



Community Report 2011



2011 THEME: Making Connections





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Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture is recognised as one of music's grand orchestral works, requiring skilled musicians to perform it well. What a treat it was for the College to hear this piece performed with great accomplishment by our own orchestra at Presentation Night in 2011. The Overture was played on an evening that had begun with a performance of our award winning Jekyll and Hyde Rock Eisteddfod item by students from Years 9 to 12.

During the course of Presentation Night, we heard of the wonderful accomplishments of our sporting and debating teams as well; 2011 being our strongest year to date.

At the end of the year, Sharlene Prasad, one of our graduates from the Class of 2011, was awarded the Young Citizen of the Year for the Brimbank area. Sharlene was a hard working student throughout her time at the College and heavily involved in the community service area.

Clearly, 2011 was a year of great achievements in the co-curricular and leadership arenas; these accomplishments highlighting the ever expanding and strengthening nature of this aspect of an Overnewton education.

The co-curricular program is excellent and continues to support the development of the whole Overnewton child. However, our academic programs continue to go from strength to strength as well.

With NAPLAN outcomes at or above the state and like schools in all categories, as well as consistently high VCE results, an Overnewton education is one that provides the opportunities for students to experience depth as well as excellence in a variety of fields.

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Additionally, we had two students selected to perform in the Top Arts showcase: Holly McNamara in Dance and Rhiannon Brooks in Drama.

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Overnewton students, their teachers, support staff and their families are members of a truly wonderful community of people. There are important and exciting bonds between each member of the community that make this a truly great College of learning in its many facets.

Jim Laussen, Principal





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Mr Manny Stamatopoulos is Chairperson of the Board and has been associated with the College since 1992. Manny's two sons are now Old Collegians. Having initially served on the P&F Committee including two years as Chairperson, Manny was appointed to the Board in 2003.

Mark Ruff

B.Build (R.M.I.T.), has been a board member since 2011 and a member of the Capital Projects Committee since 2001. He is owner and director of Qanstruct (Aust) Pty Ltd, which has more than 25 years of experience in the design and construction of industrial and commercial buildings. Mark currently has three children attending the College.

Mr Don Hilton BCom, MBus (Finance), Grad Dip Fin, CA, CPA, FCIS, MAICD, CFTP was appointed to the Board in 2003, and is the Chair of the Finance Committee. Don has a daughter and two sons who are now Old Collegians. Don is the Finance Director of a large retail group.

Mr Peter Lee B.Bus (Accounting), CA, FCIS, MAICD, has been a Board member since 2004, and is a member of the Finance, Governance and Appointments Committees. Associated with the College since 1996, Peter's children are now Old Collegians. Peter is a Director, Chief Financial Officer and Company Secretary of a number of listed public mining companies in Australia, Canada and the United States of America.

Ms Michelle McLean B.Comm, Ass. CPA, FCIS, was appointed to the Board in 2004 and is Chair of the Governance Committee. Michelle is the CEO and managing partner of a large city law firm.

Mr Andy Matiszak LFAIBS, MIE (Aust), DIP.CE, BSC, BIC, SIC, is a foundation parent of the College, with his last of four children finishing in 2009 and his oldest son is the current Chair of the Old Collegians since 2008. Andy has served on the Board since 1993, seven years as Deputy Chair and is also the Chair of the Capital Projects Committee. Andy has his own consultancy business in the building and construction industry.

Mr Robin Ould LLB (University of Melbourne) has been a parent of the College since 2000 and was appointed to the Board in 2007. Robin is the CEO of a large not for profit organisation in the health industry. Robin has three children currently at the College.

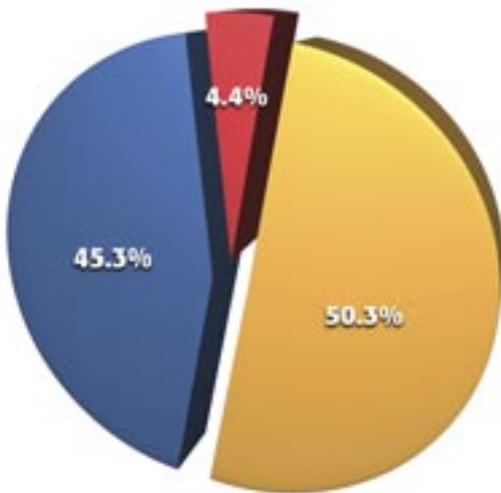
Mr Victor Peplow

B.Bus (Accounting), CPA was appointed to the Board in 2011, and is also a member of the Finance Committee. Victor has been a parent at the College since 2003 and has two daughters who currently attend the College. Victor is the Chief Financial Officer of the Australian division of an international wealth management firm.

