

2013 Annual Report to the School Community

Ararat Secondary College

School Number: 8753



Name of School Principal: Geoff Sawyer

Name of School Council President: Dale Pinniger

Date of Endorsement: _____

All Victorian government school teachers meet the registration requirements of the Victorian Institute of Teaching (www.vit.vic.edu.au).

This school meets prescribed minimum standards for registration as set down by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) in accordance with the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, inclusive of those schools granted an exemption by the VRQA under minimum standard 2.1 'Student enrolment numbers' and/or 3.1 'Curriculum framework – languages program' until 31 December 2013.

About Our School

Achievement	Engagement	Wellbeing

For more detailed information regarding our school please visit our website at
<http://www>

Performance Summary

The 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 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 will foster engagement and collaboration to support further gains and positive learning experiences for all students.

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School Profile

School Enrolments

A total of 387 students were enrolled at this school in 2013, 184 female and 203 male.

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.



Parent Satisfaction Summary

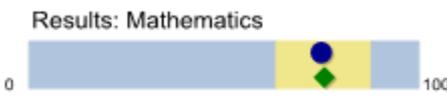
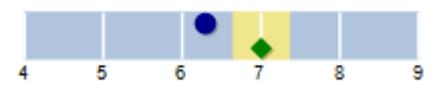
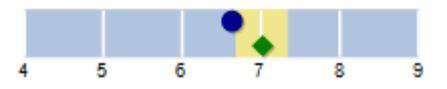
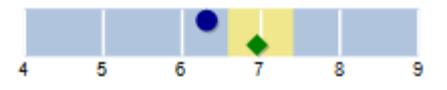
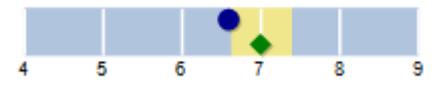
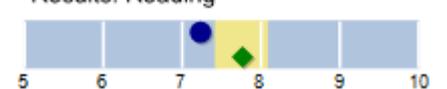
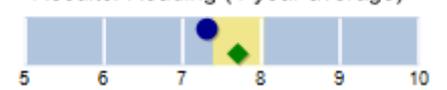
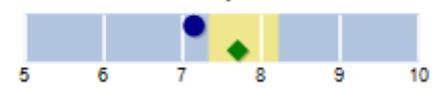
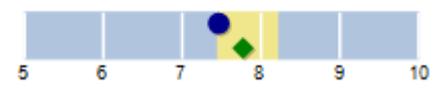
Average level of parent satisfaction with the school, as derived from the annual *Parent Opinion* survey. The score is reported on a scale of 1 to 7, where 7 is the highest possible score.



Please note: The Staff Opinion Survey was not conducted in 2013.

Performance Summary

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Result for this school:  Median of all Victorian government schools: 

Achievement	Student Outcomes	School Comparison
<p>Teacher assessments from the Australian Curriculum/Victorian Essential Learning Standards (AusVELS)</p> <p>Percentage of students in Years 7 to 10 with a grade of C or above in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Mathematics <p>The grades are the same as those used in your child's end of year report.</p> <p>A 'C' rating means that a student is at the standard expected at the time of reporting.</p>	<p>Results: English</p>  <p>Results: Mathematics</p> 	<p> Higher</p> <p> Higher</p>
<p>NAPLAN Year 7</p> <p>Average score achieved on the NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy tests conducted in May each year.</p> <p>Year 7 assessments are reported on a scale from Bands 4-9.</p> <p>Bands represent different levels of achievement. For Year 7, the National Minimum Standard is at Band 5.</p>	<p>Results: Reading</p>  <p>Results: Reading (4-year average)</p>  <p>Results: Numeracy</p>  <p>Results: Numeracy (4-year average)</p> 	<p>Being the first year of secondary school, Year 7 NAPLAN is not used for the School Comparison.</p>
<p>NAPLAN Year 9</p> <p>Average score achieved on the NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy tests conducted in May each year.</p> <p>Year 9 assessments are reported on a scale from Bands 5-10.</p> <p>Bands represent different levels of achievement. For Year 9, the National Minimum Standard is at Band 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> Lower</p> <p> Similar</p> <p> Lower</p> <p> Similar</p>

