# MOUNT LAWLEY SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

# An Independent Public School

# **2013 Annual Report**



### **WACE GRADUATION**



### 2013 Outcome Graduation Rate

School: 96.84 % State: 96.93 %

# **UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE 2013**

94.47% of WACE students were offered a public university place with 71.77 % gaining their first choice



# Courses offered:

Architecture Arts/Humanities Anthropology Education Geology **Asian Studies** Engineering Law Science Nursing/Health Fine Arts Music Psychology Design Commerce/Business Computer Science Communications/Journalism

# STATE TRAINING PROVIDERS (STP) ENTRANCE 2013

63.6% of students applying were offered their first preference and 77.3% a place in a STP (formerly TAFE).

# Courses offered: Digital Media and Technology

Accounts Administration
Business Administration
Tourism Events
Interior Design
Health
Nursing
Aviation
Civil & Structural Engineering
Beauty Therapy
Visual Arts
Sport Development
Photo Imaging

The 2013 Annual School Report is presented for perusal by parents and community members. The report includes the requirements for school reporting.

# **NATURE OF THE COMMUNITY**

Mount Lawley is a residential suburb that is located 5kms north of the Perth CBD. In the main it lies within the City of Stirling with the most southern component in the City of Vincent. It is situated adjacent to the Edith Cowan University, Mount Lawley Campus.

# **THE SCHOOL**

Mount Lawley Senior High School provides a comprehensive educational program for the suburb and surrounding areas, including Ingle-

wood, Mount Hawthorn, North and East Perth, Yokine, Dianella, Maylands and Leederville. It is one of two Gifted Language schools in the State. With the Jazz Music and Special Visual and Performing Arts (SVAPA) programs, it attracts students from a wide range of suburbs to take advantage of the school's sound academic reputation. Nearly 1350 students were enrolled at the school during 2013.

# SCHOOL PURPOSE STATEMENT - Dedicated to Learning

The purpose of the school is expressed as Mount Lawley Senior High School aims to maximise the enjoyment of learning and achievement for all students within a compassionate and democratic school culture, encouraging them to be responsible, creative and engaged lifelong learners. The school community encourages the development of the Shared Core Values of the Curriculum Framework.

# **OUTCOMES SOUGHT FOR STUDENTS**

The vision of the school 'Inspire to Aspire' articulates the broad outcomes sought for students. These are directed towards participation in society in a responsible fashion, demonstrating respect and displaying a sense of pride.

In terms of learning outcomes, the 13 Overarching Learning Outcomes of the Curriculum Framework form the cornerstone of school operations. These are still relevant even with the introduction of the Australian Curriculum.

# PROGRAMS OFFERED

In Years 8-10 students complete a study program centred on the eight learning areas of the Curriculum Framework. All are compulsory. In English, Mathematics, Science and History, the Australian Curriculum is being implemented.

In Years 11/12 students can select from a wide range of WACE courses. They may also choose to complete Workplace Learning and Certificates from the training curriculum. Parents have high expectations for their children and support the university, TAFE, traineeship and employment pathways that are available.

The Language program is available to students from Years 8-10 who gain entry through state-wide testing under the Gifted and Talented (GAT) program. In Years 8-10, the SVA-PA (Specialist Visual And Performing Arts) and Jazz Music courses are also offered. A small number of Aboriginal students are involved in the Aboriginal Excellence Program.

School staff implement rigorous programs that are designed to extend students and prepare them for their future. Students at-risk are catered for with a range of extension, pastoral, literacy and numeracy initiatives. Special needs students are supported with relevant programs and individual assistance. Students at Mount Lawley Senior High School are also supported by a dedicated Student Services team.

A CadetsWA Bush Ranger unit is also available and provides opportunities for students to enhance team skills, leadership qualities and personal attributes.

# 2013 OUTCOMES

There were improved outcomes achieved by students in 2013. The school's Year 12 WACE performance exhibited a better result and there were some very strong individual and subject performances.

The Graduation Rate was similar to the previous year and results were solid. The median ATAR improved. The NAPLAN test results showed that students achieved above the NAPLAN Standard in all domains. NAPLAN results place the school as one of the best performers in the State. MSE9 performance was also above the expected State results. These factors are explained in later sections.



# **MOUNT LAWLEY SHS**

- · Established 1955
- Over 1,300 students enrolled
- Over 100 teachers, all registered with TRB
- 50 support staff
- Wide range of programs
- Extensive computer network
- Experienced and stable staff
- GAT Language Program
- SVAPA Specialist Program
- Jazz Music Specialist Program
- Aboriginal Excellence Program

### PREMIER'S BEST & BRIGHTEST AWARD



Serafina Fong (ATAR)



Peta Dunning (VET



SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY

# **Certificate of Distinction**



Lillian Dorn (VET)

# **Certificate of Commendation**

Ashley Brown
Kayleen Butler
Peta Dunning
Serafina Fong
Lynne Huynh
Victoria Ko-Peternelj
Andre Simmonds
Benjamin West



ATAR 99+ CLUB Serafina Fong



# Year 12 Highlights



# **YEAR 12 SCHOOL AWARDS FOR 2013**



Serafina Fong



**GENERAL STUDIES** DUX

Kate Maher



CHRISTINE RICHARDSON CITIZENSHIP AWARD Rachael Goodger



SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR Luke Spaojevic



RALPH HONNER, DSO, MC. AWARD FOR **ENDEAVOUR** Yoosof Yaaub



**COMMUNITY SERVICE** & PARTICIPATION AWARD Teleah Wilcox



NORTH METRO REGION **FXCFLLENCE AWARD** Andre Simmonds

The following table summarises the school's performance and where possible, this is compared to State results. For some measures, the State outcomes were not provided or could not be calculated. In the university pathway (WACE examinations) a number of students achieved outstanding results. In total, 39 students gained an ATAR of 90 or higher with 49% of students with one of 80 or higher. This is a significant improvement over 2012. One student Serafina Fong gained a 99 plus ATAR, a significant achievement. The school also won a VET Certificate of Distinction when Lillian Dorn gained an outstanding result

Of the 2013 Year 12 cohort, 8 students gained Certificates of Commendation (10 'A' Grades or better over Year 11 and 12). Thirteen WACE subjects scored above the State average and two were a Top 10 Subject, Engineering Studies and Media Production and Analysis. Fourteen subjects were better than those results for similar schools.

Perhaps the most outstanding statistic is post-school acceptance. For university bound students, 94.47% of eligible students were offered a place and 71.77% students their first choice. Of the students studying in a VET pathway, 83.58% gained a Certificate II course or higher. Of the students seeking to enter a STP (formerly TAFE), 77.3% of applicants were offered a place, 63.6% their first preference. (Some students did not commence their STP course as they were offered, and accepted, a university place or employment.) These are very creditable results. Mount Lawley SHS successfully transitions its graduates to a postschool pathway of choice.