Rev Glenn Buijs

BTh, DipMin, MTh was appointed to the Board in 2010 and has been a parent of the College since 2007. Glenn currently has two children at the College and is the vicar of the Brimbank Anglican Church.

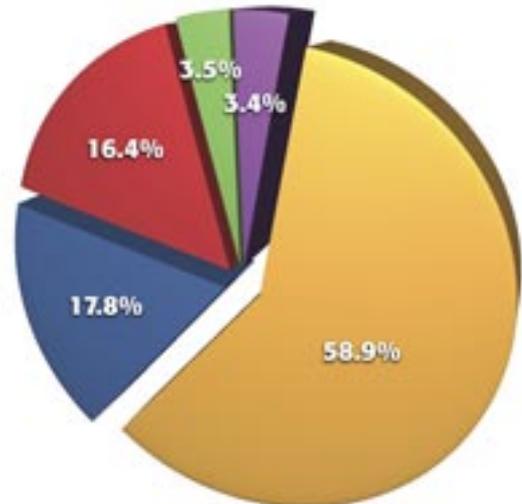
to our students
 who have been
 “Stars” at school
 this night



- Fees – \$16,898,889
- Government Funds – \$15,208,621
- Other Income – \$1,462,732

INCOME

The two major sources of income for the year for Overnewton Anglican Community College were tuition fees of \$16.9m and government funding of \$15.2m which combined, contributed 95.6% of the College’s income.



- Employment Costs – \$22,480,348
- Investment in Capital Works – \$6,789,770
- Education and General Costs – \$6,254,860
- Financing Costs – \$1,330,364
- Property and Maintenance – \$1,306,213

EXPENDITURE

Total expenditure in 2011 was \$38.2m, and was comprised of employment costs of \$22.5m, or 58.9% of total expenditure, investment in capital works of \$6.8m, representing 17.8% of total expenditure and education and general costs of \$6.3m or 16.4% of total expenditure. Other costs for the year included financing costs of \$1.3m, being 3.5% of total expenditure and property and maintenance costs of \$1.3m, which was 3.4% of total expenditure.

Co-curricular Connections at Keilor Campus.

Throughout 2011, there were a huge range of events in which our students participated.

In Senior School, the 2011 House Performance was one of the best we have had. It had some real cleverness beyond the mere use of the talented students in years 10 to 12. The short history of House Performance has seen performances develop from the early years of some modest performances laced with cameo highlights by the talented few, to a highly coordinated House team production in which the very skilled and the complete novice could stand side by side and entertain. There are many students who may never have done performing arts like this before and this opportunity may just be that X-factor they needed for their own self esteem.

The College musical, *Once on this Island*, was really an event not to be missed. It was exceptionally well chosen and well cast. This production was sophisticated and challenged the emotions, as well as being truly entertaining. The cast included students ranging from Years 2 to 12 with a fabulous mix of singers and dancers. Kaylah Attard was outstanding, as were fellow leads Samuel Di Natale, Katherine Kropf, Daniel Hernandez, Saskia Johnson, Miranda Phaedonas, Sian Hughes, Ashley Apap, Jonathon Reeves, Mikaela Farrugia, Stefanie White, Beth Turner-Summerton and the amazing Chanel Scalise of Year 2, with a great cameo performance in Act II by Campbell Bonello. The supporting cast were clearly highly skilled and well-rehearsed.

The Year 5/6 Musical, *A Night at the Performing Arts Museum*, was a production of great colour and light, wonderful song and dance routines and many musical favourites for the older audience. Some fabulous talent was on display and we clearly have a raft of great performers moving through the student ranks. Year 6 teacher, Aaron Booker, wrote, directed and produced this uplifting show.

