

2009 Annual Report to the School Community

East Bentleigh Primary School

School Number: 4837





Government School Performance Summary 2009

"What our school is doing"

East Bentleigh Primary School

East Bentleigh P. S.with an enrolment of 310 is committed to continuous improvement and achieving excellence in teaching and learning at every level . Our school is small enough to allow each student to be treated as an individual yet large enough to support a wide range of programs. Situated in a superb natural environment, EBPS has abundant grassed areas, mature trees, views of Yarra Yarra Golf Course and plenty of open space nearby. The implementation of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen garden program in 2009 has enhanced stimulating learning opportunities. We are looking forward to the construction of our new library and classroom hub in 2010- part of the BER program. This school has 24.6 equivalent full time staff, 2 Prin Class, 19 tchrs and 5.6 Education Support .

At EBPS we have two different curriculum streams - our Mainstream and our Steiner stream. Both the Mainstream and Steiner stream programs are underpinned by the Victorian Essential Learning Standards framework. The two curriculum streams operate in parallel within the school and parents select which stream they would like their child to go in. Our two streams operate side by side and support one another. Our caring school community has shown that individuals with diverse philosophies can work together harmoniously.



Student Learning

We are proud of our achievement in student learning. Our NAPLAN data indicates that our Year 5 students are performing above the state median.

We are committed to deliver improvements through the Teaching and Learning Coach initiative which has resulted in an improvement in student outcomes over the past year particularly in Numeracy.

Teacher capacity is being strengthened through a targeted professional learning program to improve practice, including work on the E5 instructional framework, a whole school approach to literacy through THRASS (Teaching Handwriting, Reading and Spelling Skills) training.

Throughout the year we have used a variety of on line assessment tools in order to improve teacher capacity to identify and plan a more differentiated curriculum for different ability levels.

Whole school assessment schedules have been developed and we plan to continue to focus on strengthening our capacity in the core areas of Literacy and Numeracy.

We have a literacy support specialist who coordinates a group of parents who actively assist our students requiring literacy support.

Student Engagement and Wellbeing

The average number of days absent per student is above the state median and a focus for improvement. Absenteeism by a small number affects the overall averages and some significant irregular attendance problems also have an impact. Overseas holidays also impacts on this data.

Strategies from 'It's Not OK to be Away' will be implemented to address this. Absences are rigorously followed up by staff.

The Attitudes to School Survey data is a focus for improvement. We believe our staff actively work to develop positive relationships with students. We employ restorative practices in a whole school approach to behaviour management and have an active Junior School Council and student leadership program. We look forward to further improvement in engagement with the implementation of the Kitchen Garden program for students in Years 3-6.

All students are aware that bullying and intolerance are not accepted at our school through a proactive whole school approach to behaviour management using restorative justice principles.

Student Pathways and Transitions

The school provides transition programs for entry into Prep and from Year 6 into Year 7. A Buddy program also runs between Prep and Year 6 students.

A formalised Prep transition program operates in November with incoming children attending school each Friday afternoon. This program aims to introduce children to relevant staff and the school surroundings in preparation for the new year. Whilst the children are in the classroom, parents meet with the Principal and/or Assistant Principal who discuss how the school operates, its programs and expectations and answer any parent questions.

There are formal leadership processes in place for our Year 5 students as they actively seek to fulfill leadership roles such as School/House Captains or Junior School Council.

From Year 6 to Year 7 we aim to ensure that students have the necessary skills and self confidence to make a successful transition to their secondary college. We also aim to strengthen our partnerships with our secondary feeder schools.

For more detailed information regarding our school please visit our website at www.eastbentleighps.vic.edu.au or view our Annual Report online at http://www.vrga.vic.gov.au/SReg/



Government School Performance Summary2009

East Bentleigh Primary School



How this school compares to all Victorian government schools

Key:

Range of results for the middle 60% of Victorian government schools:

Result for this school:

Median of 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

Results achieved by students at this school compared to students at other Victorian government schools.

