



Department of Education and
Early Childhood Development

2011 Annual Report to the School Community

Yarram Secondary College
School Number: 8490



Yarram Secondary College

Yarram Secondary College is working to develop a strong learning community that is very closely connected to the broader community. We are committed to achieving high level outcomes for our students. Yarram Secondary College aims to provide a safe and welcoming environment that encourages personal responsibility and respect for the rights of others.

Staff at Yarram Secondary College are committed to providing for a wide range of student interests and abilities. A traditional range of educational pathways are available to students. The staff and leadership of the college are focused on developing a personalised curriculum that will cater for the changing needs of students and enhance student engagement and motivation for learning.

Throughout 2011 we built upon our learnings from Melbourne University and developed Professional Learning Teams for all curriculum areas of the school. Staff are working in these teams to develop a clear understanding of individual student learning levels and assist them to develop learning plans to ensure each individual student continues to improve.

Through our Professional Learning Teams we are also working to develop relevant and engaging curriculum for the students of Yarram Secondary College.

Yarram Secondary College has performed well in the School Performance Summary, achieving results similar to all other Victorian government schools.

Student Learning	Student Engagement and Wellbeing	Student Pathways and Transitions
<p>Yarram Secondary College is achieving results in Student Learning similar to other schools on the school comparison measure.</p> <p>Our VCE study scores are consistently at or above the state-wide median. This is demonstrated in the four year trend data.</p> <p>The data from our National Assessment results are very positive with results in the middle 60% band of Victorian government secondary schools.</p> <p>We will continue to focus on developing the capacity of our students through extra curricula activities such as 'Beat maths' and 'Homework Club'. Staff are working to provide engaging and differentiated curriculum that will allow individual students to learn at their own level.</p> <p>We are supporting our students to improve their learning outcomes through the development of our Professional Learning Teams. This work will allow staff to have a clear understanding of individual student learning levels and assist them to develop individual learning plans to move each individual to the next level.</p>	<p>Our overall student attendance is similar to the State average, although this is an area we will continue to focus on. We will continue to encourage parents to use the absence hotline and use our attendance monitor to follow up any unexplained absences.</p> <p>The results of the 2011 Attitude to School Survey were very positive. This survey has shown a significant improvement in the areas of Classroom Behaviour and Student Safety.</p> <p>Students 'at risk' are monitored carefully through collaboration between our Wellbeing Team and Year Level Leaders. All of these students have an individual learning plan to assist them to reach their full capacity.</p> <p>We have effective classroom and behavior management strategies based upon restorative practices and the college Code of Conduct. Students are encouraged to take responsibility for their behavior and learning through the college values of Trust, Honesty and Respect.</p>	<p>Yarram Secondary College is pleased to have achieved results in the top 20% of Victorian Secondary Schools in the area of Pathways and Transitions. We have a higher percentage of students who remain at the school through to Year 10.</p> <p>The new MIPS program was successful in introducing students across all year levels to a wide range of career and further study options. The majority of our year 10 students completed at least one full week of work placement and we will continue to encourage students to do this throughout 2012.</p> <p>We built a successful relationship with Monash University throughout 2011. This enabled our senior students to gain an insight into life at University and the range of options available to them. This program will be expanded in 2012 to include all year levels.</p> <p>During fourth term we joined a program with the Beacon Foundation which aims to develop in our students an independent will to achieve personal success for themselves and their community.</p> <p>We are maintaining strong links with our local Primary Schools and have a well established and successful Transition program for grade 6 students moving into our college.</p>

For more detailed information regarding our school please visit our website at

www.yarramsc.vic.edu.au

or view our 2011 Annual Report online at <http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/SReg/>

Yarram Secondary College

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), the results from the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests and the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).



2. Student Engagement and Wellbeing

Combining student attendance rates and results from the annual student *Attitudes to School* survey.



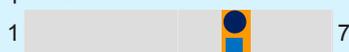
3. Student Pathways and Transitions

Combining the number of students remaining at school through to Year 10 and students going on to further study or full-time employment from Years 10 to 12.