Senior School English teacher Drew Mason developed the concept of Shakespeare Shorts for our Senior School students in which to perform. It included scenes from Shakespearean plays that are part of our current curriculum at Years 9 to 12, including *Romeo and Juliet*, *Othello*, *Macbeth*, *The Merchant of Venice* and *Hamlet*. Senior School students spent several weeks preparing for

the production and each of them performed several roles, which was a challenging task that they managed very well. It was an enjoyable event, which included a number of students who had not previously participated on stage in performing arts productions.

For many years, Overnewton has been synonymous with high quality JRock and Rock Eisteddfod teams and the 2011 performances were simply superb, with great choreography, costumes, staging and, most importantly, outstanding teamwork. Overnewton's performance achieved a third place in the Premier Division which was particularly impressive, in a very closely contested competition. Both JRock and the revamped version of our Senior Rock Eisteddfod team '*Make Connections*' between students from both campuses.

In music, the College String Orchestra was awarded 3rd place for its performance at the prestigious Royal South Street Eisteddfod. This is the best result for this ensemble since they have been entering the Royal South Street Competition. There have been a number of examples of music ensembles showing improvements that are measurable against their counterparts from other schools.



The same is true in sport. We had over thirty teams make grand finals in sport during 2011, which is a record for the College. It culminated with eight of thirteen Year 7 and 8 teams winning premierships in the ACS Summer season; this is more than any other school in the competition. These teams all consist of a mixture of Keilor and Taylors Lakes Campus students which provides an important connection for them prior to them coming together in the classroom at Year 9. The College Athletics Team has also improved spectacularly from seventh position in every ACS carnival until 2009, to fourth place last year and third this year. This is the result of a detailed training program that students want to attend and great attention to detail by the Team Managers, Nikki Little and Carolyn Sadler. The team captains, Tayla Raniolo and Greg Georgiadis, led by example and their encouragement of fellow students was excellent.

Rob Huntington,
Head of Keilor Campus





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When we look back and see what our students have achieved in 2011, we can be very pleased and very proud of their efforts. It has been another great year for our students and the Taylors Lakes Campus as a whole. Our three schools, Junior School, Middle School and Canowindra are always hives of activity and learning. Watching the various activities that take place every day, is truly inspiring and a credit to our students and their thirst for knowledge and learning, as well as a credit to the dedicated teaching staff, who want nothing but the best possible outcomes for the students. This is a wonderful combination that creates an environment where learning takes place with much enjoyment and fulfillment.

In the Junior School there is always something great going on as it continues to do amazing things with the youngest members of our College community. It never ceases to amaze me watching the development of the Junior School students over the years. The pride with which they stand at assemblies when they are sharing what they have done in class, or displaying their work to the rest of the Junior School, and the enthusiasm with which they participate in the many organized activities, is simply a joy to watch and is truly inspiring.

As you walk through the Middle School, it is always pleasing to see the students engaged in all of the learning activities that are taking place. Whether it is inside the classroom or in the courtyard, the Middle School students are always enthusiastically and busily engaged in learning activities. It is so pleasing to watch the dedication with which they tackle their learning and the enjoyment and fun that they have with it all too.