Whether this school, taking into account its students, is performing higher than, lower than, or broadly similar to other schools, taking into account their students.

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.

Lower Higher Outcomes Outcomes

Similar Higher

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.
- 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.
- Overall socio-economic profile
 low low-mid mid

Based on the school's Student Family Occupation index which takes into account parents' occupations.

Proportion of students with English as a second language

low low-mid mid mid-high high

- All Victorian government school teachers meet the registration requirements of the Victorian Institute of Teaching (www.vit.vic.edu.au).
- 310 students (162 female, 148 male) were enrolled at this school in 2009.

For more information regarding this school, please visit www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/sreg

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East Bentleigh Primary School How this school compares to all Victorian government schools Student Learning 3. Teacher assessments from the (VELS) with a grade of C or above in:

Key:

Range of results for the middle 60% of Victorian government schools:

Median of all Victorian government schools:

Student Outcomes

Result for this school:

School Comparison

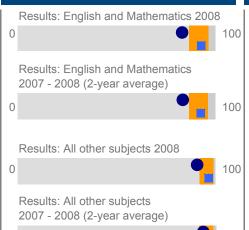


Percentage of students in Years Prep to 6

- 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.



















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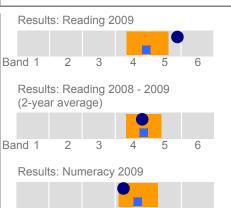


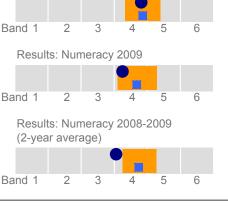
4. NAPLAN Year 3

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.



























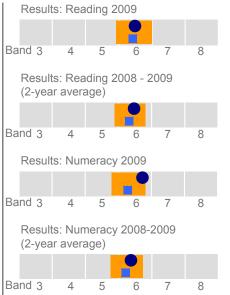


5. NAPLAN Year 5

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.



| Lower | Similar |
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| Lower | Similar |



















East Bentleigh Primary School

How this school compares to all Victorian government schools

Student Engagement and Wellbeing

6. Student attendance

Average attendance rate of all students in the school. Common reasons for nonattendance include illness and extended family holidays.

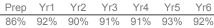
Average 2008 attendance rate by year level:

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School Comparison

Student Outcomes

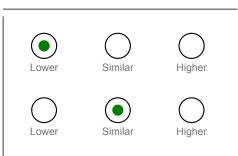




7. Student attitudes to school

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.





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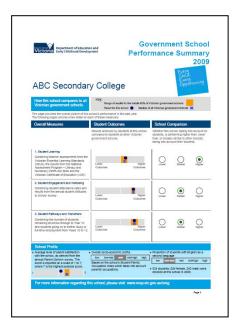


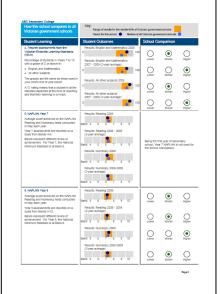
How to read the Government School Performance Summary 2009

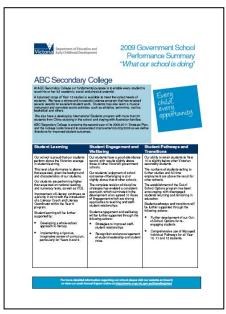
The Victorian Government School Performance Summary provides an overview of how this school is performing, and how it compares to all other Victorian government schools.

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.

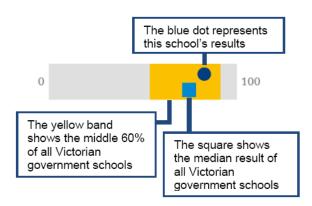
What are student outcomes?

Student outcomes show the achievements of students in this school in English, Mathematics and other subjects. They also shows 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: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/

School Comparison Lower Similar Higher

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.



