

2018 Annual Report to the School Community



School Name: Wallarano Primary School

School Number: 5055



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- The school meets prescribed minimum standards for registration as regulated by the Victorian Regulation 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 2017 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 at by Gail Doney (Principal)

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Attested on at by Lee-Anne Theodorou (School Council President)



School Context

Wallarano Primary School is a large multicultural primary school situated in Noble Park. The school services a culturally rich community of 676 students with over 40 nationalities, of which 63% are from a non-English speaking background and speaking a total of 42 different languages. 32% of families receive the CSEF. These factors give us a Student Family Occupation (SFO) Index of .6452 and a SFOE of .5634. Enrolments up until the last 2 years have been consistently growing and are now, due to the school zone, steady at 676. 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 ever changing 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.

Over the years, the school community has developed special purpose facilities to enhance the teaching and learning program and the options available for children. These include:-Information & Communications Technology, Digital Technologies; Speech Therapy, Integration/Bridges Tutor Program; Maths/Literacy Assistance; Hall/Gymnasium with stage; Visual Arts room; Performing Arts room; a Film & media studio and a multi-sensory room. ‘Before and After School Care’ program is operated on site by OSHClub, a registered care provider. The school has three Principal Class Officers, 44 teachers (37 EFT), one full time Speech Therapist, one full time child psychologist/Student Well-being Officer; three Administration Staff, 30 Education Support employees [including 2 multi-cultural aides and two ICT Technicians]. Student attendance is at 91% or higher at levels Foundation –Grade 6. The school has a large integration program with 40 funded students and over 100 students with Language Disorder. Inclusion and equity for all students is a major emphasis, with children with additional needs [high achievement, low achievement, Living out of Home, Koori, medical conditions and PSD Funded] having Individual Learning Plans to ensure personalized and individual attention is given to all learning needs.

Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO)

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Building Practice Excellence:

STEM [Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics]: Throughout 2018 the school focus was on the high quality implementation of the STEM initiative. The long term 4 year goal is to have digital technologies embedded into the curriculum design, especially for numeracy and science, to promote critical and creative thinking, enhance and develop problem solving skills and to promote collaborative learning and innovation. The plans for 2018 focussed introducing the design thinking model to enhance critical thinking skills and problem solving. This included STEM challenge classes and Digital Sandpit whereby digital technologies were explored and specific learning intentions set to embed the skills of digital technologies. This was assisted through our Digital Technologies Learning Specialist. The 2019-2020 focus will be to further develop students’ ability to use deeper and transferable mathematical and scientific knowledge and thinking into Inquiry STEM units of work by reconstructing the curriculum and embedding the skills learnt in the past 2 years into everyday classroom practice.

Literacy: The goal in Literacy is to improve the literacy skills of all students that will support their wellbeing and strengthen their development in thinking mathematically and scientifically. The introduction and implementation of the VCOP and Big Write program across Foundation to Year 6 occurred in 2018. The High Impact Teaching Strategies continued to be embedded in all lessons to enhance authentic rich learning tasks for all students – learning intentions/success criteria; setting goals; structuring lessons; differentiation; collaborative learning; worked examples [steps required to complete a task or solve a problem]; multiple exposures [provide students with multiple opportunities to encounter, engage with, and elaborate on, new knowledge and skills]; high quality questioning; feedback; and metacognitive strategies [strategies to teach students to think about their own thinking]. 2019 and 2020 will continue to see all students empowered to learn and achieve, experiencing high quality teaching practice and the best conditions for learning which will equip them with knowledge, skills and dispositions for lifelong learning.

Empowering Students and Building School Pride:

To develop Student Agency, including Student Intellectual Engagement and self-awareness and resilience. The students of Wallarano are empowered through a 21st Century pedagogy. Students work with teachers to set their own learning goals in Literacy and Numeracy, these goals are updated as they are achieved. This assists to individualise learning. Learning is differentiated in a variety of ways including workshops that teachers collaboratively plan to challenge students and move them forwards in their thinking and learning. The school continues to have a major focus on Wilson McCaskill Play Is The Way that teaches self-awareness, self regulation and resilience as well as empathy and understanding of others. This is assisted by our full time psychologist and Well-being Learning Specialist



Achievement

The academic achievements of Wallarano students in 2018 are indicative of the differentiated and high quality teaching and learning programs embedded throughout the school. The achievement levels, as assessed by teachers against the Victorian Curriculum, are in the State average range in Numeracy and Literacy with Mathematics performing higher than like schools.. NAPLAN results indicate that the Grade 3 and 5 students are achieving comparatively to the State average range in Literacy and Numeracy. With Year 3 reading results performing higher than like schools. The 2019 numeracy focus will be on developing numeracy proficiencies and skills for all children and our writing program will continue to be developed using VCOP and Big Write.

