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OUTSTANDING NAPLAN RESULTS IN 2009

Dear Parents,

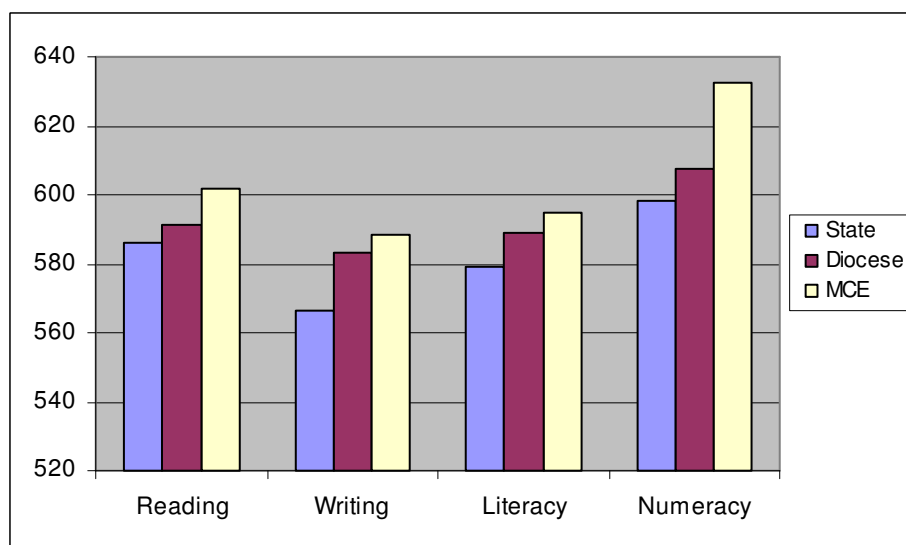
The College Mission Statement states that our mission is “to maintain a standard of excellence in education”. There can be little doubt that the performance of Marist Eastwood students over the past few years in NAPLAN, School Certificate and Higher School Certificate testing show that the College is significantly fulfilling its mission.

The recent release of the NAPLAN 2009 results for Years 7 and 9 add to the strong weight of evidence that outstanding levels of learning and high levels of achievement are happening at Marist College Eastwood. While the headline data indicates that the achievements of our students is substantially better than the performance of students in the rest of the state and that of schools within the diocese, a closer review of the results reveals that the College is achieving strong and sustained learning growth by students at all ability levels.

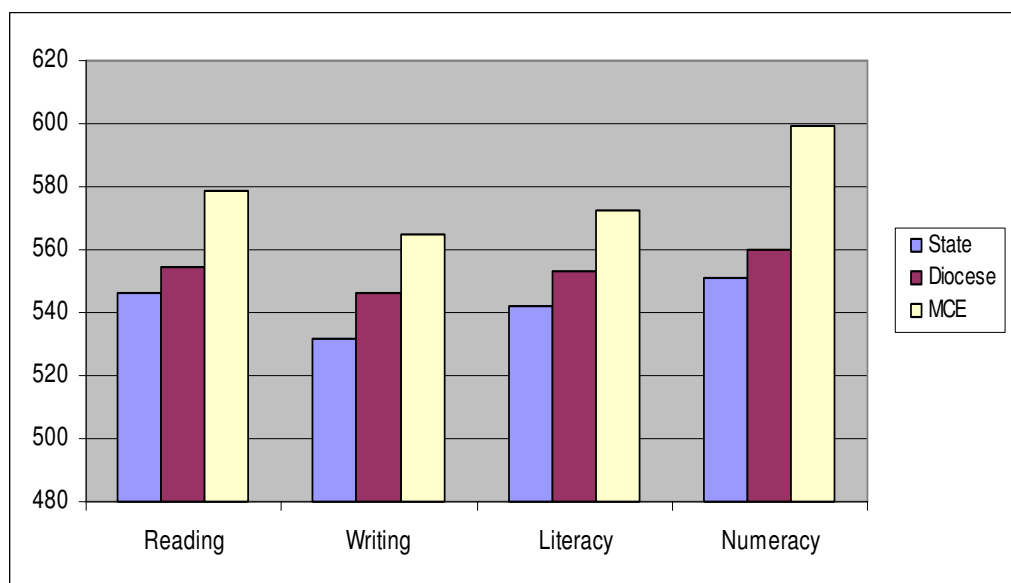
As a comprehensive Catholic school, Marist College Eastwood is proud of the fact that in the spirit of Champagnat, we enrol students of all ability levels and our focus is on ensuring that each boy has the opportunity to achieve to the best of their ability. Unlike selective schools we do not simply have the most able students enrolled at the College and unlike high fee schools we do not offer scholarships to bolster our number of higher ability students. Given this reality, the strong performance of our students in the NAPLAN tests reflect the learning growth which teachers are able to achieve at Marist Eastwood.

In every area tested by NAPLAN students performed well above state and national averages. The tables below clearly indicate the strength of the performance of boys in Years 7 and 9.

Year 9 NAPLAN Results



Year 7 NAPLAN Results



It is very satisfying that in the areas of overall Literacy and Numeracy student achievement continues to grow. The College's results in Numeracy continue to be particularly strong and place it as one of the leading schools in the Archdiocese. Another very pleasing aspect of the NAPLAN results is that they reveal that our initiatives in the areas of differentiation, targeted support, enrichment and assessment reform have been successful in enhancing and deepening student learning.

The importance of the expectation held by the College that each student achieves to their very best is strongly reflected in the NAPLAN results. Growth in the College's performance over recent years, gives great tribute to the exceptional work of the teachers at the College. Marist College Eastwood, coming from a very strong base, has consistently and continuously improved the learning achievement of our students.

In Year 9 60% of students performed within the top three bands and 84% of Year 7 students performed within the top three bands. Both these performances are outstanding and provide excellent headline data of which the College is very proud. Yet, of greater significance is the extremely high level of learning growth among Year 9 students. Among Year 9 students the average learning improvement in Overall Literacy Scores was at 40 points and in Numeracy Scores average improvement was at 57.5 points.

The College Community has been on a journey of continuous improvement and the 2009 NAPLAN are a great reward for our endeavours to date. Further improvement is possible and with the full engagement and effort of students in their learning should occur.

Sincerely,

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