Financial Performance and Position

East Bentleigh Primary School

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Financial Performance – Operating Statement Summary for the year ending 31st December, 2009

| Revenue | 2009 Actual |
|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Departmental Grants | \$288,795 |
| Commonwealth Government Grants | \$131,963 |
| State Government Grants | \$0 |
| Other | \$32,308 |
| Locally Raised Funds | \$486,129 |
| Total Operating Revenue | \$939.195 |

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| Expenditure | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Salaries and Allowances | \$332,935 |
| Bank Charges | \$1,771 |
| Consumables | \$98,431 |
| Books and Publications | \$2,720 |
| Communication Costs | \$9,269 |
| Furniture and Equipment | \$31,802 |
| Utilities | \$15,011 |
| Property Services | \$218,364 |
| Travel and Subsistence | \$0 |
| Motor Vehicle Expenses | \$0 |
| Administration | \$10,621 |
| Health and Personal Development | \$279 |
| Professional Development | \$9,434 |
| Trading and Fundraising | \$30,376 |
| Support/Service | \$12,722 |
| Miscellaneous | \$84,997 |

| Net Operating Surplus/-Deficit | \$80,463 |
|--------------------------------|-----------|
| Capital Expenditure | \$147,025 |

Total Operating Expenditure

Please note that the above amounts do not include any credit revenue or expenditure allocated or spent by the school through its Student Resource Package

Financial Position as at 31st December, 2009

| Funds Available | 2009 Actual |
|---|-------------|
| High Yield Investment Account | \$34,009 |
| Official Account | \$650 |
| Other Bank Accounts(listed individually) | \$ |
| Building Fund | \$2,098 |
| Term Deposit | \$31,538 |
| (insert) | \$ |
| Total Funds Available | \$68,295 |

| Financial Commitments | 2009 Actual |
|---|-------------|
| School Operating Reserve | \$31,538 |
| Assets or Equipment Replacement <12 months | \$10,000 |
| Capital – Building/Grounds including SMS < 12 | \$ |
| months | \$ |
| Maintenance - Building/Grounds including SMS (12) | \$10,000 |

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| months | \$ |
| Beneficiary/Memorial Accounts | \$ |
| Co-operative Bank Account | \$ |
| Revenue Receipted in Advance | \$2,600 |

Region/Network/Cluster Funds \$
Provision Accounts \$
Repayable to DEECD \$
Other Recurrent Expenditure (Accounts Payable) \$14,157
Assets or Equipment Replacement > 12 months \$

months

Maintenance - Building/Grounds including SMS > 12
months

Capital – Building/Grounds including SMS > 12

School based programs

Total Financial Commitments \$68,295

Financial performance and position commentary

The allocation of resources in the form of program budgets and staffing is always based on the needs of the students. The school's purpose is to provide a caring and challenging learning environment that equips our children with the necessary skills and knowledge to become valued contributors to the society in which they live. Our aim is to provide a broad curriculum for all children.

\$858,732

Program budgets are carefully targeted to support curriculum areas, which in turn supports the improvement of children's learning outcomes

Adequate funding is an issue of concern for all schools; therefore the management of financial resources must reflect the needs of the school which in turn leads to providing the best possible environment and opportunities for children.

During 2009, through judicious management the school was able to provide the necessary extra funds necessary to implement the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program for children in Grades3-6. Extra funds were expended in the development of a garden and a considerable amount of money was spent in the refurbishement of the canteen space into a fabulous new kitchen classroom. The school's financial processes were again audited throughout the year and found to be efficient and well managed. This is in no small part due to the continued diligence of Jane Keen our business manager who despite working for 4 days in the week manages our financial process with great expertise and a fantastic sense of humour. We lost our long term office manager Janet Burston to retirement in 2009 which made Jane's consistent contribution to our front office team all the more valuable whilst new staff 'leamed the ropes'. Thank you Jane for your continued good humour and attention to detail.