Factor	School Outcome	State Outcome	League Table Result
Graduation Rate	96.84	96.93	136
% of Students Gaining Scaled Score of at least 75% in a WACE Course	25.52	Not Reported	Not Tabled
% Students in Stage 2 Course with Score of at least 65%	34.72	33.07	64
% Students in Stage 3 Course with Score of at least 65%	28.55	32.49	58
% Students in Stage 2 Course with Score of at least 75%	12.50	12.81	Equal 66
% Students in Stage 3 Course with Score of at least 75%	8.46	11.63	64
% of WACE students in the top third of the State	32	Not Reported	Not Tabled
% Offered First Preference in a Tertiary Institution	71.77	71.11	Not Tabled
% Offered Place in a Tertiary Institution	94.47	93.23	Not Tabled
Median TER for WACE Students	79.35	79.10	48
% of Students Gaining an 'A' grade in a Stage 1 Course	25	Not Reported	Not Tabled
% Students Completing at least 220 Nominal Hours of VET Study	24.51	36.49	122
% Students Participating in VET	26.48	44.92	131
% of Students Achieving AQF Cert II or higher	83.58	39.43	69
% of Students Completing at least one UoC	26.48	44.93	131
% Offered First Preference in a TAFE	63.6	Not Reported	Not Tabled
% Offered Place in a TAFE	77.3	Not Reported	Not Tabled
% Completion Rate (55 ATAR or Cert 2)	89.00	74.90	Not Tabled

Summary of Key Year 12 Performance Indicators

The school's median ATAR score was above that for the State. The median ATAR, adjusted for socioeconomic and population factors, is the measure that determines overall performance against similar schools.

For 2013, a 92% achievement of an ATAR of 55 is a good performance outcome as this is the minimum entry standard for university and therefore, 92% have the potential to undertake tertiary study - providing of course they have selected a course consistent with their ATAR

A relatively new measure is the Attainment Rate. This is the percentage of students gaining an ATAR of at least 55 or a Certificate II qualification. In terms of the State, this was 74.9%, however, Mount Lawley SHS attained 89.00%. This is a very positive and significant result as it indicates the articulation post-school to a preferred study or employment pathway. The school's result was highly satisfactory.

ATAR Median Relative Performance	0.06
ATAR Change	1
ATAR % 55+	92%
Attainment (55+ or Cert II Completion)	89%

Year 12 School Performance in WACE Adjusted by SEI.

### **SUBJECT AWARDS 2013**

MODERN

Jeremy Ho

MODERN

Anjali Epanomit

ACCOUNTING &

COMPUTER SCIENCE

VISUAL ARTS &

CONTEMPORARY CRAFT

PHOTOGRAPHY

Emma Rose

DESIGN :

Zara Altinta:

FOOD SCIENCE

AND TECHNOLOGY

(HOSPITALITY)

1C/D

Shikara Collins

CERTIFICATE II COMMUNITY

Cindy Nguyen

DRAMA 3A/B

Ashlee Brown

MUSIC WESTERN ART MUSICS 3A/B

Teleah Wilcox

MUSIC JAZZ 3A/B

ENGLISH 1C/D Tarryn Tempestt HISTORY 1A/R

ENGLISH 2C/D Katherine Turpir ENGLISH 3A/B

POLITICS & LAW 3A/B ENGLISH AL/D PSYCHOLOGY 3A/B

LITERATURE 3A/B Oliver Logan

Victoria

Gabriel lezzi-Pursei

Serafina Fond

CHINESE Mei Ina Woon BACKGROUND SPEAKERS 3A/B APPLIED INFORMATION

Xiangxiang TECHNOLOGY 3 A/B (Jack) Henri Crisp BUSINESS MANAGEMENT

CHINESE SECOND & ENTERPRISE 1C/D See (Emily) Wong LANGUAGE 3A/B Casey St Louis

BUSINESS MANAGEMENT & ENTERPRISE FRENCH 3A/B Badoche 3A/B Tsyon Woubishet GERMAN 3A/B

3A/B Simon Aplin Ko-Peternelj INDONESIAN SECOND LANGUAGE CERTIFICATE II

Isabella Miller James Poh ITALIAN 3A/B CERTIFICATE II

MATHS 1D/E Jin Rong Tan MATHS 2C/D

PHOTOGRAPHY 3A/B Zara Altintas Amorette Klotz MATHS 3A/B

DESIGN: TECHNICAL **GRAPHICS 3A/B** MATHS 3C/D Ruby Pekin-Osborne

ENGINEERING STUDIES MATHS SPECIALIST James Poh Serefina Fong

CHILDREN FAMILY & OUTDOOR EDUCATION 1C/D FOR OTHERS 1C/D Nicholas Ant

CHILDREN, FAMILY & PHYSICAL EDUCATION STUDIES COMMUNITY LIVING 1C/D INDEPENDENTLY 1C/D Mitchell Furness Peta Dunning

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES 3A/B Serefina Fond

CHEMISTRY 3A/B Lynne Huynh

BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE 3A/B Lynne Huynl

PHYSICS 3A/B

MEDIA INTEGRATED PRODUCTION & ANALYSIS 3A/B Ashley Blanch

ANCIENT HISTORY 3A/B Ashlee Brown

ECONOMICS 1A/E Ellen Thomson

ECONOMICS 3A/E Andre Simmonds

GEOGRAPHY 3A/B Timothy Guo

Thomas Freeman VISUAL ART 1C/D

VISUAL ART 3A/B Jack Caddy

YEAR 12 PERFORMANCE

**RUNNER-UP DUX** DUX AWARD Lynne Huynh



VOCATIONAL

**EDUCATION &** 

TRAINING DUX

CALTEX ALL **ROUNDER AWARD** Ashleigh Jackson



**SPORTSWOMAN** OF THE YEAR Georgia Pitt



ADF LONG TAN LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK **AWARD** Emma Bromham



