

Oakey State School (0166)

Queensland State School Reporting

2012 School Annual Report



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Principal's foreword

Introduction

The Oakey State School Annual Report is a report on outcomes achieved in 2012 and a reflection on the journey we are taking. The report details the school's journey and its progression towards its shared vision.

2012 was a year where we our students improved at a rate above the national growth. It was a year where "reading" was once again the focus and we worked together as one, to improve the learning outcomes of all our students.

We continued with a heavy focus on curriculum and pedagogical reform to align the school with the Australian Curriculum. It was a year where a number of staff took up the challenge to Ipads into the classroom. The school is continuing its journey to develop a curriculum that meets the needs of our clients and is in a strong position to embrace the implementation of the Australian Curriculum.

The School Annual Report contains:

School Progress towards goals in 2012

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Involving parents in their child's education

Staff composition, including Indigenous Staff

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Average staff attendance

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Achievement – Years 3,5 and 7

Other Key Outcomes

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School progress towards its goals in 2012

In 2012, Oakey State School made significant improvement with our mean score compared to the average Australian improvement. This result as shown above has been due to the pedagogical approach of our school. Significant emphasis has been placed on the "how you teach and students have responded well as shown by our improvement. Our challenge is to continue to grow and meet the challenges of the 21st century student.

In 2012 we embraced the Regions Improvement agenda around:

1. Explicit Teaching
2. Coaching and Feedback
3. Purposeful use of data

Oakey State School continues to achieve well against "Like Schools", however our challenge remains that we must continue to improve to close the gap top the National Benchmarks.

ACHIEVEMENT

ACARA - MySchool NAPLAN Comparisons

Strand	Year Level	Mean Performance against									
		Nation - All Schools					Nation - Similar Schools				
		2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Reading	03	SB	SB	B	SB	B	CT	CT	A	B	A
	06	SB	B	SB	SB	B	CT	A	CT	CT	A
	07	SB	SB	SB	B	SB	A	A	CT	A	CT
	09										
Writing	03	SB	B	SB	SB	B	CT	A	CT	B	A
	06	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	CT	CT	CT	CT	CT
	07	B	B	B	CT	B	SA	A	A	A	A
	09										
Spelling	03	SB	B	B	SB	B	CT	A	A	B	A
	06	SB	SB	SB	SB	B	CT	CT	B	CT	A
	07	B	B	SB	B	SB	A	A	CT	CT	CT
	09										
Grammar & Punctuation	03	SB	SB	SB	SB	B	CT	A	CT	CT	A
	06	SB	SB	SB	SB	CT	CT	A	A	CT	SA
	07	SB	B	SB	B	SB	A	A	CT	A	CT
	09										
Numeracy	03	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	B	B	CT	B	CT
	06	SB	SB	SB	SB	SB	CT	CT	CT	CT	CT
	07	B	B	B	B	B	A	SA	CT	CT	CT
	09										

School 2012 ICSEA: 872 Percentile: 6

SA Substantially Above	B Below	CT Close to
A Above	SB Substantially Below	W Withheld - below reporting threshold
		 Not Applicable

Future outlook

Oakey State School is about building the capability of a professional organization that is dedicated to ensuring Queensland students become active citizens in a learning and rapidly changing society. As we move towards further into a National Curriculum, Oakey SS will lead our community through an educationally sound and researched framework that will lead to school improvement in Literacy and Numeracy.

We all have a pivotal leadership role in promoting understanding and the intent of our school vision and strategic direction to the school and the community.



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In 2012 we as a community adopted the phrase:

" If you can read you can do anything"



School Profile

Coeducational or single sex: Coeducational

Year levels offered in 2012: Prep - Year 7

Total student enrolments for this school:

	Total	Girls	Boys	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2010	363	176	187	87%
2011	352	172	180	88%
2012	370	185	185	88%

Student counts are based on the Census (August) enrolment collection.

