

St Joseph's School, Waroona 2011 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. Children in Years 5-7 have their own MacBooks and the younger grades have access to iPads to assist in their learning across the curriculum. Students throughout the school are involved in the Bluearth program, 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	9
Masters	1

Staff Composition

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

Teachers		Support Staff	
Male	1.0	Male	0.2
Female	8.8	Female	5.9
TOTAL	9.8		6.1

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 2011 was 93%. The student attendance rate per class for 2011 was:

Preprimary	95.6%
Year 1	95.9%
Year 2	88.7%
Year 3	93.4%
Year 4	92.5%
Year 5	94.5%
Year 6	93%
Year 7	90.1%
Average	93%

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.

Parent, Student and Teacher Satisfaction

The parents are generally 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.

School Income

Income from the school mainly comes from Government Grants (90%) and a small proportion comes from fees paid by parents (approx 6%) and private income (approx 4%). Full financial details can be found at the MySchool website: www.myschool.edu.au

NAPLAN Results

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

The table below displays average NAPLAN scores for each domain in 2011.

YEAR 3	Students	Above Benchmark	At Benchmark	Below Benchmark
READING	23	78%	22%	0%
WRITING	23	91%	9%	0%
SPELLING	23	91%	4%	4%
GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION	23	87%	13%	0%
NUMERACY	23	65%	35%	0%
YEAR 5				
READING	17	82%	12%	6%
WRITING	17	94%	0%	6%
SPELLING	17	100%	0%	0%
GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION	17	100%	0%	0%
NUMERACY	17	76%	24%	0%
YEAR 7				
READING	13	69%	31%	0%
WRITING	13	77%	23%	0%
SPELLING	13	77%	15%	8%
GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION	13	92%	0%	8%
NUMERACY	13	69%	31%	0%

This information is provided as a requirement of the Compliance Certification for 2011.