**BHP BILLITON** MINING TERTIARY SUPPORT GRANT Lynne Huynh

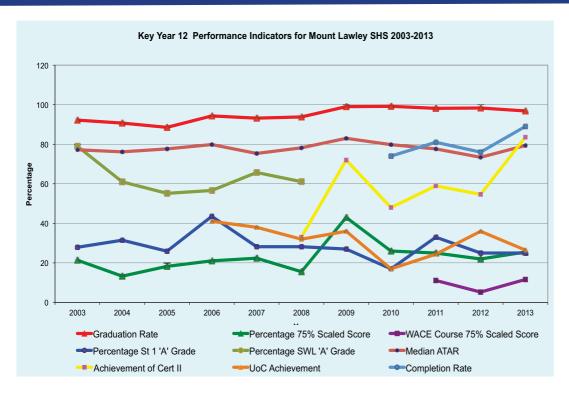


ARTS AWARD Hayden Cooper

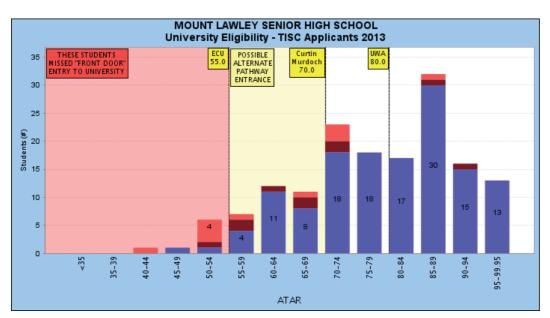


# Year 12 Highlights





The graph shows a series of performance measures over time. The Graduation or WACE achievement rate is comparable to State level. The percentage of course 75% plus scores improved (this is the measure in the "League Table"). Whilst 'A' grades in Stage 1 courses remained steady, Certificate II completion improved. The Attainment Rate remained very strong.



The above diagram shows the ATAR bands achieved by Year 12 students in 2013. The red box in the ATAR band is those students who did not achieve a scaled score of at least 50% in a Stage 2 or 3 English course. The cherry box shows those given a conceded 50% and who gained direct university entrance. This graph shows a significant improvement on the previous year with fewer students who did not attain university entrance.

Fewer students did not gain a scaled score of 50%. This is an improvement, most likely reflecting the school's approach to writing. The whole school writing plan calls for a graduated approach and by Senior School, all students have been taught essay writing skills.

It was also noted that some ATAR students did not meet university entrance requirements as they failed to gain an ATAR of 55 or better, although they were fewer in number than last year. This suggests that they were probably in an incorrect pathway for their ability level. Parents need to be mindful of advice from staff about students' subject selections.



# SCHOOL CURRICULUM AND STANDARDS AUTHORITY

# **TOP 10 WACE SUBJECTS**

Engineering Studies Media Production & Analysis

# WACE SUBJECTS ABOVE THE STATE AVERAGE

German S3
Chinese SL S3
Indonesian SL S3
Chinese BS S3
Computer Science S3
Economics S3
Visual Arts S3
Politics & Law S3
Mathematics 52CD
Literature S3
Applied Info Technology S3
English S3

# WACE SUBJECTS ABOVE LIKE SCHOOL AVERAGE

German S3
Computer Science S3
Chinese BS S3
Visual Arts S3
Applied Info Technology S3
Media Production & Analysis S3
Politics & Law S3
Literature S3
Economics S3
English S3
French S3
Mathematics 2C/D
Chinese SL S3
Psychology S3

# HONOURS SOCIETY



27 students were inducted into the Honours Society in 2013. This is the highest accolade, short of a subject award, that a student can win at the school.

# 90s CLUB



This is a society of Mount Lawley SHS students gaining an ATAR of at least 90. 39 members were inducted in 2013.



# Year 12 Highlights



### Student Performance - Stage 2 and/or 3 Courses

Course	Pe	erforman	ce	Students			
Course	2011	2012	2013	2011	2012	2013	
Accounting and Finance	2			6			
Applied Information Technologies		2	2		14	12	
Biological Sciences	2	3	2	7	15	23	
Chemistry	2	2	2	61	53	54	
Computer Science			2			6	
Drama	2	2	2	25	13	16	
Economics	2	2	2	21	29	48	
English	2	2	2	131	129	152	
English as an Additional Language / Dialect			3			26	
Geography	2	3	2	8	11	23	
Human Biological Science	2	2	2	47	57	59	
Literature	2	2	2	19	13	17	
Mathematics	2	2	2	141	135	170	
Mathematics Specialist	2	2	2	30	13	18	
Media Production and Analysis	2	2	2	20	14	17	
Modern History	3	2	2	37	27	44	
Music			2			10	
Physics	2	3	2	53	43	50	
Politics and Law		2	1		11	11	
Psychology		2	2		34	52	
Visual Arts	2	2	2	15	12	9	

Above Expected - more than one standard deviation above the predicted school mean

Expected - within one standard deviation of the predicted school mean

**Below Expected** - more than one standard deviation below the predicted school mean No data available or number of students is less than 6

# % Destinations Year 12 9.3 4.1 1.6 5.7 60.6 Return to school University TAFE Apprenticeship/Traineeship Other Training Employment Deferred Study/Training

# **YEAR 12 RESULTS**

This table shows the performance of subjects comparing Mount Lawley SHS to similar schools.

In 2013, only one subject, EALD, achieved an average of more than one standard deviation below the mean of similar schools. One subject, Politics and Law, gained a "green" box indicating a one standard deviation above the mean of similar schools. These are improved and sound results.

### **ANDREW DAVIS AWARD**

Andrew Davis was a former student of the school who was tragically killed whilst playing soccer in 1978. His family supported an award named in his memory, that acknowledges excellence in Music and Art: Andrew's favourite subjects. The honour board was lost for a number of years and when found, the award was reinstituted in 2012. The recipients in 2013 were Jack Caddy (Music) and Solange Gorton (Art).

# **DESTINATION OF YEAR 12 STUDENTS**

The graph below shows the destinations of the 2013 cohort of Year 12 students. It shows that the former students entered a wide range of post-school options. A greater percentage than 2012 achieved university and TAFE entrance in 2013. Most entered a destination of choice with

many continuing with some form of education or training.



# INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS IN AUSTRALIA STUDENT AWARD



Ben with Ms Merilyn Harvey Business Manager



### ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA CERTIFICATES OF EXCELLENCE FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Achievement at least 75% in all of 4 subjects: Chemistry, Physics, & two specialist Mathematics Andre Simmonds

# WALTER HOREB LITERARY AWARDS





Hayden Cooper (Poetry) Oliver Logan (Prose)

# The Law Society.

LAW SOCIETY
POLITICS & LAW
CERTIFICATE OF
EXCELLENCE



Jasmine

ANDREW DAVIS AWARD



Jack Caddy (Music) & Solange Gorton (Art) with Mr Len Davis and Mr Stewart Rhone-Davis



# Years 9 NAPLAN / MSE Results



### YEAR 9 STUDENT PERFORMANCE

Year 9 students undertake two different systemic testing regimes. NAPLAN is the national series of tests in English and Mathematics whilst MSE9 is the Western Australian test in Science and Society and Environment.

The following table and figures shows school performance in these assessments.