Characteristics of the student body:

Oakey is a rural town situated in the Darling Downs region of Queensland, Australia. It is situated 160 kilometres west of the state capital, Brisbane, and 29 kilometres (18 mi) west of the regional city of Toowoomba. Oakey had a population of approximately 3,800. Oakey and the creek around which the town is located, were named for the river oaks that dominate the banks of the creek. The area was first settled in the early 1840s when pastoralists moved into the area and found the land to be suitable for grazing. The building of the western railway line through the area prompted the growth of a township to service the pastoral community. Growth of the town was slow, however featured some enterprising ventures, including a short-lived meatworks near the town, which planned to tin and export kangaroo and wallaby under the marketing name 'Australian Game'. The enterprise was unsuccessful and closed down in 1876.

Industry is rural based, with emphasis on meat and cropping. A meatworks is located in the town. There are also mining operations in the surrounding districts. The main town centre was redeveloped during 2005 by the council and now includes new shops, landscaping and tree plantings. A lot of the student have parents who work at the local meatworks. An ESL population made up of Brazilians attend the school.

The Oakey Army Aviation Centre located at the airport, also includes the Museum of Australian Army Flying, which displays aircraft and memorabilia dating from World War I to the present.

The township also provides services for agricultural and mining activities in the local area.

Average Class sizes

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2010	2011	2012
Prep – Year 3	20	22	21
Year 4 – Year 10	21	20	22
Year 11 – Year 12	N/A	N/A	N/A

School Disciplinary Absences

Our school at a glance

Disciplinary Absences	Count of Incidents		
	2010	2011	2012
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	42	52	11
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	7	4	2
Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

Curriculum offerings

Our distinctive curriculum offerings

At Oakey State School we operate within a curriculum framework across our primary school as a guide to our classroom and whole school planning that aligns to the National Curriculum.

It is based on the "Curriculum to Classroom" framework and is part of the Queensland Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Framework. The "Curriculum to Classroom" units are the basis of our curriculum.

From 2013 History will be presented in line with the national curriculum.

Transition Classes (Oakey State School has a Special Education Program, however classes are known as Transition classes and are made up of verified and non verified students.)

In 2013, Our Language is French and Science in Years 4 - 7 is taught by a Science specialist.

Extra curricula activities

Activities at Oakey State School can include:

Early Intervention and focus intervention programs

Homework Club

Instrumental program

After School sport

Celebration focus activities – Education week, NAIDOC week, Science week

Swimming

Indigenous learning assistance

Choir

Enrichment activities – craft, excursions, camps, Christmas concert

Environmental Club

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning

Oakey State School integrates computer based technologies in teaching and learning programs. Students find computer based activities highly motivational and these activities provide opportunities for student interaction and collaboration. Our school computer network provides access to the Internet from every classroom and access to an extensive Intranet. Students and staff are encouraged to publish directly to the school Intranet allowing the sharing of ideas and experiences within the school. We use a wide range of hardware, software and peripherals throughout the school including digital video and still cameras.

Our library is refurbished and we have a facility which caters for the learner of the 21st century. Students learn technology skills and information skills and how to apply these skills to complete given tasks. Using the Internet for research outlines how the steps in the information process can be used to assist students when using the Internet.

In recent times our school is exploring the use and integration of I pads. All staff have an Ipad and class sets are available.

Our school at a glance

Our school technology belief is based on the computer based capabilities:

1. Use computer based technologies to locate, access, evaluate, manipulate, create, store and retrieve information
2. Express ideas and communicate with others, using computer based technologies
3. Develop an awareness of the range of applications of computer based technologies in society
4. Discriminate in the choice and use of computer based technologies for a given purpose
5. Develop the confidence to explore, adapt and shape technological understandings and skills in response to challenges now and in the future.

The school uses a number of online software applications that both challenges and enhances learning opportunities.

In 2012 we introduced "Facebook" as a means of communication and will continue to develop this in 2013. The newsletter is electronically sent to parents where email is available.

Social climate

The families of Oakey State School are drawn from a broad mix of rural and non rural backgrounds. Farming families have felt the impact of the rural down turn in recent years and this is reflected in declining numbers of children from local farms. The drought has also played a significant role for the local farmers.