NAPLAN Learning Gain 3-5 indicates 29% of students achieving high gain growth in Writing and 36% in Spelling. The low growth in the areas of Reading, will be addressed over the next 12months. While Numeracy had 60% medium growth, which meant low growth was a pleasing 16%.

Engagement

Wallarano has excellent student attendance data which has increased from 91% in 2017 to 94% in 2018. The main reasons for non-attendance is extended family holidays and illness. Every student is encouraged to attend school every day (expect if ill) and this is supported through many programs that students engage in. This includes high quality teaching and learning programs such as Digital Sandpit, personalised instruction using student goal setting and feedback. Lunchtime clubs were introduced in 2018 that included Lego club, “Master Chef”, Mindfulness, gardening and the Woodshed. Other extra curriculum activities are well attended that enhance connectedness to school such as the swimming program, camps and excursions. Overall our students feel safe at school and engage in their learning in a positive manner enhanced by good communication with parents.

Wellbeing

Wallarano has achieved outstanding results in this area through giving high priority to the emotional and social development and wellbeing of all students. With student attendance being very high, at a 94% average, and the ACER Social and Emotional Wellbeing Survey 2018 results being well above National benchmarks at all levels, classroom and playground behaviour records being mainly positive and, suspension and expulsion at zero we are surprised that student responses in the Attitudes to School survey in the areas of connectedness and management of bullying are not what we feel and see. Our self-evaluation indicates we need to look at building our students intellectual engagement, self-awareness and resilience. In 2018 a specialist Health program will be introduced to build student emotional intelligence and awareness of personal health - physical and mental. Student playground and classroom behaviour records will continue to be monitored weekly; and the school will further develop a high focus on 21st Century pedagogy for learning concentrating on collaboration and student voice to ensure students feel they are being heard. Having a positive partnership with parents is a high priority and is achieved through information sessions; Parenting Tips published fortnightly in the school newsletter, Parenting Education sessions, Training of Bridges tutors and ongoing English classes offered to NESB groups. Parent satisfaction with the school is extremely high.

For more detailed information regarding our school please visit our website at
[enter web address here]



Performance Summary

The Government School Performance Summary 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.

Members of the community can contact the school for an accessible version of these data tables if required.

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School Profile	
<p>Enrolment Profile</p> <p>A total of 676 students were enrolled at this school in 2018, 313 female and 363 male.</p> <p>63 percent were EAL (English as an Additional Language) students and 1 percent ATSI (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander) students.</p>	
<p>Overall Socio-Economic Profile</p> <p>Based on the school's Student Family Occupation and Education index which takes into account parents' occupations and education.</p>	
<p>Parent Satisfaction Summary</p> <p>Measures the percent endorsement by parents on their school satisfaction level, as reported in the annual <i>Parent Opinion Survey</i>. The percent endorsement indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree).</p> <p>Data is suppressed for schools with three or less respondents to the survey for confidentiality reasons.</p>	
<p>School Staff Survey</p> <p>Measures the percent endorsement by staff on School Climate, as reported in the annual <i>School Staff Survey</i>. The percent endorsement indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree).</p> <p>Data is suppressed for schools with three or less respondents to the survey for confidentiality reasons.</p>	



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Achievement	Student Outcomes	School Comparison
<p>Teacher Judgement of student achievement</p> <p>Percentage of students in Years Prep to 6 working at or above age expected standards in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Mathematics <p>For further details refer to <i>How to read the Annual Report</i>.</p>	<p>Results: English</p> <p>Results: Mathematics</p>	<p> Similar</p> <p> Higher</p>