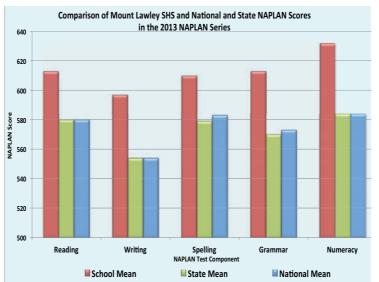
The cohort achieved very good results in both test series. The mean score of the school in all tests exceeded the State and Nation, by a significant number. Performance was consistent with similar schools. The My School site, based on NAPLAN results, also shows that the Mount Lawley SHS performance was comparable to, in many cases better than, the national set of similar schools comparable to Mount Lawley SHS.

In terms of achievement of standards, the school again achieved good results in all domains. The Year 9 outcomes in NAPLAN and MSE9 position the school as one where students perform to expectations and parents can have confidence with results. The Year 9 students of last year performed well

The NAPLAN results for the 2013 cohort can be mapped to when the cohort was in Year 7 (2011) and student progress can be determined. This determines the difference or "value add" that has been made from Year 7.

At/Above National Standard At/Above Year 9 MSE Standard Component 2011 2012 2012 Numeracy 95.1% 95.2% 88.88% **Grammar and Punctuation** 91.3% 96.05% 97.77% 92.3% 94.25% 91.48% Spelling Writing 91.3% 86.29% 92.6% Reading 93.3% 94.9% 90.00% 64.2% Science 65.1% Society and Environment 60.7% 69.1% 62%

Comparison of Mount Lawley SHS & NAPLAN and MSE9 performance in 2013. This table shows to percentage of students reaching or bettering the test standard.



NAPLAN

States and Territories had previously conducted their own literacy and numeracy tests. These assessment programs helped to support student learning and give schools information about the strengths and weaknesses in their teaching programs.

The National Assessment Program, conducted by the Ministerial Council for Education, Employment and Youth Affairs (MCEETYA), has gathered information from these different tests in order to monitor student progress over time. The data from these test results has given schools and systems the ability to compare their students' achievements against national standards and with student achievement in other States and Territories.

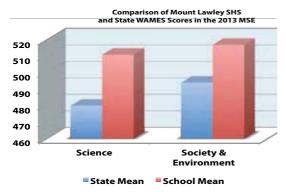
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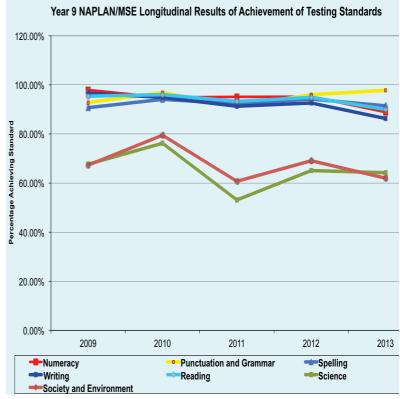
In Western Australia, student achievement is reported to parents as a letter grade. These range from 'A' to 'E'. Where a student has not completed a course to a sufficient standard a No Award (NA) may be indicated. Grades are determined by teacher professional judgement. They use systemic work samples to assist in these judgements.

The graphs associated with progress from Year 7 to Year 9 illustrate the "value add". It can be seen in the two areas mapped, Mount Lawley SHS exceeded the progress that could be expected in Reading and is about comparable in Numeracy. Progress in Writing was well above expectations.

Year 9 performance shows that Mount Lawley Senior High School students consistently perform above the standards in all areas of NAPLAN, in both Literacy and Numeracy domains. In terms of overall NAPLAN performance and compared to "All" schools in "MySchool", Mount Lawley SHS gained a number of "green boxes".

The NAPLAN and MSE 9 graphs on this page show the scores for NAPLAN and MSE9. In all tests Mount Lawley SHS students achieved a higher mean score than the State and National means. The longitudinal graph, shows the scores over the past 5 years. Apart from a dip in MSE 9 in 2011, the school's scores are consistent.

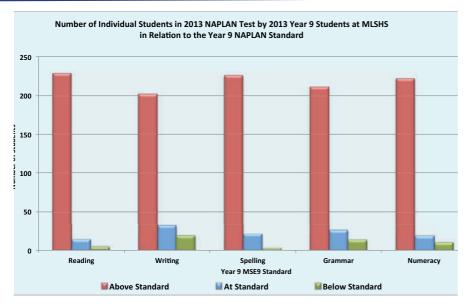


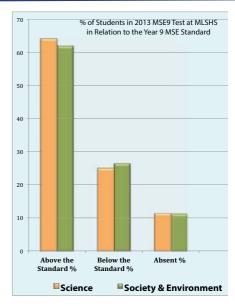


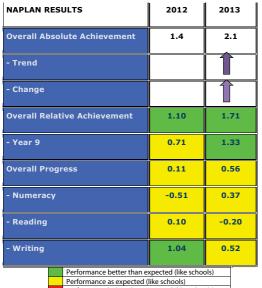


# Years 9 NAPLAN/MSE Results







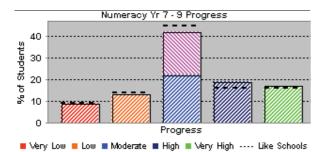


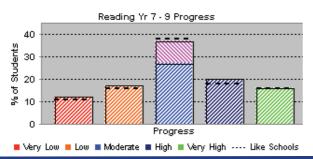
# YEAR 9 STUDENT PERFORMANCE CONT.

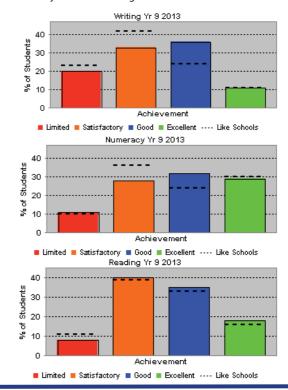
The first two graphs on this page show the number of students meeting or exceeding NAPLAN standards, or below in MSE9, students are either above or below standard. The performance in both was strong.

The next set of graphs below show achievement in the NAPLAN test in 2013 and progress from Year 7 to Year 9. The black dashed line indicates State expectations. Again, these were solid results and pleasing to see consistent improvements being achieved.

The NAPLAN table shows that the school's results are good and the trend is positive. This considers performance against similar schools and confirms the school's strong results. The MSE 2013 graph in relation to the Year 9 MSE Standard, again shows strong performance by the students. This is indicated by the number of students who have performed well above the standard in both Science and Society and Environment. 2013 is the last year of MSE testing.