A small percentage of children are associated with the local military base. Over the years the number of army personnel has declined with an increase in private contractors being employed. Many service personnel are now housed in Toowoomba.

The number of ATSI families in Oakey has increased significantly over the past few years and this trend shows signs of continuing with many families relocating to Oakey from South West Queensland towns. Our Indigenous students make up 25% of our school population.

A considerable number of families are also with the local meatworks. We enrol ESL students from Brazil and whose parents are employed at the Meatworks

Reliance upon some form of social security is important for a significant number of families who have been drawn to Oakey by the way of affordable cost of housing coupled with very good services available in the town and nearby Toowoomba. We are growing in the number of children in care of the state

Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school

Generally speaking Oakey State School is seen as a good school. Our challenge is to continue to strive to make our school better. Our challenges include improving the quality of education at our school and ensure that the quality of Professional Development meets the needs of our staff and ensures that our staff are equipped with the skills to teach the learner of the 21st century.

We do need to focus on communication and to make sure that our parents feel they have a say at our school.

Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown*)

Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree that:	2012 [#]
their child is getting a good education at school	80.0%
this is a good school	86.7%
their child likes being at this school*	86.7%
their child feels safe at this school*	85.7%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school*	92.9%
their child is making good progress at this school*	86.7%

Our school at a glance

teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best*	85.7%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work*	84.6%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn*	85.7%
teachers at this school treat students fairly*	78.6%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns*	100.0%
this school works with them to support their child's learning*	85.7%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously*	76.9%
student behaviour is well managed at this school*	78.6%
this school looks for ways to improve*	85.7%
this school is well maintained*	100.0%

Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown*)

Percentage of students who agree that:	2012 [#]
they are getting a good education at school	96.8%
they like being at their school*	83.1%
they feel safe at their school*	89.4%
their teachers motivate them to learn*	89.1%
their teachers expect them to do their best*	96.9%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work*	96.9%
teachers treat students fairly at their school*	76.6%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns*	84.1%
their school takes students' opinions seriously*	82.0%
student behaviour is well managed at their school*	73.8%
their school looks for ways to improve*	96.9%
their school is well maintained*	85.5%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things*	92.3%

Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown*)

Percentage of school staff who agree:	2012 [#]
that they have good access to quality professional development	85.7%

Our school at a glance

with the individual staff morale items

92.8%

* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items were incorporated in the School Opinion Survey in 2012.

Percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement. Due to changes to the School Opinion Surveys in 2012, comparisons with results for previous years are not recommended.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

Involving parents in their child's education

One of the great features of Oakey State School is the contribution from our community and especially our parents. Parents play an active role in curricula and extra curricula activities.

Parents contribute through:

Parents and Citizens Association

Steps Into Prep

Training of volunteers to assist in classrooms in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy

Parent / Teacher interviews

Information evenings, Community events

New enrolment interviews

Various open days, assemblies, class activities, sport days

Parent programs

Facebook

Reducing the school's environmental footprint

Data is sourced from school's annual utilities return and is reliant on the accuracy of these returns.

We're committed to being environmentally responsible in everything we do because it matters to us, to the people who work here, to the people for whom we do work, and to the communities that we work in.

Oakey State School is committed to reducing its environmental footprint. Electricity consumption went up in 2012 however our new school Hall opened and this may have significantly increased our consumption.

2013 will give us a better understanding on how we are travelling. A number of agriculture and environmental programs are running in the school to give students a better awareness on their role in environmental sustainability.