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<p>NAPLAN Year 3</p> <p>The percentage of students in the top 3 bands of testing in NAPLAN at Year 3.</p> <p>Year 3 assessments are reported on a scale from Bands 1 - 6.</p>	<p>Results: Reading</p> <p>Results: Reading (4-year average)</p> <p>Results: Numeracy</p> <p>Results: Numeracy (4-year average)</p>	<p> Higher</p> <p> Higher</p> <p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p>
<p>NAPLAN Year 5</p> <p>The percentage of students in the top 3 bands of testing in NAPLAN at Year 5.</p> <p>Year 5 assessments are reported on a scale from Bands 3 - 8.</p>	<p>Results: Reading</p> <p>Results: Reading (4-year average)</p> <p>Results: Numeracy</p> <p>Results: Numeracy (4-year average)</p>	<p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p>



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<p>NAPLAN Learning Gain Year 3 - Year 5</p> <p>Learning gain of students from Year 3 to Year 5 in the following domains: Reading, Numeracy, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation.</p> <p>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). If the current year result is in the Top 25 percent, their gain level is categorised as 'High'. Middle 50 percent, is 'Medium'. Bottom 25 percent, is 'Low'.</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Domain</th> <th>Low</th> <th>Medium</th> <th>High</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reading</td> <td>28%</td> <td>55%</td> <td>17%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Numeracy</td> <td>16%</td> <td>60%</td> <td>24%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Writing</td> <td>19%</td> <td>52%</td> <td>29%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spelling</td> <td>16%</td> <td>48%</td> <td>36%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grammar and Punctuation</td> <td>22%</td> <td>59%</td> <td>19%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Domain	Low	Medium	High	Reading	28%	55%	17%	Numeracy	16%	60%	24%	Writing	19%	52%	29%	Spelling	16%	48%	36%	Grammar and Punctuation	22%	59%	19%	<p>NAPLAN Learning Gain does not require a School Comparison.</p>
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Engagement	Student Outcomes	School Comparison														
<p>Average Number of Student Absence Days</p> <p>Average days absent per full time equivalent (FTE) student per year. Common reasons for non-attendance include illness and extended family holidays.</p> <p>Absence from school can impact on students' learning</p> <p>School Comparison A school comparison rating of 'Higher' indicates this school records 'less' absences than expected, given the background characteristics of students. A rating of 'Lower' indicates this school records 'more' absences than expected.</p> <p>Average 2018 attendance rate by year level:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="545 943 1036 1032"> <thead> <tr> <th>Prep</th> <th>Yr1</th> <th>Yr2</th> <th>Yr3</th> <th>Yr4</th> <th>Yr5</th> <th>Yr6</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>94 %</td> <td>92 %</td> <td>93 %</td> <td>95 %</td> <td>94 %</td> <td>94 %</td> <td>95 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Prep	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6	94 %	92 %	93 %	95 %	94 %	94 %	95 %	<p>Results: 2018</p> <p>Few absences <-----> Many absences</p> <p>Results: 2015 - 2018 (4-year average)</p> <p>Few absences <-----> Many absences</p>	<p> Higher</p> <p> Higher</p>
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Wellbeing	Student Outcomes	School Comparison
<p>Students Attitudes to School - Sense of Connectedness</p> <p>Measures the percent endorsement on Sense of Connectedness factor, as reported in the <i>Attitudes to School Survey</i> completed annually by Victorian Government school students in Years 4 to 12. The percent endorsement indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree).</p>	<p>Results: 2018</p> <p>Results: 2017 - 2018 (2-year average)</p>	<p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p>
<p>Students Attitudes to School - Management of Bullying</p> <p>Measures the percent endorsement on Management of Bullying factor, as reported in the <i>Attitudes to School Survey</i> completed annually by Victorian Government school students in Years 4 to 12. The percent endorsement indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree).</p>	<p>Results: 2018</p> <p>Results: 2017 - 2018 (2-year average)</p>	<p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p>



Financial Performance and Position

Commentary on the financial performance and position is included in the About Our School section at the start of this report