# Years 8-10 Results



### ABODA CONCERT BAND FESTIVAL



Mount Lawley SHS Senior String Orchestra Outstanding



Mount Lawley SHS Senior Concert Band Excellent



Mount Lawley SHS Junior String Orchestra Excellent



Mount Lawley SHS Junior Concert Band Excellent

### **YEAR 8-10 PROGRESS**

The table and associated graphs show the grading pattern for students in Years 8-12 for 2013. It is noted that the grading data, taken from the Department of Education's database, shows some results that are different from school expectations in that more "No Awards" were recorded than school records suggested. In some learning areas, such as Health and Physical Education (HPE), the Arts and Technology and Enterprise (T&E) students were awarded grades in more that one context, hence the number of grades awarded is more than the number of students enrolled at the school. This is as expected. The number of grades in English, Mathematics, Science and Society and Environment approximated enrolments.

The issue of Year 10 grading has been identified as a major concern for several years and was a key factor in the establishment of a Year 10 working group in 2009. Some measures have been introduced to improve the Year 10 grading distribution and it is noted that the 2013 pattern was a further improvement on previous years and is becoming more reliable. It is also noted that the improved Year 10 grading position is consistent with the school's good results in NAPLAN and MSE 9.

Year 10 grades, of course, from the basis of recommendations for subject selection in Year 11. It is, therefore, important that these provide an accurate reflection of the capacity for study in the Senior Years.

Learning Area/Year	Grade					
	Α	В	С	D	E	NA
The Arts						
Year 8	169	326	280	20	5	15
Year 9	160	269	342	47	4	31
Year 10	72	156	148	24	11	14
English						
Year 8	57	96	77	10	1	1
Year 9	47	108	76	21	8	8
Year 10	56	81	114	27	10	8
Health & Physical Education						
Year 8	142	159	155	25	3	0
Year 9	164	155	152	45	9	10
Year 10	251	257	150	20	1	25
Languages						
Year 8	126	41	55	6	2	3
Year 9	100	74	51	9	0	11
Year 10	101	50	56	26	7	11
Mathematics						
Year 8	85	71	62	19	4	1
Year 9	89	85	46	24	15	9
Year 10	47	31	64	71	29	7
Science						
Year 8	80	88	60	12	1	1
Year 9	69	73	81	27	9	9
Year 10	60	64	89	41	10	4
Society and Environment						
Year 8	74	91	63	11	2	1
Year 9	67	101	67	15	11	7
Year 10	86	74	90	57	22	12
Technology & Enterprise						
Year 8	95	219	246	21	2	3
Year 9	236	228	250	35	12	22
Year 10	128	184	161	42	37	19

# WA SCHOOL JAZZ FESTIVAL



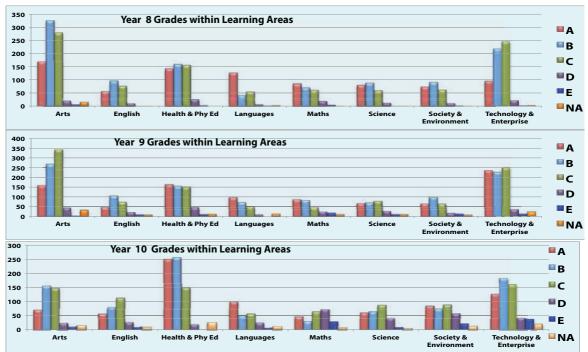
Big Band 1 Outstanding



Cert IV Ensemble Outstanding

5 Individual Musicianship Prizes Jack Caddy, Jason Wood, Aiden Cunningham, Shay Macharo and Mae Anthony 1 Band Musicianship Prize to

Cert IV Ensemble



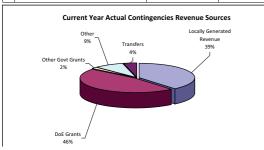


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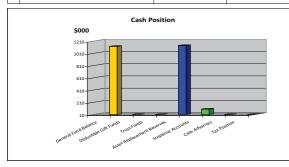


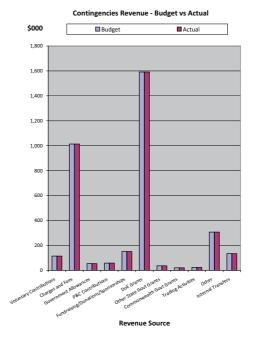
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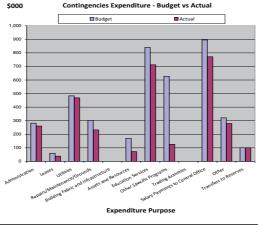
	Revenue - Cash	Budget	Actual
1	Voluntary Contributions	\$ 114,651.00	\$ 114,651.12
2	Charges and Fees	\$ 1,013,984.50	\$ 1,013,986.76
3	Government Allowances	\$ 54,050.00	\$ 54,050.00
4	P&C Contributions	\$ 58,098.80	\$ 58,098.95
5	Fundraising/Donations/Sponsorships	\$ 151,045.12	\$ 151,046.32
6	DoE Grants	\$ 1,591,658.86	\$ 1,591,658.64
7	Other State Govt Grants	\$ 36,251.00	\$ 36,251.09
8	Commonwealth Govt Grants	\$ 20,203.00	\$ 20,203.07
9	Trading Activities	\$ 23,144.00	\$ 23,143.53
10	Other	\$ 307,367.45	\$ 307,367.83
11	Internal Transfers	\$ 134,080.92	\$ 134,081.05
	Total	\$ 3,504,534.65	\$ 3,504,538.36
	Opening Balance	\$ 679,850.90	\$ 679,850.90
	Total Contingency Funds Available	\$ 4,184,385.55	\$ 4,184,389.26
	Total Salary Allocation	\$ 13,097,574.00	\$ 13,097,574.00
	Total Funds Available	\$ 17,281,959.55	\$ 17,281,963.26
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	Expenditure	Budget	Actual
1	Administration	\$ 281,961.86	\$ 260,800.87
2	Leases	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 38,879.60
3	Utilities	\$ 482,818.74	\$ 468,151.78
4	Repairs/Maintenance/Grounds	\$ 302,213.09	\$ 231,926.86
5	Building Fabric and Infrastructure	\$ -	\$ -
6	Assets and Resources	\$ 170,720.00	\$ 72,477.91
7	Education Services	\$ 839,845.60	\$ 711,850.43
8	Other Specific Programs	\$ 627,604.10	\$ 126,405.26
9	Trading Activities	\$ -	\$
10	Salary Payments to Central Office	\$ 895,472.67	\$ 771,197.40
11	Other	\$ 321,142.47	\$ 279,264.65
12	Transfers to Reserves	\$ 100,789.00	\$ 100,789.00
	Total Contingencies Expenditure	\$ 4,082,567.53	\$ 3,061,743.76
	Total Salary Expenditure	\$ 13,097,574.00	\$ 13,089,369.00
	Total Expenditure	\$ 17,180,141.53	\$ 16,151,112.76







	Cash Position as at: 31 December 2013					
	Bank Balance	\$	2,350,550.99			
	Made up of:	\$	-			
1	General Fund Balance	\$	1,122,645.50			
2	Deductible Gift Funds	\$	2,764.49			
	Trust Funds	\$	-			
4	Asset Replacement Reserves	\$	1,136,791.59			
5	Suspense Accounts	\$	97,041.51			
6	Cash Advances	-\$	363.10			
7	Tax Position	-\$	8,329.00			
	Total Bank Balance \$ 2,350,550.99					

The school's financial management position has been strengthened over the past few years and has achieved an excellent result in the 2010 Department financial audit. The school was not audited in 2013, however, it is expected to take place in 2014.