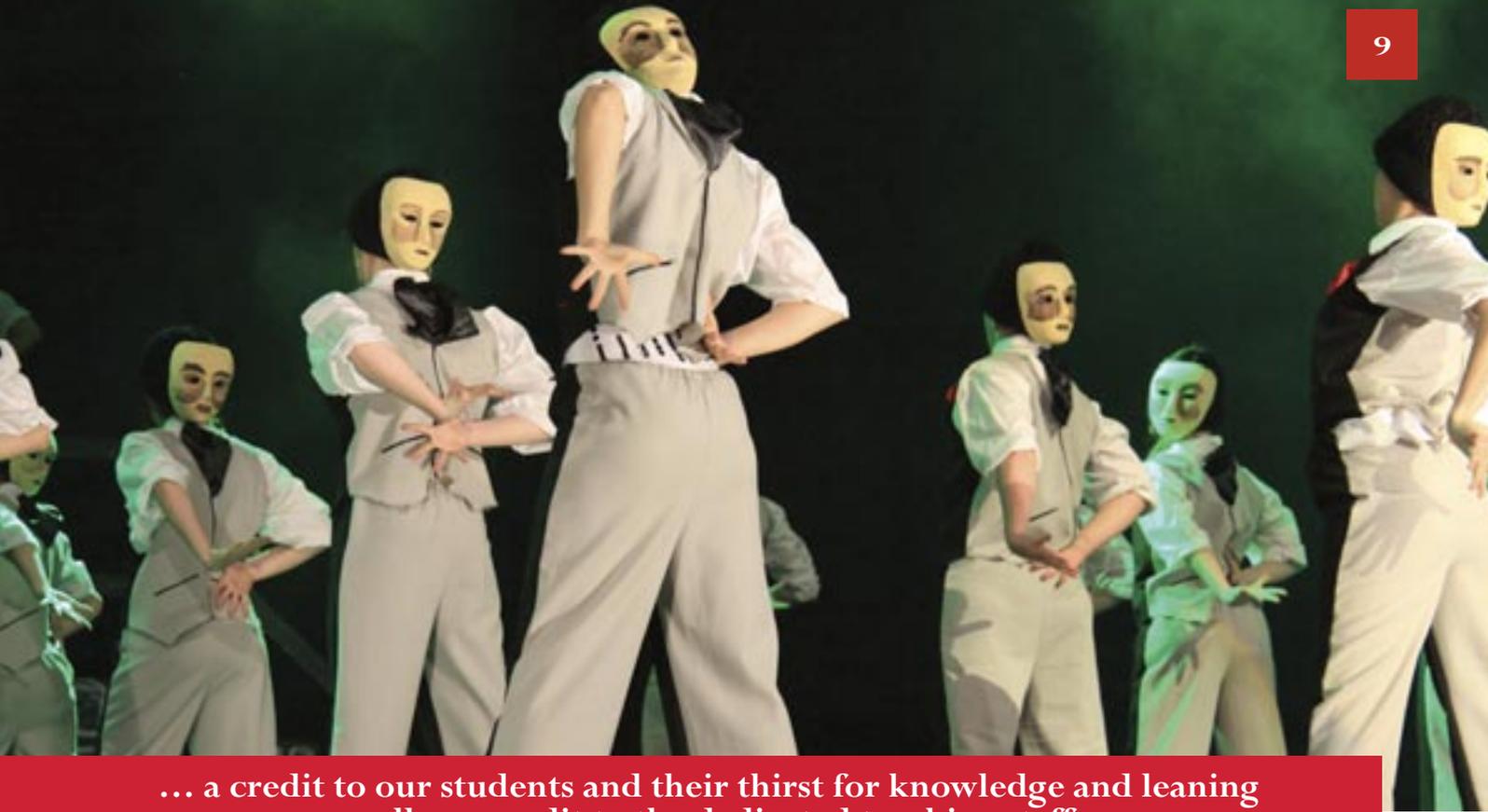
Middle School has had a very rewarding year from a co-curricular perspective as well. The House carnivals and House activities are always a highlight for the students and a great opportunity to show House spirit and have a great time competing for House points. Interschool sport has seen the Middle School students have their most successful year to date. Grand final wins in the summer and winter seasons for the Year 7 and 8 students in a variety of sports, have really showcased the sporting prowess of many of our students.

Improved results in the ACS carnivals, with a third place in the athletics, have been very pleasing and a well deserved reward for all of the hard work of our students

and their team managers. The Year 5 and 6 students have had a great year in sports also with many students going on to competing at a district and state level.

Canowindra continues to engage our Year 9 students with a rigorous academic program complemented by the activity and elective offerings. Each year's cohort brings with it a unique character that embraces all of the opportunities presented to them differently from the previous year's group. The various electives and activities, in addition to the Focus Weeks and core program at Canowindra, allowed the students to experience success across a range of levels in a variety of settings, equipping them with skills not only relevant for Senior School but the world beyond school. Focus Weeks continue to provide the students with many diverse and rewarding experiences, with the most rewarding being their work with the Junior School students in *Writers Workshop* and *Active Kids*. The joy and excitement that these activities bring to the Junior School students provides the Year 9 students with such a powerful affirmation of the value of this authentic cross age activity. It also gives them a great deal of pride and satisfaction. The Junior School students love working with the Year 9s and the Year 9s love working with the Junior School students too. This interaction is a powerful rewarding learning experience for everyone involved.





