

2017 Annual Report to the School Community



School Name: Carrum Primary School

School Number: 3385

- All teachers at the school meet the registration requirements of the Victorian Institute of Teaching (www.vit.vic.edu.au).
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Attested on 26 April 2018 at 08:50 AM by Clements Langford (Principal)

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Attested on 15 May 2018 at 02:33 PM by Melissa Galland (School Council President)



About Our School

School Context

Carrum Primary School is situated on the southernmost boarder of the City of Kingston, where Patterson River meets Port Phillip Bay. The school was founded in 1901 and had an enrolment of 308 students in 2017. The school is proud of its self-sufficient farmlet/environment centre, gardens and wetlands that are highly valued aspects of the school's sustainability program.

Carrum Primary School had equivalent 23.8 full time staff: 2 Principal class, 15.9 Teachers and 5.9 Education Support Staff providing a safe, happy, friendly and challenging learning environment, ideal for learning.

A team of dedicated, experienced and caring teachers taught a comprehensive and balanced curriculum, with the main emphasis on the development of literacy and numeracy. In 2017, the school had thirteen classes as well as specialists in the Arts, PE, and German.

The school prides itself on fostering self-esteem, by facilitating the development of each child as an individual. We encourage students to take an active role in becoming responsible for their own learning. We develop the skills, values and attitudes that will provide children with a framework for making positive contributions to their community. Our core purpose is to provide flexible differentiated learning programs that incorporate a variety of learning and teaching styles, catering for the diverse needs of our students.

Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO)

In 2017, the staff embarked on two targeted initiatives in relation to the FISO model. The focus of the AIP related to building Excellence in Teaching and Learning with a clear focus on implementing evidence-based high impact strategies in the classroom. The Literacy and Numeracy PLT focused specifically on areas of Writing and Number, as well as, continuing to improve our ability to evaluate impact of school based programs on learning. The staff have been involved in professional learning to support with instructional practice and assessment processes. These professional development sessions aim to develop a shared and consistent approach across the school. In 2017, we continued to update our assessment practices and develop a sound understanding of how to read and interpret data to enable teachers to teach to point of need. Our NAPLAN data demonstrates that the foundations set in the junior grades are equating to high level results in our Grade 3 NAPLAN assessments. Teachers focused specifically on challenging students in the top two bands and implemented approaches to challenge the students who performed in the top two bands, to ensure we improve the percentage of students achieving high growth between grade 3-5 and 5-7.

Achievement

Carrum Primary School Teacher assessments against the Victorian Curriculum show Carrum Primary School students are performing at a similar level to other Victorian Government Schools students. Teacher assessment of student learning has been a focus for the school and this has meant teachers have used a consistent approach to critically analyse assessment data. The increasingly strong focus on academic rigor, has supported our comprehensive teaching and learning program and allowed teachers to work in teams in order to differentiate the curriculum to meet the individual needs of our students.

Our performance in NAPLAN shows that the percentage of students in the top 3 bands of testing in NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy testing at Year 3 was higher than the median score for other Victorian schools and similar to like schools. Our performance in NAPLAN shows that the percentage of students in the top 3 bands of testing in NAPLAN at Year 5 was higher than the median score for other Victorian schools higher than other like school. The improvement in these areas is quite significant and can be attributed to an increased focus on high impact teaching strategies.

The school has implemented a range of strategies within our structured English and Mathematics curricula to improve student learning outcomes. Effective differentiation and meeting the identified learning needs of individual students is our key to improving learning outcomes. This requires further development of direct teaching skills in English and Mathematics and maintaining consistency in teaching and learning programs from Prep-6.

Classroom curriculum and Digital Technology Resources have been enhanced and continue to play an important role in our students' learning. We have continued to work with the local secondary college to update our Digital Technology resources so that Digital Technologies can be integrated into all key-learning areas to improve student engagement. Carrum Primary School Staff have led the development of a Digitech Network that has enabled students to demonstrate their achievements during school based conferences. Students skills in coding and robotics have enhanced through implementing a comprehensive digital technologies scope and sequence.



Engagement

Student connectedness to school responses and student attendance data in the Student Attitudes to School Survey are higher in comparison to all Victorian Government Schools and this has been consistent over the past four years. The staff continue to put in a tremendous amount of work to develop a strong sense of belonging and this is reflected in the student data.

Parent opinion survey data shows that the parents at Carrum Primary School are within the similar range for parent satisfaction when compared to other Victorian Government Schools. We are fortunate to have a very supportive parent community and we are consciously working at increasing community engagement in the learning process.

We foster self-esteem, by facilitating the development of each child as an individual. We encourage students to take an active role in becoming responsible for their own learning. We develop the skills, values and attitudes that will provide children with a framework for making positive contributions to the community. Our caring and supportive staff contributes generously to the success of our school environment. This is reflected in a positive school culture where students, parents and staff are encouraged to support each other. Our school addresses the student management and attendance issues in line with the Student Engagement and Inclusion Guidelines and Attendance Guidelines.

Wellbeing

Most students attended regularly in 2017, however data reflected the trend to take extended family holidays during school term time and a few students have displayed high level absenteeism due to environmental issues. The average absence rate for students in 2017 was 15.34 days, which was slightly lower than 2016.

In the Students Attitudes to School Survey, Perceptions of School Safety and Connectedness to School data, our results are higher than the Victorian Government Schools median score. This indicates that students feel safe and secure at Carrum Primary School and teachers are providing an environment that has a positive impact on our student's wellbeing.

