

**Draft 2014 Annual Report to
the School Community**

Geelong High School

School Number: 7855



Name of School Principal:

Glenn Davey

Name of School Council President:

Mr Geoff Wiffen

Date of Endorsement:

19th March 2015

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

This school meets prescribed minimum standards for registration as regulated by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) in accordance with the Education and Training Reform Act 2006, inclusive of those schools granted an exemption by the VRQA under the 'Student enrolment numbers' and/or 'Curriculum framework for schools - languages program' minimum standards until 31 December 2014.

About Our School

School Context

Geelong High School is the oldest government secondary school in Geelong having celebrated its centenary in 2010. Geelong High School is located near central Geelong in close proximity to Eastern Beach and the Botanical Gardens. The school has a long tradition of academic success and is held in high regard by the local community. The school is in a unique situation in that it draws its 950+ student population from approximately 40 feeder schools across the Greater Geelong area, particularly from the areas of East and South Geelong, Newtown and Leopold. The school employees 85.9 FTE teaching and non-teaching staff comprising 4 PCOs, 9 Leading Teachers, 53.5 classroom teachers and 19 Education Support staff.

The school offers a year 7 – 12 co-educational program that caters for a socially and economically diverse community. Parent and student expectations with regard to career pathways are broad with a significant proportion of students aspiring to a tertiary education. The school offers an Integrated Curriculum program at years 7 and 8. The integrated program combines the Key Learning Areas of Maths with Science (MASC) and Humanities with English (HUEN). In years 9 and 10 a vertical program called Individual Learning Pathways (ILP) is offered. The program provides students with a choice of subject areas in which to specialize within a Key Learning Area. Acceleration and consolidation opportunities are available through this program.

The School offers a broad Later Years program including VCE, VCAL (year 11), VET, School Based Apprenticeships and the opportunity to extend in University studies. There is a strong careers and pathways program in place at the school and the school is proud of the tracking of all students in later years. Geelong High School operates a House-based wellbeing and student management system, with all students strongly connected to their house. In the last two years the school has been building staff capacity in and progressively introducing Positive Education across years 7 to 10. The school has partnered with Geelong Grammar School, Northern Bay College and Melbourne University in introducing this initiative. Pos Ed. aims to build the personal characteristics that make students resilient such as awareness of character strengths, mindfulness, positivity, optimism and gratitude.

The school has been approved for a major renovation, as part of the Asset Management Program. Funding of \$8.5 million has been received with a further \$12 million due in the first term of government. At present there is a wide range of buildings of different ages, creating an eclectic yet functional set of facilities. In 2012 the school undertook a School Review as part of the 4 year cycle. A key element of this review was the development in 2013 of a new Vision & Values statement that guides all school actions and priorities.

Achievement

Student Outcomes for Geelong High School show that the school continues to perform similar to other Victorian government schools. The school is performing above (higher than) the 60% band of all government school in the area of English from Year 7-10 according to teacher assessed AusVELS levels. Mathematics results place the school within the 60% band (that is, similar to most other government schools).

Our student NAPLAN results are also all within the middle 60% band. Geelong High School is consistently performing at around the middle of the 60% band in the areas of NAPLAN Numeracy and Reading at both year 7 & 9. Neither reading nor numeracy results have changed appreciably in recent years although data suggests there is a decline in performance at year 9 in numeracy which will continue to be the focus of future work.

Key improvement strategies and actions include full documentation of the curriculum (mapping), progressive implementation of the Australian Curriculum (ACARA), planning for effective pedagogy through the development of an agreed Instructional Framework and Instructional Model; exploring the use of data to further improve student outcomes in ACARA and VCE in particular. Based on NAPLAN results, the current Literacy focus is on writing. Our VCE students continue to perform within the expected band; however in 2013 & 2014 we have noted an appreciable drop in the Allstudy score and in the percentage of students with study scores of 40 or more. Specific PD around our VCE data and pedagogy are being implemented to address these issues including the sharing of data as a key priority in 2015. An external coach has been engaged to support us in this work for 2015.

