



From the Principal's desk



Attendance

We continue to be hammered by illness and absence of students. This term the health of our students has impacted heavily on our data for attendance and the delivery of units of work across Prep to Year 7. At the moment our whole school attendance rate for Term sits at only 88%. Hopefully it will improve over the last couple of weeks of this terms as our students return to school from illness.

This term we will not be having a celebration lunch for the class with the highest attendance level over 95%. I don't believe that this is appropriate for this term as so many of our families and classes have been impacted with illness. We will still present 100% attendance certificates on parade in Week 10 for those students who have reached this goal.

Year to date results

	Term 1		Term 2		Term 3		
Year level	February 14th	March 10 th	27 th March	19 th May	12 th July	18 th Aug	1 st Sept
Prep	95.3	96.1	85	90.4	92.1	89.4	90.3
1	91.5	90.2	97.2	93.7	95.8	88.5	89.0
2	95	93.9	87.2	94.3	92.3	88.3	91.5
3	96.7	97.4	91	94.6	87.5	92.1	95.0
4	95.6	94	95.8	96.8	91.7	87.9	92.3
5	94.2	94.3	75	87.5	86.7	90.1	91.3
6	97.8	96.2	93.2	94.6	90.5	94.6	95.0
7	94.8	92.7	90.6	92.4	96.7	85.6	91.6
8	96.8	94.9	90.7	94.4	90.0	80.2	94.7
9	90	91.4	81.3	85.1	95.8	81.8	88.8
10	93.2	88.1	77.1	87.6	94.4	81.5	88.8
Whole school	94.8	93.8	88.2	92.2	92.1	88	91.3



School uniform

Lately we have seen a drop in the wearing of school uniform. Our school has a very clear uniform policy that stresses the wearing of our uniform to build school pride and the easy identification of our students on school grounds and beyond. The school has a school jacket as part of the uniform. We also accept that at times families find it difficult to purchase this item and we are happy for a plain navy jumper to be worn. **This does not include hoodies and jumpers with print on the front or the back.** We also have navy track suit pants for winter. Please ensure that your child is wearing the school uniform to school. Our school uniform and the consistent wearing of it displays school pride. Please assist us in this matter.



NAPLAN results – What a great effort!!

‘Wow!’ That is the first word that came to mind when I read our NAPLAN results for 2017. A little happy dance followed! Congratulations to our outstanding students who sat NAPLAN in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. Our students have individually made great progress and as year levels there was plenty to celebrate. 66.6% of our year 3 students were in the top 2 bands for reading. In three of the five NAPLAN areas our Year 3 students were at or above the national average. In Year 5, 46.2% of our students were in the top two bands for reading. They too had three out of the five areas of NAPLAN at or above the national average. Year 7 results showed our students were on track for success with results close to or similar to other students in ‘like schools’ – other schools, possibly P-10 in areas like ours. Our Year 9 students made terrific gains across all of the five areas. Their National Minimum Standard rate of improvement was above or substantially above the nation for the 2016-2017 period.

These results don’t just happen. Credit must be given not only to the students for their fabulous efforts but also their teachers (in all grades up to that point) and parents who support their child’s academic progress at home.