Mount Lawley SHS is a large and complex institution and the level of funds held in Reserve remains a concern. The Reserve account is used to replace items when they are damaged or worn out. The Reserve includes learning area text books, minor works, computers and school bus fleet. When the school's two buses will be considered for replacement in a decade's time, the cost is likely to be in the vicinity of \$800,000. Computer laboratories are also expensive when the machines need to be replaced. Efforts to boost the Reserve accounts needs to be a consideration in financial management decision-making.

Parent support for the school in terms of making payments for Contribution and Charges is good with 85% of families paying contributions and 86%, charges. However, there are some families that do not pay and it is not possible to enrol students in expensive programs that attract a compulsory charge when these are not paid. Consequently, students are enrolled in less expensive programs that still meet curriculum requirements. This is consistent with the School Education Act.

Parents have also been generous in supporting the funds to augment activities in Literacy and Numeracy, the Healthy Active program and ICT and innovation. The Healthy Active program, conducted by Ms Barnes, is therefore able to be offered in 2014 due to this support from parents. The School Chaplain position is strongly supported by parents. The school itself further assists this position, which is also funded by the National School Chaplaincy and Student Welfare Program. The Chaplain plays a key role in the well being of students.

# ARTHUR LEGGETT, OAM,ED WRITING PRIZE



Aisha Y9 with Arthur Leggett, OAM,ED and Mr John Cox. Sponsored by The Lodge of Sincerity



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# ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL INSTITUTE





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Year	H/DIST	DIST	<b>CREDIT</b>
Year 8		1	4
Year 9		6	13
Year 10	1	7	4
Year 11	3	4	2

# SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

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Year 12



Surabi Y8, Shen Y9 and Riley Y10 with Ms Eleni Evangel MLA Member for Perth



Sophie 1st in State Olivia 2nd in State











### **AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS** COMPETITION

YEAR	H/DIST	DIST	REDIT
8	3	10	23
9	2	4	25
10	1	8	18
11	8	0	2
12	2	6	3
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Global Ranking 217/1,054 schools 1 Elite Award (Top 0.3% 225,00 students) 2 Gold Award (Top 2% 225,00 students) 5 Silver Award (Top 5% 225,00 students)

12 Bronze Award (Top 10% 225.00 students) 26 Credit Awards (Top 20% 225,00 students)



### **CHINESE STAR** WRITING COMPETITION 2nd Place National Jayde



# **CLTAWA STATE SPEECH** & WRITING COMPETITION



Speech - Y8 Liam 3rd Y9 William 2nd Writing - Y8 Madison 4th Y8 Jeremy 5th **Excellence Awards** Y8 - Rachael Y10 Tiana

**ITALIAN DANTE** 

**ALIGHIERI STATE** 

EXAMS

# **STUDENT PARTICIPATION TRENDS**

In 2013, the percentage attendance of students at Mount Lawley exceeded State percentage for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. The average attendance rate for all students was 90%. Whilst exceeding the State, it is noted that a better attendance rate in all years, especially in upperschool, is required. This is a concern as failing to attend school has a likely adverse impact on academic results. Attendance of students was an identified school priority for 2013, and will continue to be in 2014. The support of all parents is urged to ensure students attend school and when absent, to provide an explanation. The intent is to improve attendance and reduce the level of unauthorised absences.

# STUDENT ENROLMENT TRENDS

In 2013 there was a small reduction (50 students) in the Senior School, reflecting fewer students in the half cohort, however, enrolments continue to be high. This is a factor of the school's reputation in the community, and of course, of the demographics of an expanding urban area. Mount Lawley SHS is a school of choice and is in high demand. The intake in Year 8 and Year 9 is capped at 256. In Years 10 and 11 more students are able to enter, and this factor leads to an increase over Middle School. The school usually has a large waiting list of students seeking to enter in Year 8. Not all applications in Year 10 can be accepted either, due to accommodation pressures. From 2013 sibling enrolment is no longer guaranteed.

# STUDENT RETENTION TRENDS

Lower secondary had 806 students enrolled and upper secondary 538 students enrolled. The retention rate for this cohort from Year 8 to Year 10 was 109% and from Year 8 to Year 12, 99%. When the half year cohort leaves the secondary school populations, we can expect student numbers to again increase. This indicates a solid retention as well as strong demand for places at Mount Lawley Senior High School, a school of choice.

# **VALUE ADDING**

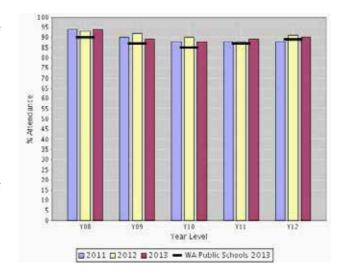
Mount Lawley SHS adds value through the provision of a wide range of programs, services to students and extra-curricula offerings.

The latter include after school sporting teams, after school tutoring seminars and a CadetsWA unit (Bush Ranger Cadets). The school subsidises a range of competitions and encourages excellence through its pro-

grams. The school also offers the GAT Language, SVAPA and Jazz Music programs.

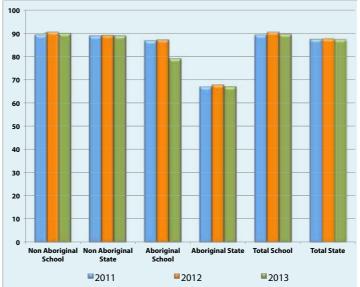
Evidence of statistical value adding can be identified with NAPLAN. Mount Lawley SHS added significant value being above or similar to the standard. Also, students showed value adding to the State benchmarks for MSE Society & Environment and Science results.