Engagement

Engagement within the classroom is being facilitated by the adoption of 21st Century approaches to learning including student-centred, differentiated learning; use of 1:1 technology and contemporary pedagogy.

Staff worked throughout 2014 to document curriculum to ensure a consistent high-quality curriculum is available to all students that is engaging and meets all student's needs. Complementing this work has been the development of an agreed Instructional Framework that sets out our core beliefs around teaching and learning and provides a framework and reference point for improving teaching and learning in the future.

In 2014 the school piloted a year nine Positive Learning Community initiative which led directly to the introduction of the Geelong Positive Engagement Program (GPEP). This program is an extension of the 2014 pilot and as such is being offered to three groups of year 9 students in 2015 with a view to extending it further in 2016 if successful.

The House system also plays a key role in terms of student engagement through a strong focus on student attendance. The Compass student management system enables close tracking of students and direct contact with parents where attendance or behavioural issues arise. There are a number of key co-curricular events organized through the house system including sport, debating and community service. Positive Education elements are also delivered through the houses.

The adoption of eTexts in 2013 will be reviewed in 2015. Student attendance data, retention and student opinion survey data remains positive. The school is attempting to build student leadership capacity and engagement through involvement in a range of leadership activities including the SRC, Teaching & Learning focus groups, a junior leadership group, sustainability initiatives and input into the AMP.

Wellbeing

Year 7 students participate in a 2 day Transition (Orientation) program to induct them into life at Geelong High School. Transition is further enhanced by visits to local feeder schools by transition and wellbeing staff. Students who are the only representative from their feeder primary school attend an additional transition "singles" day to build connectedness and a sense of belonging quickly.

In 2014 the school year began with all students participating in a Start-Up Day interview involving the student, a parent and the Home Group Teacher. Feedback would suggest that this was a very positive experience for all concerned, with all documentation signed, issues and concerns clarified and expectations made clear.

Students are actively supported by class and Home Group teachers, the Student Well-being Team, House Leaders and Chaplaincy staff. PSD students are further supported by a team of staff both within and outside the classroom according to their level of need. Students who have disconnected with the school, and with education generally, are candidates for the Ed Lounge project where students work from home to reconnect with education, via on-line learning. A small number of students are also invited to participate in the Newstart program which aims to build engagement and reconnect the student with learning. A level of peer support is provided by "PC Ambassadors" and a range of student leaders including an active SRC. A strong House system within the school builds connectedness and a sense of belonging which supports students academically and behaviourally.

The school has a strong music and performing arts program that is also instrumental in building a sense of belonging. The Positive Education initiative, piloted in 2014, aims to create a positive and supportive culture while also building each individual's capacity to manage challenging situations. Pos. Ed will be expanded across years 7 to 10 in 2015.

Productivity

The school is in a financially stable position with sufficient cash reserves (ref. financial statement) to be able to engage external support and undertake professional development of staff when opportunities arise. Staffing is conservative and class sizes are maximized (at 25) as far as possible in years 7 to 10 allowing some flexibility for smaller groups at the senior years. Student numbers, at 959, are close to the maximum of 975 meaning classroom usage is maximized. The school operates a Parents & Friends group and Silver Gulls Alumni, both of which support the school in building and maintaining links with the community and in raising funds for the school. All PSD students have an individual learning plan and all students and staff set learning goals on an annual basis, linked to the school's goals and priorities.

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

<http://www.geelonghigh.vic.edu.au>

Performance Summary

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 work in partnership with their school community to improve outcomes for children and young people. Sharing this information with parents and the wider school community will foster engagement and collaboration to support further gains and positive learning experiences for all students.

Key: Range of results for the middle 60% of Victorian government schools: Result for this school: Median of all Victorian government schools:

School Profile

School Enrolments

A total of 959 students were enrolled at this school in 2014, 411 female and 548 male.

