Lalor Gardens Primary School

Lalor Gardens PS opened in 2010 on the Linoak Avenue site. In July 2012, the school relocated to its new buildings in Kingsway Drive. Throughput 2012, Lalor Gardens continued its involvement in this project aimed at improving student achievement. The school is organised into three departments P, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6 with a team leaders overseeing the administrative processes of the team, leading the Professional Learning Team meetings and working with teams of teachers to improve student achievement. Two of the team leaders oversee curriculum practice in Maths and Literacy. Due to a budget deficit, the Leading Teacher positions have been removed and the The Principal and Assistant Principal are overseeing professional learning and teacher practice. This consists of “Walkthroughs” and Performance management linked to improvements in student achievement. Parental satisfaction with the school is within the standard range for the state. Due to industrial action on 14 staff completed the staff satisfaction survey and the satisfaction scale is therefore not a reliable indication of staff opinion.

### Student Learning

- Teacher VELS assessments are identical to the 2010 data. The school comparison data is lower for 2010 in English and Mathematics.
- Year 3 NAPLAN data for Reading and Number is exactly the same as the data from 2011 with results within the middle 60% of Victorian government schools. However, the school comparison has improved in the results for Numeracy. This means that students' achievement in literacy an numeracy are comparable to other schools with a similar intake.
- Year 5 NAPLAN data is exactly for Reading and Number the same as the data from 2011 with results within the middle 60% of Victorian government schools. However, the school comparison data is lower in numeracy in 2012 in Year 5 but similar over a four year average.

### Student Engagement and Wellbeing

- Student attendance for 2011 improved from the 2010 data. Similarly the school comparison data has moved from lower to similar.
- The 2012 Student Attitudes to School data is exactly the same that for 2011. School comparison is also the same and similar to other schools with similar student population, ethnicity and family background.

### Student Pathways and Transitions

- Lalor Gardens PS has developed a strategic approach to student pathways and transitions from Kindergarten to Prep and Year 6 - 7. The school in conjunction with the local kindergartens and the local secondary colleges provides a range of transition activities to ensure smooth pathways into primary school and into a secondary learning environment.
- Intra school transitions include a focus on Years 2 - 3 and 4 - 5 with specific emphasis on literacy and numeracy comprehension and the understanding of types of testing processes and procedures related to NAPLAN.
- The overall target for parent opinion of student transitions was 5.74 a significant increase from the 2010 data.

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