Ballarat Primary School

How this school compares to all Victorian government schools

This page provides the overall picture of this school’s performance in the past year. The following pages provide more detail on each of these measures.

Overall Measures

Student Outcomes

School Comparison

Key:
Range of results for the middle 60% of Victorian government schools:
Result for this school: Median of all Victorian government schools:

1. Student Learning
Combining teacher assessments from the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) and the results from the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests.

2. Student Engagement and Wellbeing
Combining student attendance rates and results from the annual student Attitudes to School survey.

School Profile

- Average level of parent satisfaction with the school, as derived from the annual Parent Opinion survey. The score is reported on a scale of 1 to 7, where 7 is the highest possible score. 1 7
- Average level of staff satisfaction with the school, as derived from the annual Staff Opinion survey. The score is reported on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is the highest possible score. 1 5
- Overall socio-economic profile
  - Based on the school’s Student Family Occupation index which takes into account parents’ occupations.
  - Proportion of students with English as a second language
  - 186 students (82 female, 104 male) were enrolled at this school in 2009.

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### 3. Teacher assessments from the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS)

Percentage of students in Years Prep to 6 with a grade of C or above in:
- English and Mathematics
- All other subjects

The grades are the same as those used in your child's end of year report.

A ‘C’ rating means that a student is at the standard expected at the time of reporting.

### 4. NAPLAN Year 3

Average score achieved on the NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy tests conducted in May each year.

Year 3 assessments are reported on a scale from Bands 1-6.

Bands represent different levels of achievement. For Year 3, the National Minimum Standard is at Band 2.

### 5. NAPLAN Year 5

Average score achieved on the NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy tests conducted in May each year.

Year 5 assessments are reported on a scale from Bands 3-8.

Bands represent different levels of achievement. For Year 5, the National Minimum Standard is at Band 4.
6. Student attendance
Average attendance rate of all students in the school. Common reasons for non-attendance include illness and extended family holidays.

Average 2008 attendance rate by year level:

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7. Student attitudes to school
Derived from the Attitudes to School survey completed annually by Victorian government school students in Years 5 to 12. It includes questions about students’ engagement in and enjoyment of school. The school’s average score is reported here on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is the highest possible score.
The Victorian Government School Performance Summary provides an overview of how this school is performing, and how it compares to all other Victorian government schools.

All schools acknowledge the partnership and support of their parents and the community in working together to improve outcomes for children and young people.

By sharing this information with the community, our goal is to identify where we need to improve and to work together to achieve excellence in every school.

The front page summarises your school’s performance

The second and third pages provide a detailed breakdown of each of the result areas.

The fourth page outlines what your school is doing to improve its results.

What are student outcomes?

Student outcomes show the achievements of students in this school in English, Mathematics and other subjects. They also show results in national literacy and numeracy tests and, for secondary colleges, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) examinations. They provide important information about student attendance and engagement at school.

For secondary colleges, the Government School Performance Summary also provides information about how many students at this school go on to further studies or full-time work after leaving school.

You can see these results for the latest year, as well as the average of the last four years (where available).

The Government School Performance Summary also allows you to compare student outcomes for students at this school with the outcomes of students in all other Victorian government schools.
What is a *School Comparison*?

The *School comparison* is a new and different way of comparing school performance. It takes into account the different student intake characteristics of each school.

A *School comparison* takes into account the school’s academic intake, the socio-economic background of students, the number of Indigenous 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* measures show that most schools are doing well and are achieving results that are *similar* to what we would estimate given the background characteristics of their students.

Some schools are doing exceptionally well with the students they have, and have *higher* performance.

Some schools have *lower* performance after taking into account their students’ characteristics – these schools will receive targeted support to ensure that there is improvement.

Looking at both the student outcomes and school comparisons provides important information about what a school is doing well and the areas that require further improvement.

More information on school comparison performance measures can be found at:  

What is the meaning of *Data not available*?

For some schools, there are too few students to provide data. For other schools, there are no students at some levels, so school comparisons are not possible. Newly opened schools have only the latest year of data and no averages from previous years. The Department also recognises the unique circumstances of Specialist and Select Entry Schools and work is underway to design appropriate School Comparison measures for these schools.

What is this school doing to improve?

All schools have a plan to improve outcomes for their students. The *What our school is doing* statement provides a summary of this school’s improvement plan.