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.



Parent Satisfaction Summary

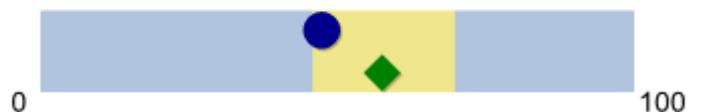
Average level of parent satisfaction with the school, as derived from the annual *Parent Opinion* survey. The score is reported on a scale of 1 to 7, where 7 is the highest possible score.



School Staff Survey

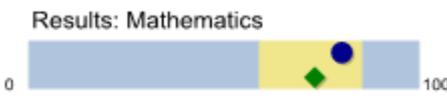
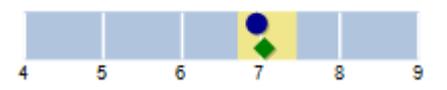
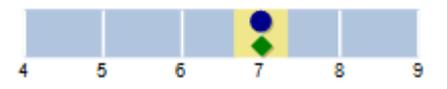
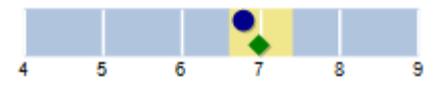
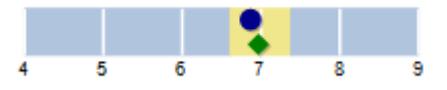
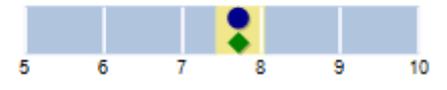
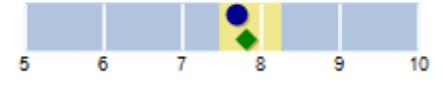
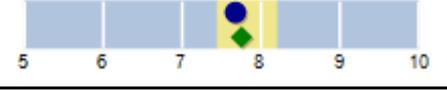
Measures the percent endorsement by staff on school climate derived from the annual *School Staff survey*. The percent endorsement indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree) on school climate from staff at the school.

Data are suppressed for schools with fewer than three respondents to the survey for confidentiality reasons.



Performance Summary

Key: Range of results for the middle 80% of Victorian government schools: Result for this school: Median of all Victorian government schools:

Achievement	Student Outcomes	School Comparison
<p>Teacher assessments from the Australian Curriculum/Victorian Essential Learning Standards (AusVELS)</p> <p>Percentage of students in Years 7 to 10 with a grade of C or above in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> English Mathematics <p>The grades are the same as those used in your child's end of year report.</p> <p>A 'C' rating means that a student is at the standard expected at the time of reporting.</p>	<p>Results: English</p>  <p>Results: Mathematics</p> 	<p> Higher</p> <p> Similar</p>
<p>NAPLAN Year 7</p> <p>Average score achieved on the NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy tests conducted in May each year.</p> <p>Year 7 assessments are reported on a scale from Bands 4-9.</p> <p>Bands represent different levels of achievement. For Year 7, the National Minimum Standard is at Band 5.</p>	<p>Results: Reading</p>  <p>Results: Reading (4-year average)</p>  <p>Results: Numeracy</p>  <p>Results: Numeracy (4-year average)</p> 	<p>Being the first year of secondary school, Year 7 NAPLAN is not used for the School Comparison.</p>
<p>NAPLAN Year 9</p> <p>Average score achieved on the NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy tests conducted in May each year.</p> <p>Year 9 assessments are reported on a scale from Bands 5-10.</p> <p>Bands represent different levels of achievement. For Year 9, the National Minimum Standard is at Band 6.</p>	<p>Results: Reading</p>  <p>Results: Reading (4-year average)</p>  <p>Results: Numeracy</p>  <p>Results: Numeracy (4-year average)</p> 	<p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p>