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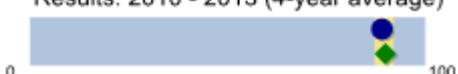
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Achievement	Student Outcomes	School Comparison
<p>NAPLAN Relative Growth Year 5 - Year 7</p> <p>Relative gain of students from Year 5 to Year 7 in the following domains; Reading, Numeracy, Writing, Spelling & Grammar and Punctuation.</p> <p>NAPLAN relative growth 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%, their growth level is categorised as 'High', middle 50%, is 'Medium' and bottom 25%, is 'Low'.</p>	<p>Reading Low: 40% Medium: 51% High: 9%</p> <p>Numeracy Low: 60% Medium: 36% High: 4%</p> <p>Writing Low: 54% Medium: 41% High: 4%</p> <p>Spelling Low: 49% Medium: 45% High: 6%</p> <p>Grammar and Punctuation Low: 43% Medium: 36% High: 21%</p>	<p>NAPLAN Relative Growth does not require a School Comparison.</p>
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<p>Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)</p> <p>Mean study score from all VCE subjects undertaken by students at this school.</p> <p>This includes all Unit 3 and 4 studies (including those completed in Year 11) and any VCE VET studies awarded a study score. The maximum student study score is 50 and the state-wide mean (including government and non-government schools) is set at 30.</p>	<p>Results: 2013 0 to 50 scale. School result (blue circle) is approximately 48. State median (green diamond) is 30.</p> <p>Results: 2010 - 2013 (4-year average) 0 to 50 scale. School result (blue circle) is approximately 48. State median (green diamond) is 30.</p>	<p> Lower</p> <p> Lower</p>

Students in 2013 who satisfactorily completed their VCE: **97%**
 Year 12 students in 2013 undertaking at least one Vocational Education and Training (VET) unit of competence: **37%**
 VET units of competence satisfactorily completed in 2013: **91%**
 Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) credits satisfactorily completed in 2013: **85%**

Performance Summary

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Engagement	Student Outcomes	School Comparison												
<p>Student Attendance</p> <p>Average attendance rate of all students in the school. Common reasons for non-attendance include illness and extended family holidays.</p> <p>Average 2013 attendance rate by year level:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="568 786 1024 882"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yr7</th> <th>Yr8</th> <th>Yr9</th> <th>Yr10</th> <th>Yr11</th> <th>Yr12</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>89 %</td> <td>89 %</td> <td>86 %</td> <td>87 %</td> <td>87 %</td> <td>91 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	Yr12	89 %	89 %	86 %	87 %	87 %	91 %	<p>Results: 2013</p>  <p>Results: 2010 - 2013 (4-year average)</p> 	<p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p>
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<p>Student Retention</p> <p>Percentage of Year 7 students who remain at the school through to Year 10.</p>	<p>Results: 2013</p>  <p>Results: 2010 - 2013 (4-year average)</p> 	<p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p>												
<p>Students exiting to further studies and full-time employment</p> <p>Percentage of students from Years 10 to 12 going on to further studies or full-time employment.</p>	<p>Results: 2012</p>  <p>Results: 2009 - 2012 (4-year average)</p> 	<p> Lower</p> <p> Lower</p>												

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Wellbeing	Student Outcomes	School Comparison
<p>Students Attitudes to School</p> <p>Derived from the <i>Attitudes to School</i> 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.</p>	<p>Results: 2013</p>  <p>Results: 2010 - 2013 (4-year average)</p> 	<p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p>

How to read the Performance Summary 2013

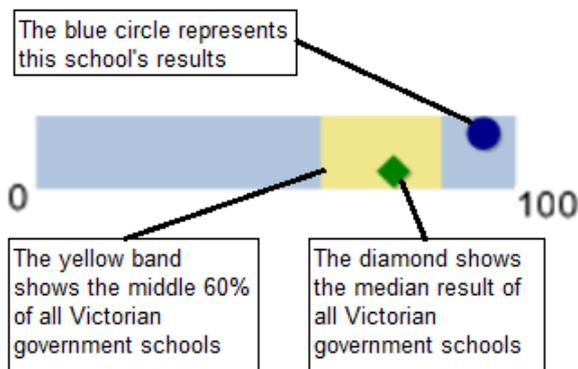
What are student outcomes?