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Our Year 9 students also had a successful year in ACS sport, winning a number of summer and winter grand finals in a variety of sports, as well as contributing to the overall College success in the major carnivals.

2011 has been another very successful year for our students from a performing arts perspective. This year for the first time, Rock Eisteddfod was a combined Year 9 and Senior School activity. The enthusiasm of the Year 9 students coupled with the experience and leadership of the Senior School students ensured that *The Curious Case of...* was a spectacular performance, winning them third place in the Victorian Premiere Division of the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge. This was an excellent achievement for our students and the staff and parents involved. The Year 5 and 6 students also did well in Junior Rock Eisteddfod. Their performance of *The Fabulous Mr. Dahl* was just brilliant and won them numerous awards.

The College Musical, *Once on this Island*, provided students from Years 7 to 12 with the opportunity to put their singing, dancing and acting skills on show for the entire community. The touching story certainly highlighted the talents of all of the students involved and provided the audience with a wonderful evening of entertainment.

The Year 5 and 6 Musical, *A Night at the Performing Arts Museum*, was a wonderfully entertaining performance by the Year 5 and 6 students involved. It was clearly obvious to everyone in the audience that the students were having a great time performing this musical and their level of talent was fantastic. It was a great experience for everyone.

The theme for the 2011 school year, "*Making Connections*", clearly describes Overnewton. Who we are as a College community, is a result of the many connections we have made since the College was started. The connections with the values of the College, the learning that takes place and all of the people who make up the Overnewton community are the binding forces that keep us focused on that one common goal – our students. The educational writer, Peter Senge once wrote, "*A shared vision is not an idea, it is rather, a force in people's hearts. At its simplest level, a shared vision is the answer to 'What do we want to create?'*" Clearly, at Overnewton Anglican Community College we have all made that connection with that shared vision of wanting the very best for our students, and as a College community, that is what we want to create and together, that is what we are working towards every day.

*Gabe Alessandrini,
Head of Taylors Lakes Campus*



In 2011, all 161 of our students successfully completed their VCE. The final VCE results are a key indicator of success; however, they are by no means the only indicator, as each student has enjoyed success in a broad array of sporting, artistic and performing arts related fields in their time at Overnewton. Our results are particularly pleasing when we consider that Overnewton encourages all students to complete the VCE regardless of their academic ability.

Over 98% of our students received first round offers at tertiary institutions in 2011.

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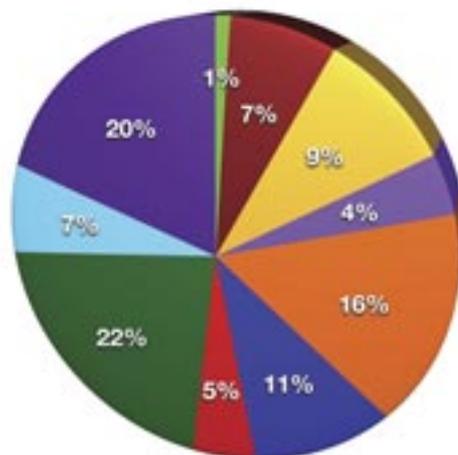
A number of highlights associated with the final results this year include:

- 57% of students attained an ATAR above seventy, placing them in the top 30 percent of the state
- 40% of students received an ATAR above eighty, placing them in the top 20 percent of the state
- 11% of students received an ATAR above ninety, placing them in the top 10 percent of the state
- 61 individual study scores over 40 were received, placing these students in the top nine percent of the state in a given subject
- A perfect study score (50) was obtained in Health and Human Development.
- 21% percent of all examination results were either A or A+

The 2011 academic year finished superbly for our VCE students once again and with the College attaining a position within the top 25% of schools across the State.

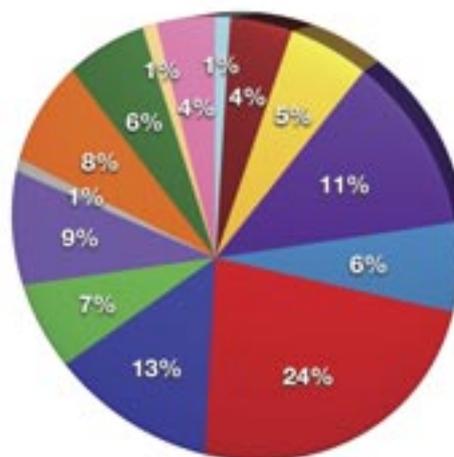
The Overnewton community congratulates the Class of 2011. Of course, the dedication and commitment of the school's teaching staff and the support of parents has been critical in achieving such outstanding results and, as always, their valuable contribution is gratefully appreciated.