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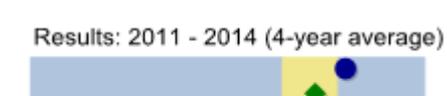
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Achievement	Student Outcomes	School Comparison
<p>NAPLAN Learning Gain Year 5 - Year 7</p> <p>Learning gain of students from Year 5 to Year 7 in the following domains; Reading, Numeracy, Writing, Spelling & Grammar and Punctuation.</p> <p>NAPLAN learning gain is determined by comparing a student's current year result to the results of all 'similar' Victorian students (i.e. students in all sectors in the same year level who had the same score two years prior). If the current year result is in the top 25%, their gain level is categorised as 'High', middle 50%, is 'Medium' and bottom 25%, is 'Low'.</p>	<p>Reading Low: 35% Medium: 50% High: 15%</p> <p>Numeracy Low: 41% Medium: 46% High: 13%</p> <p>Writing Low: 27% Medium: 50% High: 23%</p> <p>Spelling Low: 37% Medium: 48% High: 16%</p> <p>Grammar and Punctuation Low: 25% Medium: 49% High: 25%</p>	<p>NAPLAN Learning Gain does not require a School Comparison.</p>
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<p>Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE)</p> <p>Mean study score from all VCE subjects undertaken by students at this school.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Results: 2014 0 to 50 scale. School result (blue dot) is approximately 45. State median (green diamond) is 30.</p> <p>Results: 2011 - 2014 (4-year average) 0 to 50 scale. School result (blue dot) is approximately 45. State median (green diamond) is 30.</p>	<p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p>

Students in 2014 who satisfactorily completed their VCE: **98%**
 Year 12 students in 2014 undertaking at least one Vocational Education and Training (VET) unit of competence: **15%**
 VET units of competence satisfactorily completed in 2014: **100%**
 Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) credits satisfactorily completed in 2014: **76%**

Performance Summary

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Engagement	Student Outcomes	School Comparison												
<p>Student Attendance</p> <p>Average days absent per full time equivalent (FTE) student per year. Common reasons for non-attendance include illness and extended family holidays.</p> <p>Absence from school can impact on students' learning. A school comparison rating of 'lower' indicates that the absence rate in this school is greater than what we would estimate, given the background characteristics of their students.</p> <p>Average 2014 attendance rate by year level:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="571 819 1027 920"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yr7</th> <th>Yr8</th> <th>Yr9</th> <th>Yr10</th> <th>Yr11</th> <th>Yr12</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>92 %</td> <td>88 %</td> <td>88 %</td> <td>88 %</td> <td>92 %</td> <td>94 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yr7	Yr8	Yr9	Yr10	Yr11	Yr12	92 %	88 %	88 %	88 %	92 %	94 %	<p>Results: 2014</p>  <p>Results: 2011 - 2014 (4-year average)</p> 	<p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p>
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<p>Student Retention</p> <p>Percentage of Year 7 students who remain at the school through to Year 10.</p>	<p>Results: 2014</p>  <p>Results: 2011 - 2014 (4-year average)</p> 	<p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p>												
<p>Students exiting to further studies and full-time employment</p> <p>Percentage of students from Years 10 to 12 going on to further studies or full-time employment.</p> <p>Note: This measure uses data from the previous year.</p>	<p>Results: 2013</p>  <p>Results: 2010 - 2013 (4-year average)</p> 	<p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p>												

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Wellbeing	Student Outcomes	School Comparison
<p>Students Attitudes to School</p> <p>Measures the Connectedness to School factor derived from the <i>Attitudes to School</i> survey completed annually by Victorian government school students in Years 5 to 12. The school's average score is reported here on a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 is the highest possible score.</p>	<p>Results: 2014</p>  <p>Results: 2011 - 2014 (4-year average)</p> 	<p> Similar</p> <p> Similar</p>

