplus/-Deficit	\$968,805
Asset Acquisitions	\$108,426

- (1) The equity funding reported above is a subset of the overall revenue reported by the school.
- (2) Student Resource Package Expenditure figures are as of 01 Mar 2021 and are subject to change during the reconciliation process.
- (3) Miscellaneous Expenses include bank charges, administration expenses, insurance and taxation charges.
- (4) Salaries and Allowances refers to school-level payroll.



FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2020

Funds available	Actual
High Yield Investment Account	\$1,344,134
Official Account	\$48,831
Other Accounts	NDA
Total Funds Available	\$1,392,965

Financial Commitments	Actual
Operating Reserve	\$189,542
Other Recurrent Expenditure	\$13,853
Provision Accounts	NDA
Funds Received in Advance	\$77,597
School Based Programs	\$13,295
Beneficiary/Memorial Accounts	NDA
Cooperative Bank Account	NDA
Funds for Committees/Shared Arrangements	NDA
Repayable to the Department	NDA
Asset/Equipment Replacement < 12 months	\$91,035
Capital - Buildings/Grounds < 12 months	\$600,000
Maintenance - Buildings/Grounds < 12 months	\$30,000
Asset/Equipment Replacement > 12 months	\$45,000
Capital - Buildings/Grounds > 12 months	\$260,000
Maintenance - Buildings/Grounds > 12 months	\$70,000
Total Financial Commitments	\$1,390,321

All funds received from the Department, or raised by the school, have been expended, or committed to subsequent years, to sup port the achievement of educational outcomes and other operational needs of the school, consistent with Department policies, School Council approvals and the intent/purposes for which funding was provided or raised.