First Round Offers x Fields of Study



- Agriculture, Environmental and Related Studies – 1%
- Architecture and Building – 7%
- Creative Arts – 9%
- Education – 4%
- Engineering and Related Technologies – 16%
- Food, Hospitality and Personal Services – 0%
- Health – 11%
- Information Technology – 5%
- Management & Commerce – 22%
- Natural & Physical Sciences – 7%
- Society & Culture – 20%

Offers x Institution



- Independent Tertiary Provider – 1%
- Australian Catholic University – 4%
- Deakin University – 5%
- La Trobe University – 11%
- Monash University – 6%
- RMIT University – 24%
- RMIT TAFE – 13%
- Swinburne University – 7%
- The University of Melbourne – 9%
- University of Ballarat – 1%
- Victoria University – 8%
- Victoria University TAFE – 6%
- Interstate University – 1%
- Other TAFE Institutions – 4%

ATAR SCORES OVER 90

Michael Weston	98.20
Emily Pham	97.65
Ziya Bulus	97.50
Hashini Kumara	96.80
Sahan Withanage	96.75
Andrew Dritsakos	95.95
Sharlene Prasad	94.70
Christopher Hansen	94.45
Ruchika Chopra	93.40
Molly White	93.15
Joseph Pensa	93.15
Simone Singh	92.75
Natasha Tung	92.45
Anthony Hurst	91.85
David Nguyen	91.45
Chris Vi	91.20
Thomas Alemis	90.90

College Dux Michael Weston with Principal, Jim Laussen



During 2011, teachers continued to focus on the upcoming Australian Curriculum while consolidating their learning about and use of restorative practices. On average, staff undertook 17 hours of professional development, with teaching staff averaging over 36 hours for the year.

In addition to staff members attending externally presented learning sessions, regular meetings, guest speakers and information sharing sessions were held at the College for teams of teaching staff with their School-based colleagues. By the end of 2011, 14 Education Support Staff with administrative roles were engaged in business studies at either Certificate 4 or Diploma level.

■ Average expenditure for 2011 on professional development was \$745 per staff member.

■ 35% of teachers have postgraduate qualifications beyond what is required to gain registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching. Areas where a number of teachers have extra qualifications include curriculum, special education, student welfare and information management.

■ 18% of teachers have degrees at Masters level or higher; many of these degrees are in various aspects of curricular or educational leadership, special education and student welfare.

■ The staff retention rate for 2011 was 94.4%, whilst the attendance rate was 95.2%.



College Leadership Team



Jim Laussen
Principal



Gabe Alessandrini
Head of Taylors Lakes Campus



Gary Bonello
Business Manager



Kim Cruickshank
Senior College Chaplain



Andrea Dart
Head of Curriculum



Tracy Fielder
Head of Junior School, TLC



Gary Fielding
Head of Staff



Jodi Fitzgerald-Tate
Head of Co-curriculum



Rob Huntington
Head of Keilor Campus



Tim Jezard
Head of Student Services



Jan Jolley
Head of Middle School, KC



Sean Kaule
Head of Information Services



Anne McNaughton
Head of Junior School, KC



Tim Mahon
Head of Middle School, TLC



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Head of Human Resources



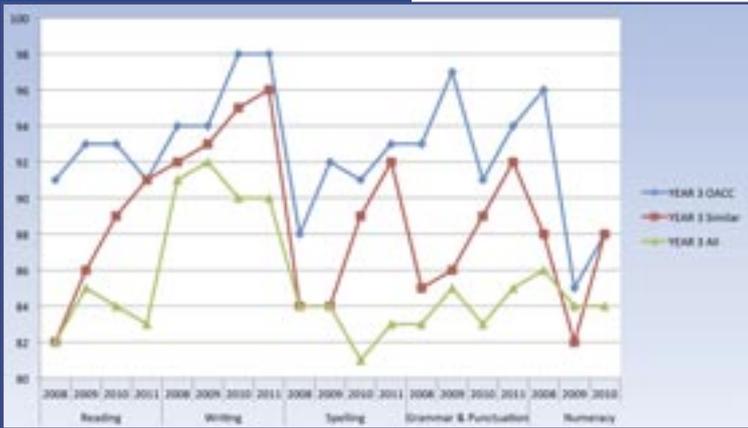
Lauren Old
Head of Senior School



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Head of Community Development