How to read the Performance Summary

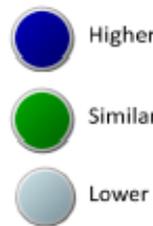
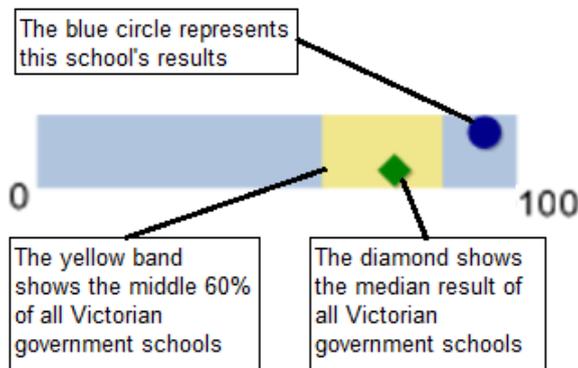
What are student outcomes?

Student outcomes show the achievements of students in this school in English and Mathematics. 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 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 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.

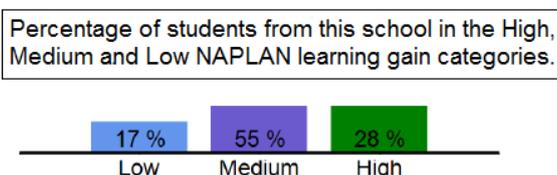
A *School comparison* takes into account the school's academic intake, the socio-economic background of students, the number of Indigenous students, the number of non-English speaking and refugee students, the number of students with a disability, and the size and location of the school.

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.

Additionally, NAPLAN learning gain charts are provided for each of the NAPLAN domains. These compare a student's current year NAPLAN result to the results of all 'similar' Victorian students (i.e. students in all sectors in the same year level who had the same NAPLAN score two years prior).

If the current year result is in the top 25% their gain level is categorised as 'High', the middle 50% is categorised as 'Medium' and the bottom 25% is categorised as 'Low'.



More information on school comparison performance measures can be found at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/management/pages/performreports.aspx>

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 '*About Our School*' statement provides a summary of this school's improvement plan.

Financial Performance and Position

Financial Performance - Operating Statement Summary for the year ending 31 December, 2014

Financial Position as at 31 December, 2014

Revenue	Actual
Student Resource Package	\$7,775,161
Government Provided DE&T Grants	\$808,046
Government Grants Commonwealth	\$12,708
Government Grants State	\$12,225
Revenue Other	\$120,245
Locally Raised Funds	\$802,439
Total Operating Revenue	\$9,530,824

Funds Available	Actual
High Yield Investment Account	\$23,832
Official Account	\$44,059
Other Accounts	\$784,906
Total Funds Available	\$852,797

Expenditure	
Student Resource Package	\$7,828,391
Books & Publications	\$26,575
Communication Costs	\$43,700
Consumables	\$222,028
Miscellaneous Expense	\$506,747
Professional Development	\$41,577
Property and Equipment Services	\$1,206,903
Salaries & Allowances	\$160,763
Trading & Fundraising	\$64,343
Travel & Subsistence	\$10,818
Utilities	\$108,400

Financial Commitments	
Operating Reserve	\$270,630
Asset/Equipment Replacement < 12 months	\$65,000
Maintenance - Buildings/Grounds incl SMS<12 months	\$65,000
Beneficiary/Memorial Accounts	\$2,000
Revenue Received in Advance	\$180,179
Region/Network/Cluster Funds	\$48,000
Repayable to DEECD	\$200,000
Maintenance -Buildings/Grounds incl SMS>12 months	\$21,988
Total Financial Commitments	\$852,797

Total Operating Expenditure \$10,220,245

Net Operating Surplus/-Deficit (\$689,421)

Asset Acquisitions \$26,866

Misc Expenses may include Bank charges, Health and Personal Development, Administration charges, Camp/Excursion costs and Taxation charges.

Salaries and Allowances refers to school-level payroll.

Financial performance and position commentary

Geelong High School is in a financial stable position with sufficient cash reserves to undertake the Asset Management Plan (major rebuild) with confidence.