



St Mary's Catholic School

Boyup Brook

School Performance Information for 2023

1. Contextual Information

St Mary's Catholic School is a co-educational Primary School with an enrolment of 65 students in 2023. The school is located in the rural community of Boyup Brook in the South West region of Western Australia and attracts children predominately from a farming district.

Committed to the Gospel values, the school's dedicated staff members work strongly in partnership with the supportive and active parent community to create a wellresourced and dynamic educational environment which caters for the needs of the student body. The school offers vibrant specialist programmes in Science, Drama, French, Art and Physical Education. The positive teacher student ratio of the school creates a friendly climate with the opportunity to identify and cater for the needs of each child.

2. Teacher Standards and Qualifications

Collectively the qualifications held by teachers are:

Masters in Education	1
Bachelor of Education	5
Bachelor Degree (other)	4
Diploma of Teaching	1
Graduate Diploma of Education	5
Diploma (other)_	2

3. Workforce Composition

St Mary's Catholic school is composed of 7 Part-time and 6 Full-time staff for the 2023 calendar year. A breakdown of the staffing composition is as follows:

Male – 2	Female - 11
Teaching Staff – 9	Non – Teaching Staff – 4
Indigenous – 0	Non – Indigenous - 13



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4. Student Attendance

If a student is absent from school, a parent is required to contact the school by 9.00 am, either by telephone, email or by the Skoolbag App. A written note or email must also be supplied to the class teacher explaining the absence on the day the student returns.

If a child is absent or late from school without notification from the parent/legal guardian, before 9.00am, an automated SMS Message will be sent, advising that the child is absent and requesting an explanation. This practice both notifies parents/legal guardians that the child is not at school and ensures the safe whereabouts of all students. If a student has a high number of absences then a parent is required to attend an interview with the Principal.

On average 89.4% of students attended school each day in 2022. A breakdown of student attendance rates for each year level is shown below.

Pre-Primary	81.0%
Year 1	88.76%
Year 2	86.89%
Year 3	91.09%
Year 4	92.3%
Year 5	90.38%
Year 6	89.69%

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5. NAPLAN Information

Our NAPLAN data for 2023 gave us some very valuable data and this data helped form the basis of our 2023 Catholic School Improvement Plan. Overall, our NAPLAN data this year was outstanding. Our Year 5 students showed huge growth from where they were in Year 3 and our Year 3 results were outstanding across the board; above the state, national and CEWA averages in all areas tested. The data reinforces what we have been doing over the past number of years in terms of educational programs in Literacy and Numeracy as well as the work of our support teachers in this area.

Year 3	Australian School Mean	St Mary's School Mean
Reading	405	393
Writing	416	425
Spelling	404	382
Grammar	411	394
Numeracy	407	409

St Mary's Year 5 class achieved above the Australian School Mean for all subject areas. While the Year 3 class achieved above the Australian School Mean in Writing and Numeracy

Year 5	Australian School Mean	St Mary's School Mean
Reading	496	533
Writing	483	485
Spelling	489	531
Grammar	497	541
Numeracy	488	521

6. Parent, student and teacher satisfaction:

In the most recent NSI partnerships survey the school received strong feedback in all areas with parents outlining the community feel of the school as well as one of the positive aspects. Students reported a strong sense of feeling safe within the school and felt that they were well supported by their teachers. There was evidence of positive peer to peer relationships as well as a strong sense of students knowing what the rules were. Teaching and non teaching staff feedback was also overall positive. This survey is due to take place again in 2025.



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7. School Income

For further information:

<https://myschool.edu.au/school/48874/finances/2021>

8. Senior secondary outcomes: Not applicable

9. Post school destinations:

Below is a breakdown of the destinations of our 2023 Year 6 students in 2024.

Boyup Brook District High School – 4

Kearnan College Manjimup – 2

Hale School – 1

10. Annual School Improvement Plan Progress Report

We celebrated the school's 65 years with a focus on the history of the presentation sisters, their founder Nano Nagle and the many sisters that spread across Australia in different towns like ours establishing schools.

Education

We have had another strong year in teaching and learning. Our educational goals in literacy this year revolved around continuing and improving processes and programs already in place. Thanks to targeted use of programs such as letters and sounds, soundwaves, brightpath and our reading data wall, coupled with our targeted intervention support program we saw pleasing results in NAPLAN 2023 across reading, writing and language conventions. Our Year three students results were pleasing. Our Year 5 results showed excellent growth since they sat NAPLAN in year three.

In numeracy this year our goal revolved around maintaining our solid gains in recent years while introducing an inquiry approach to the teaching of maths. We had several professional development sessions around this throughout the year and teachers used this approach in conjunction with stepping stones to help students develop their skills in problem solving. Our Numeracy results in year three NAPLAN this year had improved while in year five we saw strong growth since they were in Year 3. Once again this year our response to intervention program run by Mrs Hester and saw students that required extra assistance have considerable support according to their needs.

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Community

Our school has a strong sense of community and each year it is important that we continue to nurture this. I would like to thank our P&F for their outstanding work in this area and for their continued support of many different initiatives that benefit our school.

Our Learn and Grow program is a great way for our school to engage with the community and this year it once again attracted large numbers on a regular basis. This has helped attract new families to our school for Kindy 2023. Huge thanks as always to Mrs Cook for her outstanding work in this space.

During 2023 we celebrated our 65th Anniversary. We officially opened the newly refurbished classrooms with a special ceremony. The day commenced with a respectful Welcome to Country by Sharon Cooke (local Aboriginal Elder). The Executive Director of Catholic Education WA, Dr Debra Sayce commend the school's commitment to Catholic education.

Mr Kelly, along with the school community, expressed gratitude to key contributors, presenting tokens of appreciation to architect Sally Matthews, builder Pat Corrigan, and returning former Principal Mr Eugene Lee.

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