Derek Summerton
Head of Canowindra

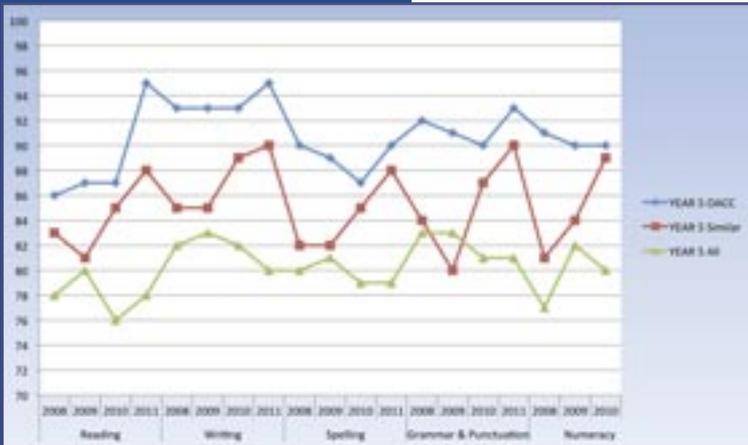


Percentage of Year 3 Students Achieving Above Minimum National Standards 2008 – 2011

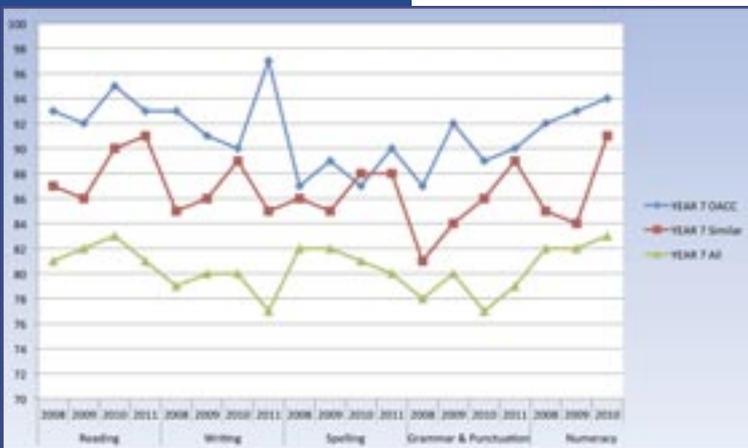
The graphs show the percentages of Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students meeting Minimum National standards in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation, and Numeracy. Percentages are compared for Overnewton students, students from statistically similar schools, and all schools nationwide.

Source: www.myschool.edu.au

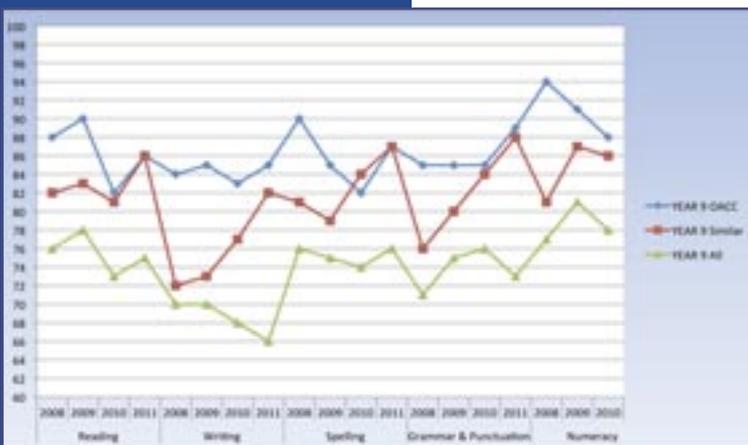
All results are from the NAPLAN tests conducted in 2008 to 2011.



