

St Joseph's School, Waroona 2009 Compliance Data



School Statement

St Joseph's School, a co-educational Catholic primary school with a current enrolment of 160 students from Kindy to Year 7, serves the Parish community of St Patrick's Waroona. The school is an integral part of the Waroona Catholic community. The School endeavours to nurture all children to grow as confident, independent, lifelong learners who are enabled to contribute to society with dignity, respect and a spirit of service.

The school promotes excellence in all of its activities, including a comprehensive literacy program with thorough support mechanisms, a thorough and methodical mathematics program that includes the Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) program. All classrooms are equipped with Smartboard technology and computers to support dynamic teaching and learning environments. Students throughout the school are involved in the Bluearth program, Dancesport, physical education activities, music and chess club. The Student Council is an active group, assisting in fund-raising events and the Safety Club. Students represent the school in athletics and swimming carnivals in the Bunbury area. The enthusiastic parent body is represented by the Parents and Friends' Association with strong support from the School Board.

Teacher Standards and Qualifications

All teaching staff have appropriate teaching qualifications and are members of the Western Australian College of Teaching. The qualifications of teaching staff are:

Diploma	2
Bachelor	8
Masters	1

Staff Composition

The staff is made up of teaching and support staff as set out in the table below:

Teachers	
Male	1.0
Female	7.8
Support Staff	
Male	0.2
Female	5.5

TOTAL	14.5

Student Attendance at School

By law, students must attend a minimum of 90 percent of the available school days. The overall student attendance rate for 2009 was 91%. The student attendance rate per class for 2009 was:

Year 1	94%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	92%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	91%
Year 6	87%
Year 7	89%
Average	91%

Student attendances are noted each morning and afternoon. Parents are required to forward a note to the class teacher for any absence. Any student absence without a note is followed up by the Administration team with the parent.

NAPLAN Results

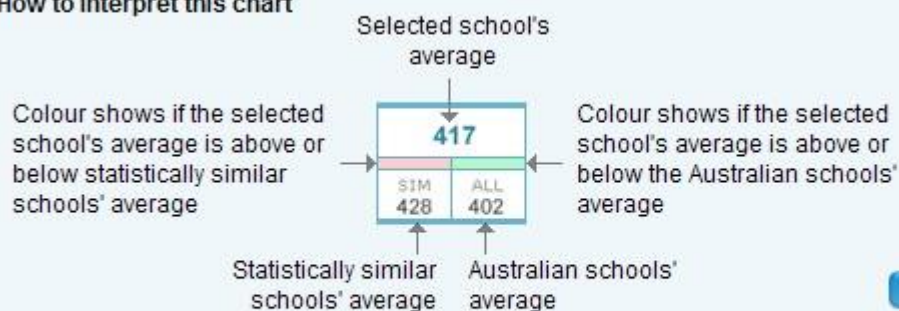
The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) assesses all students in Australian schools in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

The chart below displays average NAPLAN scores for each domain in 2009. The school's scores are displayed in blue. Also displayed are average scores for statistically similar schools and all Australian schools.

	2009		2008							
	Reading		Writing		Spelling		Grammar & Punctuation		Numeracy	
Year 3	▶ 424		443		420		416		375	
	SIM 389	ALL 411	SIM 397	ALL 414	SIM 386	ALL 405	SIM 391	ALL 420	SIM 375	ALL 394
Year 5	▶ 479		483		462		485		449	
	SIM 473	ALL 494	SIM 467	ALL 485	SIM 470	ALL 487	SIM 476	ALL 500	SIM 467	ALL 487
Year 7	▶ 506		534		492		509		524	
	SIM 521	ALL 541	SIM 514	ALL 532	SIM 522	ALL 540	SIM 518	ALL 539	SIM 523	ALL 544
Year 9										

- ▶ Selected school's average
- SIM** Statistically similar schools' average
- ALL** Australian schools' average
- Selected school's average is **substantially above** these schools' average
- Selected school's average is **above** these schools' average
- Selected school's average is **close to** these schools' average
- Selected school's average is **below** these schools' average
- Selected school's average is **substantially below** these schools' average
- Student population below reporting threshold
- Year level not tested

How to interpret this chart



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¹ For Victorian government schools this data is calculated using Prep to Year 12 data for the full 2008 year and is not directly comparable to others.

Parent, Student and Teacher Satisfaction

The parents are very positive about the school and the school has a good reputation in the local community. Parents are eager to enrol their child(ren) in the school due to its reputation and for the

level of pastoral care and education the school provides. A recent parent survey indicates a high level of welcoming and community feel within the school. Staff are fairly stable and we have many long serving staff which could indicate a high level of satisfaction with the school. The students are generally happy within the school indicating they feel safe, are well liked by staff and enjoy being a part of the community.

This information is provided as a requirement of the Compliance Certification for 2009.