St Joseph’s School Northam  
SCHOOL PERFORMANCE DATA

The following information measures for the year 2014 are reported for the St Joseph’s School community.

The School Performance Data Report is a requirement of the Federal Government that Schools report to their school community. This report is posted on the St Joseph’s School web page  www.sjsnortham.wa.edu.au

1  Contextual Information:

St Joseph’s School is a Catholic co-educational School, in the picturesque Avon Valley, catering for the education of approximately 560 students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 10. St Joseph’s School is situated off Great Eastern Highway and is just 90 km from the Perth CBD. The Sisters of St Joseph of the Apparition established the first Catholic school in Northam, in 1889. The Marist Brothers opened St Paul's, a boy’s College in 1948 and in 1971 these two schools combined to become a co-educational primary and secondary school on two separate campuses. Our school has a 125 years tradition of a caring environment and prides itself as a learning centre with programs to cater for all students. The school is founded on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, and seeks to nurture the individual qualities of each person in a caring and accepting community through the promotion of Christian values. As a Catholic school, there is an emphasis on the faith development of students and participation in the Sacramental Program organised in conjunction with St Joseph’s Parish. St Joseph’s School is an active community with the school receiving great support from parents. All members of the School community are encouraged to live the School Motto: 'Fidelity' (which means “the strict observance of promises or duties”) in their relationships with one another.

St Joseph’s School recognises the importance of an emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy in the early years and the need for early intervention.

We offer a Pre Kindergarten program, Kindergarten for 4 year olds and Pre Primary for 5 year olds. Reading Recovery is an early intervention program offered in Years One and Two to identify those students whose reading and writing skills are slow to develop. Year 6
students have the opportunity to enter the da Vinci Decathlon competition for academically
gifted students. Bahasa Indonesia is also taught at the school from Year 1 to Year 6. Italian is taught in Years 7 and 8.

A range of interesting opportunities exists in the Secondary curriculum, particularly in Science with the Rocket Launch Program and in the Humanities with our local area and multicultural studies. The school has significant community interaction through the Parish and local community groups.

Private music tutors teach on school grounds and the Primary School Choir has performed exceptionally well in the Catholic Schools Performing Arts Festival and always achieves highly in the annual Avon Valley Arts Society Eisteddfod. The comprehensive physical education program enhances the holistic approach to developing each student.

A capital development program has resulted in excellent facilities for specialist subject areas, physical education and student amenities. In recent years there has been a significant building and refurbishment program in place with a Performing Arts Centre on the Primary Campus and a second Science and Language Laboratory on the Secondary Campus.

2  Teacher Qualifications: “A list of teacher qualifications”.

   The number of teachers with a Masters Degree e.g. MEd is 3
   The number of teachers with a 4yr Bachelor Degree is 26
       (this includes teachers with a 3yr degree and a Post Graduate Diploma in Education)
   The number of teachers with a 3yr Bachelor Degree in education is 7
   The number of teachers with a Diploma of Teaching is 0
   The number of teachers with a Teachers’ Certificate is 0.

   In addition, two teachers have a Post Graduate Diploma in another field. Only the highest qualification is reported here. Several teachers have more than one qualification, the maximum being three Degrees or Post-Graduate Diplomas.

3  Workforce Composition:

   There is 1 indigenous employee amongst the staff. The number of male teachers is 11 and
   the number of female teachers is 25. The number of male non-teaching staff is 2 and the
   number of female non-teaching staff is 21. Not all of the staff members are full-time; some
   are employed on a part-time basis.
4 Student Attendance: “The average attendance rate (percentage) (for the gazetted year).

The total number of days of absence for 469 students (excluding K and PP) in 2014 was 3155, an average of 7 days per child.

The average attendance rate as a percentage is 93%.

Non-attendance is managed by the school in the following ways:
Parents are requested to inform the school by telephone, if a student is to be absent on any given school day, by 9.00am. This absence is then to be followed up with a written note of explanation, provided to the Class/Homeroom teacher.
With any unexplained absence, each Campus Administration will attempt to make telephone contact with or send a SMS text to the relevant family to seek an explanation for a student’s absence. Again, parents are required to follow up any absence with a written note of explanation.
A parent interview will be organised with the Head of Primary/Secondary for extended lengths of absence, if a satisfactory explanation is not provided to the school.

5 Senior Secondary Outcomes:

St Joseph’s School final year for students is Year 10.

6 NAPLAN information:

The following chart is taken from the myschool page on the http://www.myschool.edu.au website. 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 2013 for the students in the School’s year groups for each of the areas: Reading, Persuasive Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation and Numeracy.
Our parents, students and teachers are very satisfied with St Joseph’s School. This is confirmed through:

- The high retention rate of teachers.
- The commitment of staff to “after-school” activities such as music, sport, homework classes, NAPLAN preparation, camps and Retreats.
- The commitment of staff to support one another.
- Staff completing Senior First Aid courses and professional development out of school time.
- In regard to Faith, students and parents appreciate the Catholicity of St Joseph’s School.
- Participation of students in House activities, sport, choir, curriculum opportunities such as competitions, excursions and field-work.
- Students appreciated the opportunities for going on educational excursions.
- Students felt that St Joseph’s School is a safe and happy environment.
- Parental involvement in the canteen, sports carnivals, Parish Council, P & F and the School Board.
- Very high ratings in the survey for the Quality Catholic Schooling Project: “Engagement with Families” and “Staff Wellbeing”.
- Parental and student involvement in the Parish based Sacramental program.
- The generosity of families for the various appeals: St Vincent de Paul, Life Link, Caritas and Project Compassion.

The number of students who left at the end of Year 10 (their final year) and went to the following schools or institutions are as follows:

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<th>Post School Destination</th>
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Carmen Cox
Principal - June 2015