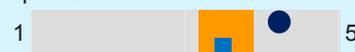


School Profile

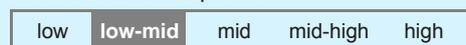
- Average level of parent satisfaction with the school, as derived from the annual *Parent Opinion* survey. The score is reported on a scale of 1 to 7, where 7 is the highest possible score.



- 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.

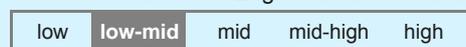


- Overall socio-economic profile



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

- Proportion of students with English as a second language



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

- 332 students (156 female, 176 male) were enrolled at this school in 2011.

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

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Student Learning

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

Percentage of students in Years 7 to 10 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.

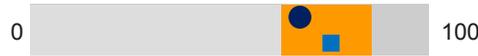
A 'C' rating means that a student is at the standard expected at the time of reporting.

Student Outcomes

Results: English and Mathematics 2010



Results: English and Mathematics 2007 - 2010 (4-year average)



Results: All other subjects 2010



Results: All other subjects 2007 - 2010 (4-year average)



School Comparison



5. NAPLAN Year 7

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

Year 7 assessments are reported on a scale from Bands 4-9.

Bands represent different levels of achievement. For Year 7, the National Minimum Standard is at Band 5.

Results: Reading 2011



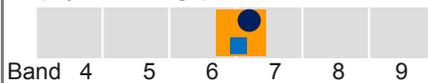
Results: Reading 2008 - 2011 (4-year average)



Results: Numeracy 2011



Results: Numeracy 2008-2011 (4-year average)



Being the first year of secondary school, Year 7 NAPLAN is not used for the School Comparison.

6. NAPLAN Year 9

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

Year 9 assessments are reported on a scale from Bands 5-10.

Bands represent different levels of achievement. For Year 9, the National Minimum Standard is at Band 6.

Results: Reading 2011



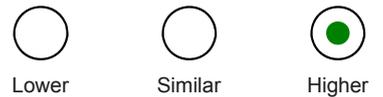
Results: Reading 2008 - 2011 (4-year average)



Results: Numeracy 2011



Results: Numeracy 2008-2011 (4-year average)



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Student Learning

7. Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)

Mean study score from all VCE subjects undertaken by students at this school.

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.

Percent of students in 2011 who satisfactorily completed their VCE: 94%

Percent of Year 12 students in 2011 undertaking at least one Vocational Education and Training (VET) unit of competence: 33%

Percent of VET units of competence satisfactorily completed in 2011: 95%

Percent of Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) credits satisfactorily completed in 2011: 94%

Student Outcomes

Results: 2011



Results: 2008 - 2011 (4-year average)



School Comparison



Lower



Similar



Higher



Lower



Similar



Higher

Student Engagement and Wellbeing

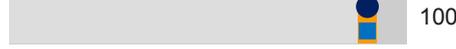
8. Student attendance

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

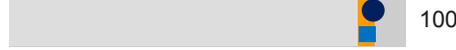
Average 2010 attendance rate by year level:

Student Outcomes

Results: 2010



Results: 2007 - 2010 (4-year average)



Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	Yr12
93%	93%	91%	89%	87%	91%

School Comparison



Lower



Similar



Higher



Lower



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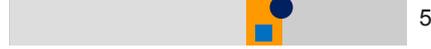


Higher

9. 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.

Results: 2011



Results: 2008 - 2011 (4-year average)



School Comparison



Lower



Similar



Higher



Lower



Similar



Higher

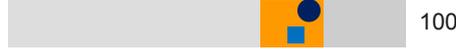
Student Pathways and Transitions

10. Student retention

Percentage of Year 7 students who remain at the school through to Year 10.

Student Outcomes

Results: 2010



Results: 2007 - 2010 (4-year average)



School Comparison



Lower



Similar



Higher



Lower



Similar

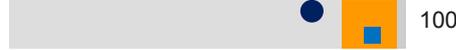


Higher

11. Students exiting to further studies and full-time employment

Percentage of students from Years 10 to 12 going on to further studies or full-time employment.