# Attendance - By Year Level - Secondary

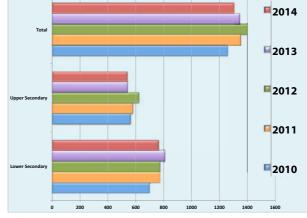


	Y08	Y09	Y10	Y11	Y12
2011	94 %	90 %	88 %	88 %	88 %
2012	93 %	92 %	90 %	88 %	91 %
2013	94 %	89 %	88 %	89 %	90 %
State 2013	90 %	87 %	85 %	87 %	89 %

### % Student Attendance from 2011 to 2013



# Student Enrolment at Mt Lawley SHS 2010 - 2013



# MIDDLE SCHOOL DUX



Hannah with Mr Michael White

# MIDDLE SCHOOL SVAPA AWARD



Lily with Mr Michael Sutherland, MLA

### PETER SPARBIER SCHOLARSHIP 2013



Riley & Jordan with Mr Rodney Cunningham

### **ALMA PORTER AWARD 2013**



Lauren with Ms Merilvn Harvev



ROTARY CLUB OF MT LAWLEY STUDENT OF THE YEAR



Rebecca with Mrs Marie Kormendy ,President Rotary Club of Mt Lawley

# DES BEARD MIDDLE SCHOOL CITIZENSHIP AWARD



Mikayla with Mr Arthur Leggett



Y11 Thomas 1st in State

Y11 Cesare 2nd in State

Y10 Clara 2nd in State Y10 Oriana 3rd in State

High Distinctions:

Carmel,



# General



# **TEACHING STAFF QUALIFICATION**

All teaching staff meet the professional requirements to teach in Western Australian schools and are registered with the Teacher Registration Board of Western Australian. The minimum qualification held by teachers is a Bachelors degree in an area of specialisation. Some have gained additional qualifications.

# STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

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Secondary Schools	Days/Cost
Number of Teaching Staff (full-time equivalent)	93
Minimum Days	8
Average Salary	\$550
Total PL Expenditure	\$352,050

### **STAFF NUMBERS 2013**

Staff Information	Total Numbers
Administration Staff	17
Teaching Staff	76
School Support Staff	49
TOTAL	142

During 2013, all full-time teaching staff at Mount Lawley SHS engaged in a minimum of 7 days professional learning. Four days were scheduled during the school year (School Development Days - commonly referred to as student free days). Two of these days were timetabled before the start of the school year and one after instructional hours or after students had finished school for the year. Part-time teachers completed a pro-rata commitment. The minimum professional learning commitment, expressed in full-time equivalents, including the notional financial outlay is captured in the associated table. Apart from this minimum requirement, many staff attended other professional learning during the school year. Courses included data analysis and interpretation, using the SIS tool and curriculum and student services focused seminars and presentations. A number attended workshops associated with the Australian Curriculum. To support attendance at these courses, the school expended funds in course costs, teacher relief, travel and accommodation and other allocations to facilitate the professional learning of staff. In 2013, this amounted to over \$90,000.

# **SATISFACTION SURVEY**

Community surveys continue to indicate that MLSHS receives a high degree of parent support. The student and staff results indicated a satisfaction rating of above 3 on a 4 point rating. These are improved results compared to the previous reporting cycle. Approval rating of around +70% is a relatively high rating based on over 699 responses to the survey. Common themes of investigation are evident in each of the results. This survey was conducted in 2013 and whilst having a three year "life" is likely to be administered again in 2014. The parent survey questions are produced below. Staff and student questionnaires were similar.

- This school is well organised and runs smoothly.
- This school encourages a sense of pride in achievement and a sense of self worth. My child enjoys being at school.
- Teachers and students at this school care about each other.
  This school has clear goals and a positive school identity.

- This is a safe and secure school.
  This school does not have a bullying problem.
- 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. This school responds to issues of racism.
- This school has high standards of student behaviour.
  - The rules and consequences relating to discipline are well understood by both staff and students.
- The rules and consequences relating to discipline are enforced in a consistent manner. This school strives for high academic standards.

- This school has realistic educational expectations of my child.

  My child receives help from teachers when he/she experiences difficulty learning.
- 11. 12. 13. 14. 15. 16. 17. 18. 19. 20. 21. 22. 23. 24. 25. 26. 27. 28. 29. 30. 31. 32. 33. 34. 35. 36. 37. Teachers at this school are professional, committed and enthusiastic. The staff and students at this school respect each other.
- Teachers at this school treat my child fairly.
- My child's teachers provide a stimulating learning environment and make school work interesting and enjoyable. My child is encouraged to achieve to the best of his/her ability.
- My child's teachers have a thorough understanding of what they teach
- There is effective behaviour management in my child's classes
- Teachers at this school care about how my child is going. I receive helpful information about my child's progress and achievement levels.
- I feel well informed about the activities of this school and its students.
- I am informed promptly if my child has a problem.

  The school reports I receive about my child are informative and easy to understand.
- This school's staff are approachable and are willing to talk about my child's progress. Staff at this school address my concerns.
- I am given opportunities to have a say about this school. This school's goals are consistent with those I have for my child.
- This school assists my child with the development of understandings and skills that he/she will need beyond school.
- At this school my child is able to learn how to solve problems, to question and to make decisions. This school assists with the development of my child's personal and social skills.
- This school encourages achievement across a broad range of areas. This school is meeting the educational needs of my child.
- Teachers at this school motivate my child to want to learn.
  At this school, my child's interests and talents are being developed.
- Overall, I am satisfied with my child's educational progress at this school.
- 38. 39. Teachers' knowledge is of a high order with staff being up-to-date in their understanding of educational trends and issues. The school values the role of parents in the educational process.
- The school seeks parents' opinions about educational programs.



# **AUSTRALIA-CHINESE BRIDGE** (HANYU QIAO)

National & World Chinese Proficiency Competition for Foreign Students, Adelaide, Australia 2nd, 3rd, & 6th Place Yunnan, China (observers)



Jayde, Tara & Raqeema



# **AUSTRALIAN-CHINA** FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY



Karis Year 8 Jonah Year 9 Kaewmeesaeng Year 10 Asmita Year 11 with Mr Tierney McPartland (President)



**NATIONAL GALLERY SUMMER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP** 



Jack Caddy



THE LAW SOCIETY OF WA INTERSCHOOL MOCK TRIAL COMPETITION



Year 10 team - Winner State Grand Final.

Year 12 team - 1 High Distinction.