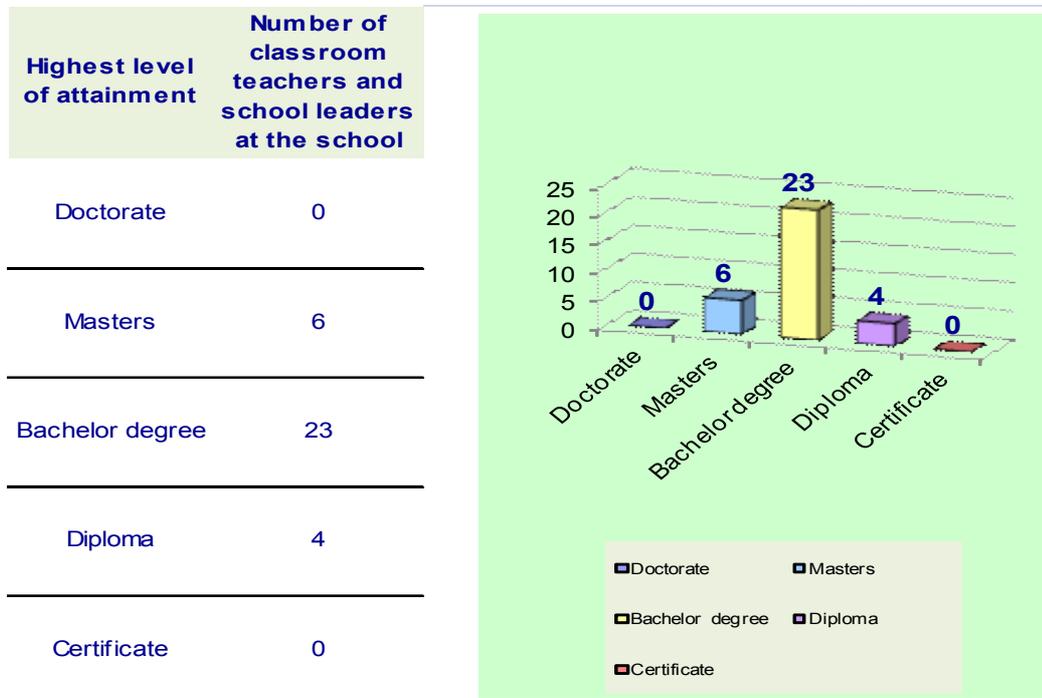
	Environmental footprint indicators	
	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2009-2010	123,251	617
2010-2011	113,991	2,377
2011-2012	127,136	2,253

Our staff profile

Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2012 Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	29	21	<5
Full-time equivalents	26	14.6	<5

Qualifications of all teachers



Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2012 were \$25,499.12.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

A number of Professional Development activities were managed within the school in 2012. Literacy and Numeracy dominated activities and the pedagogical practices needed to improve academic performance were aligned to this.

At Oakey State School our focus around Professional Development aligned with the “Regions Three Pillars”;

Our staff profile

1. Explicit Teaching
2. Coaching and Feedback
3. Purposeful use of data

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2012 was 100%.

Average staff attendance	2010	2011	2012
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	95.6%	95.4%	95.9%

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 96.2% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2012 school year.

School income broken down by funding source

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School financial information is available by selecting 'School finances' in the menu box in the top left corner of the school's entry web page. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a paper copy of income by funding source.

Performance of our students

Key student outcomes

Student attendance	2010	2011	2012
The overall attendance rate for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	90%	91%	91%
The overall attendance rate in 2012 for all Queensland state Primary schools was 93%.			

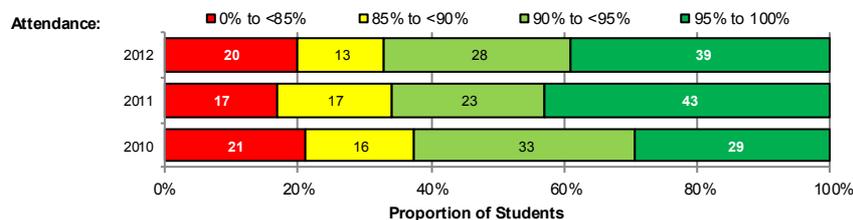
Student attendance rate for each year level (shown as a percentage)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2010	87%	89%	89%	90%	90%	90%	91%					
2011	90%	90%	92%	92%	90%	93%	91%					
2012	91%	91%	91%	91%	92%	89%	92%					

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Student Attendance Distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range.



Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the DET policies, SMS-PR-029: Managing Student Absences and SMS-PR-036: Roll Marking in State Schools, which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

The law requires parents to ensure their compulsory school aged child is enrolled at school, and attends school for the educational program on every school day. Compulsory school age starts when a child is at least 6 years of age, and finishes when the child turns 16 years of age or completes year 10 whichever is sooner. (Please note that Prep is not compulsory). Classroom teachers must mark their class roll twice a day; first up in the morning and again in the middle of the day. If students are noted to be absent and this absence is unexplained ie the parent /guardian has not notified the school, then these absences need to be recorded and reported to the principal. (Refer to the form Office Notification of Student Absenteeism). According to the *Education (General Provisions) Act 2006* the parent needs to be the one to notify the school, not the student. If the explanation of an absence seems unreasonable the principal needs to be informed.

The principal or deputy principal will then follow up by calling the parent or organizing a home visit. If the unexplained absenteeism continues the principal or deputy principal will send home a formal letter requesting that the student attend school. If the unexplained absences continue then further letters of a more formal nature will be sent to the parent and this process will involve the relevant authorities; an authorised officer of the Department of Education, Training and the Arts for further action and/or an intake officer from the Department Of Child Safety.

PROCESS

Step One:

If a student has three days of unexplained absences the class teacher / Indigenous Liaison telephones the parent informing the parent that the student has been away and asks the reason for the absence, encouraging the parent to bring the student to school. Record This Action on the Office Notification of Student Absenteeism.

Performance of our students

Step Two:

If the unexplained / unreasonable absences continue then this information must be passed onto the Principal or the Deputy Principal for follow up. Record this information on the form – ‘Office Notification of Student Absenteeism’ and pass this form to the Principal or Deputy Principal so that the follow up can also be recorded.

Step Three:

The principal or the deputy principal will telephone the parents or do a home visit – informing the parent of the dates of absenteeism, asking for the reason for absenteeism and requesting that the student return to school. Administration will record the action taken on the form Office Notification of Student Absenteeism, make a photocopy of the form and place this on the students office file. The original will go back to the class teacher so it can be used for continued recording as needed.

Step Four:

If the unexplained / unreasonable absences continue record this information on the form – ‘Office Notification of Student Absenteeism’ and pass this form to the Principal or Deputy Principal so that the follow up can occur. A formal letter will then be issued (Letter one). Administration will record the action taken on the form Office Notification of Student Absenteeism, make a photocopy of the form and place this on the students office file. The original will go back to the class teacher so it can be used for continued recording as needed.

Step Five:

If the unexplained / unreasonable absences continue record this information on the form – ‘Office Notification of Student Absenteeism’ and pass this form to the Principal or Deputy Principal so that it can be passed onto the *relevant authorities*; an authorised officer of the Department of Education, Training and the Arts for further action and/or an intake officer from the Department Of Child Safety. A formal letter will then be issued to the parent. (Letter Two) Administration will record the action taken on the form Office Notification of Student Absenteeism, make a photocopy of the form and place this on the students office file and the original will go back to the class teacher so it can be used for continued recording as needed.

Step Six:

If the unexplained / unreasonable absences continue record this information on the form – ‘Office Notification of Student Absenteeism’ and pass this form to the Principal or Deputy Principal so that it can be passed onto the *relevant authorities*; an authorised officer of the Department of Education, Training and the Arts for further action and/or an intake officer from the Department Of Child Safety. A formal letter will then be issued to the parent. (Letter Three) Administration will record the action taken on the form Office Notification of student Absenteeism, make a photocopy of the form and place this on the students office file and the original will go back to the class teacher so it can be used for continued recording as needed.

Step Seven:

Continue this process of recording, reporting to Administration and Administration actioning as necessary through to Letter Six.