Results: 2010



Results: 2007 - 2010 (4-year average)



School Comparison



Lower



Similar



Higher



Lower



Similar



Higher

How to read the Government School Performance Summary 2011

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 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 **first page** outlines what your school is doing to improve its results.

The **second page** summarises your school's performance.

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

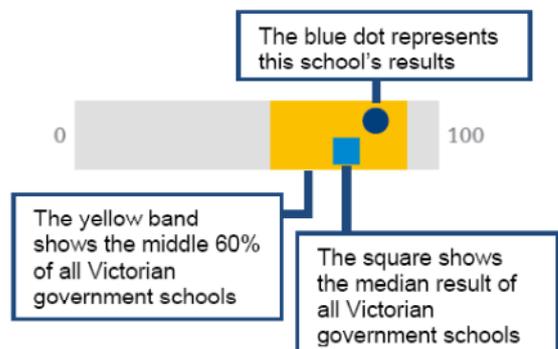
What are student outcomes?

Student outcomes describe 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 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: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/schoolreports

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, 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 '*What our school is doing*' statement provides a summary of this school's improvement plan.

Financial Performance and Position

Yarram Secondary College

Financial Performance – Operating Statement Summary for the year ending 31st December, 2011

Revenue	2011 Actual
Departmental Grants	\$559,736
Commonwealth Government Grants	\$270,000
State Government Grants	\$9,725
Other	\$62,672
Locally Raised Funds	\$360,352
Total Operating Revenue	\$1,262,485

Expenditure

Salaries and Allowances	\$129,000
Bank Charges	\$798
Consumables	\$140,363
Books and Publications	\$15,659
Communication Costs	\$15,514
Furniture and Equipment	\$229,287
Utilities	\$60,203
Property Services	\$179,872
Travel and Subsistence	\$108
Motor Vehicle Expenses	\$11,471
Administration	\$18,147
Health and Personal Development	\$332
Professional Development	\$11,208
Trading and Fundraising	\$114,575
Support/Service	\$76,681
Miscellaneous	\$87,992
Total Operating Expenditure	\$1,091,210

Net Operating Surplus/-Deficit **\$171,275**

Capital Expenditure **\$32,872**

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, 2011

Funds Available	2011 Actual
High Yield Investment Account	\$485,814
Official Account	\$16,513
Other Bank Accounts(listed individually)	
Investment No. 16	\$10,371
Investment No. 17	\$20,474
Walpole Stadium	\$16,338
(insert)	\$
(insert)	\$
(insert)	\$
Total Funds Available	\$549,510

Financial Commitments

2011 Actual	
School Operating Reserve	\$167,383
Assets or Equipment Replacement <12 months	\$148,191
Capital – Building/Grounds including SMS < 12 months	\$19,776
	\$
Maintenance – Building/Grounds including SMS < 12 months	\$3,000
	\$
Beneficiary/Memorial Accounts	\$10,371
Co-operative Bank Account	\$
Revenue Received in Advance	\$4,050
School based programs	\$66,019
Region/Network/Cluster Funds	\$21,217
Provision Accounts	\$36,811
Repayable to DEECD	\$72,692
Other Recurrent Expenditure (Accounts Payable)	\$
Assets or Equipment Replacement > 12 months	\$
Capital – Building/Grounds including SMS > 12 months	\$
	\$
Maintenance - Building/Grounds including SMS > 12 months	\$
	\$
Total Financial Commitments	\$549,510

Financial performance and position commentary

Due to a decrease in student numbers we have an operating deficit shown for 2011. Projections for 2012 at this point indicate we will again show a small deficit in the Global Budget. We have reduced our staff numbers but with another small year 7 cohort and the removal of VCAL Coordination funding a budget surplus is unlikely. The school has maintained its strong financial position and we still have funds committed throughout 2012 to continue our School Improvement works. The major project for 2012 will be to refurbish our old Science room as this was not completed during 2011. We will continue our investment in ICT infrastructure and hardware to ensure staff at Yarram Secondary College can use this technology to enhance student learning.