EX-PRISONERS OF WAR ASSOCIATION CADET OF THE YEAR AWARD



Daniel with Ex-Prisioners of War Association President Mr Arthur Leggett



AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE LONG TAN LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARD



Nicole (Year 10) Emma Bromham (Year 12) with Lance Corporal Emma White Signaller, 109 Signals Squadron

# **YEAR 10 SVAPA AWARD**



Hannah with Mr Michael Sutherland, MLA

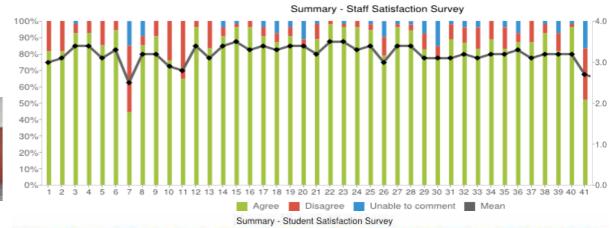
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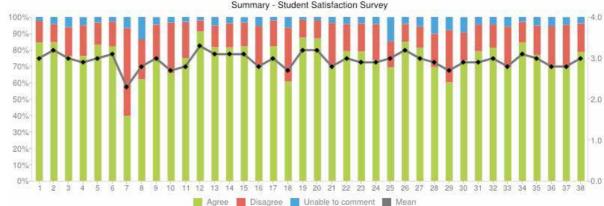


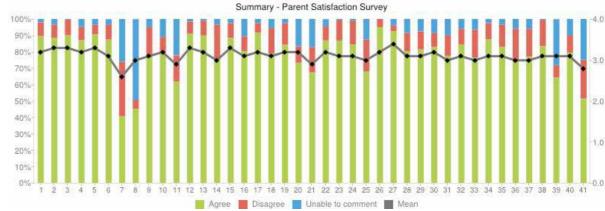
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1st Place WA Advanced Category Jonas Yr11







The results of the three surveys are graphed above. The graphs show a consistent and high level of satisfaction from students, staff and parents in most areas. As a result of the survey, the school continues strengthening anti-bullying processes.

# **SCHOOL BUSINESS PLAN PRIORITIES**

1. Better Academic Achievement

2. Pedagogy

3. Student Wellbeing

4. Partnerships

# 1. BETTER ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

An important strategy that was introduced in 2012 was the use of a coach/mentor to the school's curriculum leadership group. This officer assisted staff develop an evidence-based approach to improvement planning.

The school's counselling processes have been reviewed and it is noted that students who do not achieve a WACE or an ATAR of 55 or better are very often those for whom a change in course was recommended, however, this was resisted by families. The counselling model is therefore seen as satisfactory as staff advice cannot be enforced if not followed.

Academic competitions continue to be subsidised and these lead to capable students being enriched and extended. Many students were successful.

The school writing plan continues to be delivered as writing is seen as a fundamental learning tool. The emphasis on developing writing skills is an important life skill and one that has value in further education.



# General



### **SCHOOL BUSINESS PLAN PRIORITIES**

Many targets in this section of the School Business Plan were achieved, as well as some aspirational ones. A report on target achievement can be found on the school's website.

The major improvement in terms of targets was an increase in the median ATAR. The aim is to continue to achieve a high median ATAR. Students must continue to select appropriate ATAR pathways.

WACE achievement mirrored the State, however, a 100% rate eluded the school. The target for matching like school subject results was bettered. NAPLAN and MSE 9 mean scores saw the goal achieved and some of the aspirational goals.

Whilst competition results exceeded the aspirational target, the school was not placed in any "League Table". This is a goal that staff must continue to work to meet.

### 2. PEDAGOGY

The professional learning community construct is in place in each learning area. This has a focus on improving student results through better teaching. The performance management of teachers also has a focus on teaching and learning with all teachers required to have a goal to address pedagogy. Peer modelling/coaching is being introduced through both initiatives. Time is a significant barrier as is the funding available to support teacher relief to implement this initiative fully.

On School Development Days staff undertake professional learning on ICT and individual education planning and differentiated curriculum and delivery. Also, staff identified as being "lighthouses" in certain areas present their work to their peers and how their good practice can be utilised by others.

Additionally, more teachers completed the CMS training course that assists the growth of instructional techniques. Work in literacy/numeracy was also undertaken.

# 3. STUDENT WELLBEING

Attendance was a focus in 2013 and the resulting improvement to achieving the 90% benchmark was pleasing. However, the goal of 90% for each year group was not reached.

Anti-bullying remains a priority and the school continues to work with ECU in developing best practice. Cyber safety courses are conducted in the Middle School.

The suspension rate declined from 2011 with most suspensions in Year 8. The goal to achieve this was reached.

Students continued to complete community service hours and to be awarded Colours across a range of achievements. At all assemblies a significant number of students are acknowledged for this.

# 4. PARTNERSHIP

The "no surprises" rule for parents continues to be stressed to all staff. For Years 11/12 students, a number of parents utilise successfully Parent Connect. Mount Lawley SHS was the trial school for this product and it is now available in a number of other schools as well. This was continued throughout 2013 and now most Year 11 and 12 parents sign up. There is the potential to enhance services to parents, especially in the attendance area, and Departmental staff are looking for improvements in these areas.

Networks with the business community, in order to offer students work placement continue. School staff have been able to grow places to match student demand. The Career Link program has continued into Year 12.

We also continue to work with our local area intake Primary Schools in transitioning Year 7 into high school.

The school signed a third sister school agreement with China in 2012 and they visited in 2013 making these links strong. A teacher from one sister school was hosted by the school for Semester 2, 2013.

The work to grow links with the school's alumni continues. An expression of this remains with the innovative Sea Explorers where members of the Class of 69 mentor current students.

The Interact Club prospers and the links to the Rotary Club of Mount Lawley are strong. Several other clubs seek the support of the school accepting incoming exchange students.

# P&C/SCHOOL BOARD

The school community was well served by its P&C, led well by Mr Ron Pearce, the President. His hard working committee provided great support to him and the school. The School Board, chaired by Dr Jenny Fay, also made a very valuable contribution to the school especially in the second year of Independent Public School status. The assistance of the parent volunteers serving on these groups is warmly acknowledged. The P&C parent support groups added value to the school's Languages program, SVAPA and Music. The Community Art Auction, managed totally by a parent committee, is an outstanding success and raises significant funds for Music and SVAPA.

# **AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

A number of students achieved excellent results and some also won awards. These are foregrounded in this ASR. Mount Lawley Senior High School enjoyed a very solid year in 2013, adding value to its students. In 2013, Mount Lawley Senior High School operated within the Independent Public School framework.

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AUSTRALIAN SUPER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND **TRAINING** 



Lillian Dorn

### MICHAEL SUTHERLAND, MLA **SCHOLARSHIP FOR HUMANITIES**



Raqeema & Kevin with Mr Michael Sutherland, MLA



**EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY** CITIZENSHIP AWARD



Crystal with Dr Lee Lim, ECU

# ANNE GRIFFITHS SCHOLARSHIP FOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION



Crystal & Christian with Ms Anne Griffiths