The school has strong links with the local kindergartens and has a well-developed transition and orientation program. This program gently introduces young learners to our school program and protocols, so starting school is a positive experience for them.

We have a comprehensive grade 5 & 6 transition program, which is highlighted with visits to other schools to experience school life in a secondary setting. We also have secondary schools visit the school to present to our students. We are continuing to work on developing an induction program for new students and new staff to the school. We have developed strong transition programs intra school with particular focus on critical points in children's education, when moving between sub schools- junior to middle school and middle school to senior school. In 2017 we enhanced our transition program by including 4 transition sessions to support students in their transition between year levels.

For more detailed information regarding our school please visit our website at
<http://carrumps.vic.edu.au>



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.

Key: Range of results for the middle 60% of Victorian Government Primary Schools: Results for this school: Median of all Victorian Government Primary Schools:

School Profile	
<p>Enrolment Profile</p> <p>A total of 308 students were enrolled at this school in 2017, 157 female and 151 male.</p> <p>4 percent were EAL (English as an Additional Language) students and 3 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>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> Lower</p> <p> Similar</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> Similar</p> <p> Similar</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> Higher</p> <p> Similar</p> <p> Higher</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"> <caption>NAPLAN Learning Gain Results</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Domain</th> <th>Low</th> <th>Medium</th> <th>High</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Reading</td> <td>16%</td> <td>60%</td> <td>24%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Numeracy</td> <td>25%</td> <td>46%</td> <td>29%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Writing</td> <td>4%</td> <td>72%</td> <td>24%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Spelling</td> <td>28%</td> <td>36%</td> <td>36%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Grammar and Punctuation</td> <td>20%</td> <td>52%</td> <td>28%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Domain	Low	Medium	High	Reading	16%	60%	24%	Numeracy	25%	46%	29%	Writing	4%	72%	24%	Spelling	28%	36%	36%	Grammar and Punctuation	20%	52%	28%	<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 2017 attendance rate by year level:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="553 913 1036 1003"> <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>93 %</td> <td>93 %</td> <td>90 %</td> <td>91 %</td> <td>93 %</td> <td>94 %</td> <td>92 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Prep	Yr1	Yr2	Yr3	Yr4	Yr5	Yr6	93 %	93 %	90 %	91 %	93 %	94 %	92 %	<p>Results: 2017</p> <p>Few absences <-----> Many absences</p> <p>Results: 2014 - 2017 (4-year average)</p> <p>Few absences <-----> Many absences</p>	<p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</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: 2017</p>	Higher
<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: 2017</p>	Higher

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)

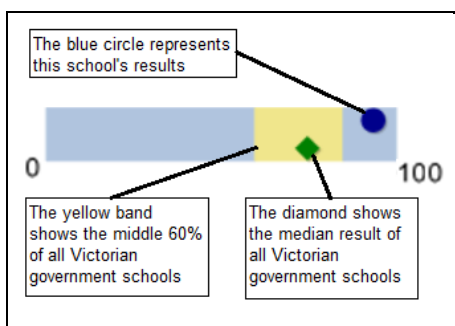
Engagement

- 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).

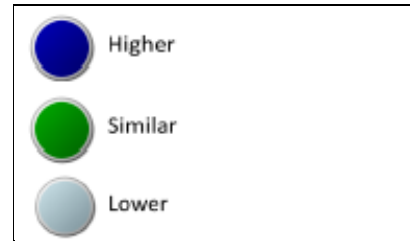


What does *School Comparison* refer to?

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*' 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').

Financial Performance and Position

Financial performance and position commentary

Budgets were monitored throughout the year to ensure funds were allocated appropriately, meeting all objectives. Payment of subject contributions and essential education items by parents increased from 2016 and programs were resourced appropriately. All funds were allocated to ensure all curriculum programs and school projects were supported effectively. I thank Wendy Andrew and Marianne van der Zee for their persistence and diligence in managing the process for our school. I would also like to thank Mrs Jamie Rae, the School Council Treasurer, and the finance committee for their valued input and support in managing the school's finances through difficult times.

Financial Performance - Operating Statement Summary for the year ending 31 December, 2017		Financial Position as at 31 December, 2017	
Revenue	Actual	Funds Available	Actual
Student Resource Package	\$2,279,319	High Yield Investment Account	\$153,179
Government Provided DET Grants	\$218,267	Official Account	\$20,383
Government Grants Commonwealth	\$7,087	Total Funds Available	\$173,563
Revenue Other	\$3,634		
Locally Raised Funds	\$179,854		
Total Operating Revenue	\$2,688,161		
Equity¹			
Equity (Social Disadvantage)	\$27,807		
Equity Total	\$27,807		
Expenditure		Financial Commitments	
Student Resource Package ²	\$2,164,034	Operating Reserve	\$55,190
Books & Publications	\$85	Revenue Received in Advance	\$4,015
Communication Costs	\$3,200	School Based Programs	\$34,358
Consumables	\$45,874	Capital - Buildings/Grounds incl SMS>12 months	\$50,000
Miscellaneous Expense ³	\$156,660	Maintenance -Buildings/Grounds incl SMS>12 months	\$30,000
Professional Development	\$7,471	Total Financial Commitments	\$173,563
Property and Equipment Services	\$125,912		
Salaries & Allowances ⁴	\$3,306		
Trading & Fundraising	\$17,187		
Travel & Subsistence	\$225		
Utilities	\$15,910		
Total Operating Expenditure	\$2,539,863		
Net Operating Surplus/-Deficit	\$148,298		
Asset Acquisitions	\$0		

(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 05 March 2018 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.