Financial Performance - Operating Statement Summary for the year ending 31 December, 2018		Financial Position as at 31 December, 2018	
Revenue	Actual	Funds Available	Actual
Student Resource Package	\$6,012,844	High Yield Investment Account	\$1,770,698
Government Provided DET Grants	\$1,546,056	Official Account	\$48,559
Government Grants Commonwealth	\$7,490	Total Funds Available	\$1,819,258
Revenue Other	\$56,121		
Locally Raised Funds	\$285,449		
Total Operating Revenue	\$7,907,960		
Equity¹			
Equity (Social Disadvantage)	\$850,537		
Equity Total	\$850,537		
Expenditure		Financial Commitments	
Student Resource Package ²	\$5,900,435	Operating Reserve	\$264,537
Books & Publications	\$12,341	Other Recurrent Expenditure	\$7,878
Communication Costs	\$7,995	Funds Received in Advance	\$24,919
Consumables	\$204,927	School Based Programs	\$14,130
Miscellaneous Expense ³	\$377,234	Asset/Equipment Replacement < 12 months	\$182,525
Professional Development	\$55,701	Capital - Buildings/Grounds < 12 months	\$800,000
Property and Equipment Services	\$531,194	Maintenance - Buildings/Grounds < 12 months	\$85,000
Salaries & Allowances ⁴	\$308,647	Asset/Equipment Replacement > 12 months	\$20,000
Trading & Fundraising	\$70,247	Capital - Buildings/Grounds > 12 months	\$400,000
Travel & Subsistence	\$27,322	Maintenance - Buildings/Grounds > 12 months	\$20,269
Utilities	\$62,588	Total Financial Commitments	\$1,819,258
Total Operating Expenditure	\$7,558,632		
Net Operating Surplus/-Deficit	\$349,327		
Asset Acquisitions	\$96,644		

(1) The Equity funding reported above is a subset of overall revenue reported by the school

(2) Student Resource Package Expenditure figures are as of 04 March 2019 and are subject to change during the reconciliation process.

(3) Misc Expenses may include bank charges, health and personal development, administration charges, camp/excursion costs and taxation charges.

(4) Salaries and Allowances refers to school-level payroll.

All funds received from the Department, or raised by the school, have been expended, or committed to subsequent years, to support 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.

How to read the Annual Report

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

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

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 reports on data in three key areas:

Achievement

- student achievements in:
 - English and Mathematics for National Literacy and Numeracy tests (NAPLAN)
 - English and Mathematics for teacher judgements against the curriculum
 - all subjects for Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) examinations (secondary schools)

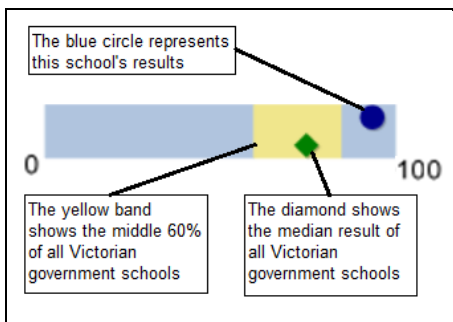
Engagement

- student attendance and engagement at school
- how many students leaving school go on to further studies or full-time work (secondary, P-12 and specialist schools)

Wellbeing

- Attitudes to School Survey (ATOSS)
 - Sense of connectedness
 - Management of Bullying

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

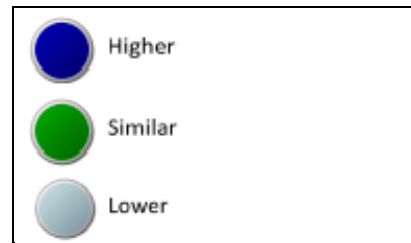


What does *School Comparison* refer to?

The School Comparison is a way of comparing this school's performance to similar schools in Victoria.

The comparison measure takes into account the school's academic intake, the socio-economic background of students, the number of Aboriginal students, the number of non-English speaking and refugee students, the number of students with a disability and the size and location of the school.

The School Comparison shows that most schools are achieving results that are 'Similar' to other schools with alike student backgrounds and characteristics. Some schools are doing exceptionally well and have 'Higher' performance. Some schools have 'Lower' performance than expected and receive targeted support to ensure that there is improvement.



More information on School Comparison performance measures can be found at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/involve/Pages/performance.aspx>

What does 'Data not available' or 'ND' mean?

Some schools have too few students enrolled to provide data. There may be no students enrolled in some year levels so school comparisons are not possible.

New schools have only the latest year of data and no comparative data from previous years.

The Department also recognises unique circumstances in Specialist, Select Entry, English Language and Community Schools 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 their first 11 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 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.

'Levels A to D' are not associated with any set age or year level that links chronological age to cognitive progress (i.e. there is no age expected standard of achievement for 'Levels A to D').