Student outcomes show the achievements of students in this school in English and Mathematics. 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 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).

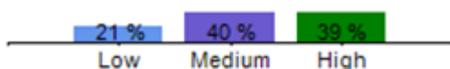
The Performance Summary also allows you to compare student outcomes for students at this school with the outcomes of students in all other Victorian government schools.



Additionally, NAPLAN relative growth charts are provided for each of the NAPLAN domains. These compare a student's current year NAPLAN result to the results of all 'similar' Victorian students (i.e. students in all sectors in the same year level who had the same NAPLAN score two years prior).

If the current year result is in the top 25% their growth level is categorised as 'High', the middle 50% is categorised as 'Medium' and the bottom 25% is categorised as 'Low'.

Percentage of students from this school in the High, Medium and Low NAPLAN relative growth categories.



What is a School Comparison?

The *School comparison* is a way of comparing school performance that 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:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/management/pages/performreports.aspx>

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, Select Entry, English Language and Community Schools where school comparisons are not appropriate.

What is this school doing to improve?

All schools have a plan to improve outcomes for their students. The 'About Our School' statement provides a summary of this school's improvement plan.

Financial Performance and Position

Financial Performance - Operating Statement Summary for the year ending 31st December, 2013

Financial Position as at 31st December, 2013

Revenue	Actual
Government Provided DE&T Grants	\$3,952,486
Government Grants Commonwealth	\$1,012,164
Government Grants State	\$9,725
Revenue Other	\$307,288
Locally Raised Funds	\$565,401
Total Operating Revenue	\$5,847,065

Funds Available	Actual
High Yield Investment Account	\$3,513,639
Official Account	\$34,633
Other Accounts	\$969,322
Total Funds Available	\$4,517,595

Expenditure	
Books & Publications	\$37,407
Communication Costs	\$18,546
Consumables	\$153,477
Miscellaneous Expense	\$3,131,079
Professional Development	\$17,693
Property Maintenance	\$789,707
Salaries & Allowances	\$146,493
Trading & Fundraising	\$199,330
Travel & Subsistence	\$18,515
Utilities	\$65,683
Adjustments	\$704
Total Operating Expenditure	\$4,578,635

Financial Commitments	
Operating Reserve	\$681,819
Capital - Buildings/Grounds incl SMS<12 months	\$108,560
Maintenance - Buildings/Grounds incl SMS<12 months	\$47,137
Revenue Received in Advance	\$12,870
School Based Programs	\$1,759,391
Region/Network/Cluster Funds	\$1,175,608
Other recurrent expenditure	\$462,873
Asset/Equipment Replacement > 12 months	\$12,843
Capital - Buildings/Grounds incl SMS>12 months	\$256,494
Total Financial Commitments	\$4,517,595

Net Operating Surplus/-Deficit **\$1,268,430**

Asset Acquisitions **\$18,067**

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.

Misc Expenses may include Bank charges, Health and Personal Development, Administration charges, Camp/Excursion costs and Taxation charges.

For consistency across Financial reporting, the Capital Expenditure label from previous reports now appears as Asset Acquisitions.

Financial performance and position commentary



Australian Government



National Partnerships Annual Activity and Accountability Statement 2013

Funding provided through the Commonwealth National Partnerships is aligned with the state funding to support a system-wide approach to school improvement. This approach is designed to build the capacity of all Victorian Government schools to meet system expectations, while identifying high priority school improvement projects across the state. In addition to individual school participation in National Partnership initiatives, all schools benefit from a range of system and network funded initiatives.

National Partnership 2013
Allocation

Improving Literacy and Numeracy	\$97,695
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School Co-investment

Victorian government schools participating in the National Partnership for Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities are required to contribute resources equivalent to 30% of the total dollars invested unless exempted due to financial circumstances.
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Notes:

- National Partnership funding supports the achievement of the school's goals and targets for improved literacy and numeracy as outlined in its strategic plan and annual implementation plan.
- Expenditure at the school level may not have been spent in the year the direct support was received.

The school is participating in the following initiatives to support the achievement of its goals and targets:

National Partnership for Low Socio-Economic Status School Communities

Not Applicable

National Partnership for Empowering Local Schools

Not Applicable