Percentage of Year 5 Students Achieving Above Minimum National Standards 2008 – 2011



Percentage of Year 7 Students Achieving Above Minimum National Standards 2008 – 2011



Percentage of Year 9 Students Achieving Above Minimum National Standards 2008 – 2011





Overnewton is a school which prides itself on a close community model, from the student, teachers, parent and friends. However an important part of this greater community is the past students of the College who form a small community known as the Old Collegians Association. Upon completing studies at the College, all students are welcomed into this community and accepted as members within the Old Collegians Association. The association hopes to provide a valuable connection by career networking and community development of past students' businesses, but also continue the community feeling and social atmosphere which is part of life at the College. Whilst we are still a relatively small community compared to other alumni organisations, we are proud of the support and active members within our community.

2011 proved to be another successful and eventful year for the Old Collegians Association. This year we saw our committee grow in size with the addition of three new members. We were pleased to welcome Lee Stamatopoulos, Gavin Hansford, and Julie Morrison to the committee. They have already started assisting in broadening ideas and providing a greater coverage of graduating years within the group. Gavin and Julie, whilst being old collegians, are also parents of the school, with their children now being second generation family members.

In 2011 we again hosted our annual re-unions which, as always, proved to be a huge success. The reunions for the 1 (2010), 5 (2006), 10 (2001) and 20 (1991) year reunions were held this year with all those attending reporting that they had a fantastic time re-visiting the school and catching up with classmates of the past.

The College provide us with a venue for the function, assists in the organisation and helps finance the events, and as such, without their assistance the reunions would not be such a great success.

Following on from the precedent set last year by the Class of 1990, this year the Class of 1991 also passed the hat around at their reunion function asking for a donation towards a scholarship of their choice for a current student. The Class of 1991 collected a total of over \$1,200, which is presented in the form of a scholarship to a Year 11 student who has excelled in economics at next year's Presentation Night.

As well as the scholarship there is also a presentation of the annual Old Collegians Quiet Achiever Award. The 2011 winner of the award was Kristina Allen, who also received, as part of her award, a monetary prize donated by the Old Collegians Association. The award was presented to Kristina for being the best all rounder and for performing to the best of her ability.

Get 'Linked IN'

http://www.overnewton.vic.edu.au/oacc.php?page=old_collegians_linked_in

Old collegians registered on the site, can participate in the footy tipping, keep in contact with old friends, view photos, leave messages, blogs or simply reconnect with past school mates they have not heard from for a while. It is an interesting and valuable resource for past students. Over 1,300 students are currently registered on the site. This year saw the highest number of logins along with the highest number of registrations in three years. This is a great result for the program and we would encourage all old collegians to jump on board.

On behalf of the committee I would like to thank everyone for their contributions throughout the year. The committee is committed to growing the community and increasing the number of events available for past students to participate in. We encourage all past students to register on Linked IN and where possible to become involved and encourage the growth of our community and benefit from the fun and potential benefits from our Old Collegians Association.

*Andrew Matiszak,
President Overnewton Old Collegians*

Parents and Friends are an important part of College life and the 2011 year has been a successful one due to the wonderful support and generosity of our families. Parents and Friends play an invaluable part in all fundraising activities and last year over \$120,000 was raised due to the support of our families. Some of these funds were used to provide many enhancements, including; outdoor seating, shade cloth, the artist in residence program, artificial turf, a new kitchen in the Taylors Lakes Campus Gymnasium and the redevelopment of the Middle School playing spaces at both campuses and the list goes on. In addition to this, Parents and Friends assist with the management of the Family Contribution Scheme and the parent support program, with over 100,000 hours of work completed by our parents each year.

During the school day, parents contribute their time are by helping out in the classrooms, the canteens, the catering group, first aid, office and excursions. The after hours options include the cleaning of the multipurpose hall, the gymnasium and the SPA building, mowing, watering and helping out at working bees.

These are just some of the many options available and it is a great way for parents to get to know their children's friends, other parents and staff and enhance their commitment and interest in their children's education.

As chairperson, I see the effort put in by so many people and I also see how the College is deeply grateful to the Parents & Friends Association. We could not function without such dedicated parents and friends, so thank you for all your hard work throughout the year.

*Dean Dannock,
Chairperson, Parents & Friends*



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