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results – our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

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Performance of our students

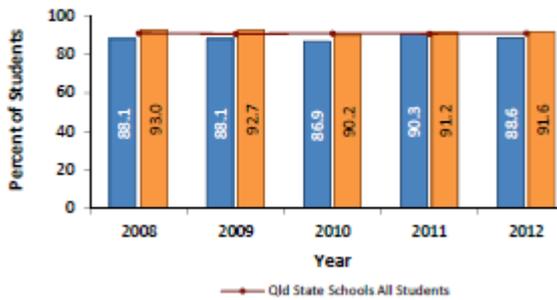
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Achievement – Closing the Gap

The data at Oakey indicates over their journey from Years 3 to 7, students improve their academic results. Our data indicates that students are improving at a greater mean rate than the Australian average. Our curriculum reform has the school well placed to continue its journey of academic improvement. Our attendance continues to be similar to all Queensland school. Our belief is that students need to be at school to learn and we will strive to make sure all students are at school.

Student Attendance

Student Attendance Rate Semester 1
Indigenous & Non-Indigenous Students



Full and Part-Time Enrolments August 2012

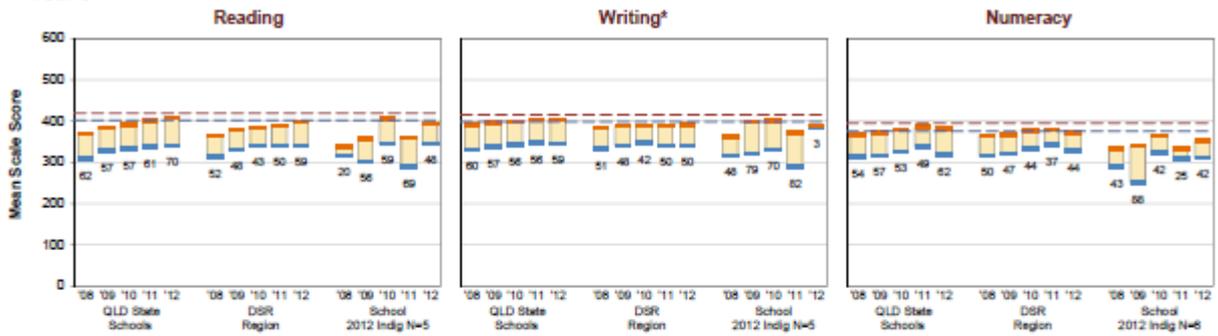
Indigenous Status	Year Levels in the School															Total
	Pre-Prep	Prep	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Spec	
Indigenous		16	9	10	10	7	10	7	11							80
Non-Indigenous		31	42	43	36	35	20	41	42							290
Unknown																0
Total	0	47	51	53	46	42	30	48	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	370

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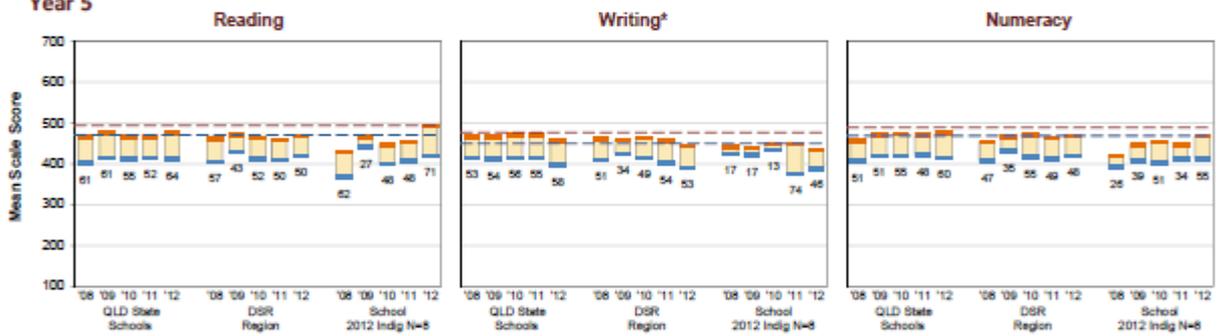
NAPLAN Indigenous/Non-Indigenous Gap



Year 3



Year 5



Year 7

