

Total enrolments: 349

Year levels offered: Prep - 7

School type: Co-educational

Principal's Foreword

2008 was a very positive year for Wamuran. Our work centered around student academic and behavioural success, developing strong partnerships with our parents and community and developing the skills & competencies of our staff.

Highlights of 2008 included:

- Extremely positive parent, staff, student opinion surveys, a record high
 - Developing our new school vision "Our Learning Place, Our Growing Space"
 - Successful introduction of our School Chaplain
 - Positive trends in academic improvement
 - Increase in parent and community involvement in school
 - Community Training Facility (interactive whiteboard, 7 computers, printer, moveable furniture allowing flexible room set up) operational
 - Amalgamated with Wamuran Sports Club to allow a combined Wamuran Community Children's Carnival
 - Introduction of CPR's (class parent representatives)
 - 1st place District Sports in 'C' schools, 3rd aggregate schools
 - 6 students successfully completed LEO Program (Learning Engagement Online)
 - Successful completion of third year SWPBS
 - Installed 9 new interactive whiteboards in classrooms to allow greater integration of ICT in classrooms
 - Increase in parent volunteers using "Many Hands Makes Light Work" Strategy
- We are ever grateful for the financial support & advice of our hard working P & C!



Future outlook

Wamuran staff continues to be committed to developing life long learning skills for our students, staff and parents.

In 2009 we will launch our new school Vision, values and school wide approach to teaching and learning. We will continually review and evaluate our performance to provide programs and opportunities that focus on:

- Maintaining our supportive school environment & continuing our involvement in School - Wide Positive Behaviour Support.
- Introducing QCARF (Queensland Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Framework) to audit existing Units of work with the new 'Essential Learning's' (QLD syllabus to be introduced in 2009).
- Literacy (particularly Writing, Spelling), Numeracy (PD for staff).
- Developing the skills and capabilities of staff (particularly in Literacy, Numeracy & integration of ICT).



'Our Learning Place, Our Growing Space'

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Our Learning & Social Climate

Curriculum offerings

Key focus areas are on the development of Early Years (Prep to Year 3) and the Middle School (Year 4 to 7) lifelong learning programs that focus on developing:

- **Literacy and Numeracy** skills through the provision of daily Literacy and Numeracy blocks. Literacy blocks are supported by daily Teacher Aide assistance.
- **Quality Inclusive Practices** co-ordinated by the Special Needs Team to address the learning needs of identified students who are "at risk", Special Needs, Learning Difficulties, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and Gifted students. Teacher aide time & assistance from Learning Support, Integration, Guidance, Behaviour and Speech Language personnel is provided.
- **Integrated Units of Study** focusing on active learning and participation through the design of real life, intellectually challenging learning experience. Enriched through camps, excursions & guest speakers.
- **Specialist Programs**
 - LOTE (Chinese)
 - Physical Education 2 days/week
 - Music 2 days/week
 - Instrumental Music: 1½ days /week. (Includes Jump Start Program, Workshops with cluster schools & Advanced Instrumental Workshop).



Student attendance

The average attendance rate was 95% in 2008.

Extra curricula activities

In 2008 we continued to offer wide-ranging extra-curricular activities for all students in:

- **Literacy:** Book Fair, Book Week, Author/local library visits
- **Mathematics:** District Maths Competition, School Chess Competition
- **The Arts:** Dance Fever and Dance Challenge
- **Sport:** Cross Country, Athletics, Ball Games, P-3 Pentathlon, Swimming, summer and winter inter-school sporting programs for Yr 6/7
- Many students obtained personal success in these events and proceeded to District, and Regional level.

The school also celebrated:

- Education Week
- Under 8's Day
- Other special days

The school also participated in local and wider community events:

- Anzac & Remembrance Day Services
- Clean-up Australia Day and Community Hall grounds and gardens
- Community Sports Association Dinner nights
- Sponsoring of World Vision Child "Divya".

Computers in learning

We recognise that our students grow up surrounded by and using ICT & so continue to systematically improve our capacity to teach, learn and manage the curriculum through ICT.

ICT's are integrated into all year levels. Classroom teachers use a variety of approaches aimed at integrating ICT and engaging students e.g. Movie making, Animation, Digital Camera/Video activities, Webquests, Internet & e-mail projects, Learning Objects.

ICT's were further strengthened with the introduction of 9 interactive whiteboards, projectors and laptops herds. A multi-media parent training room exists for community use.



Social climate

Wamuran has a safe, supportive environment that is encouraged by the implementation of successful programs. School Opinion Surveys show satisfaction by parents and students (above State mean in all areas) with *Behaviour* (Parents 73%, Students 80%), *Fair Treatment* (Parents 89%, Students 85%), *Discipline* (Parents 78%), *Safety* (Parents 95%, Students 90%) & *Happiness* (Parents 92%, Students 91%).

Whole school programs include School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS), Program Achieve which encourages academic, behavioural, emotional and social success, Anti-bullying and Child Protection (Protective Behaviours).

Other supportive programs include Leadership Program (Yr 7), Cooling Conflict Program (Yr 6), Rock & Water (Yr 4), Drug Education (Yr 5 & 7) & Human Relationships Education (Yr 6/7). The School Chaplain, School Nurse, Guidance Officer & our Adopt-a-Cop also provide support to parents, staff & students.

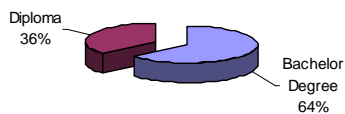
WOOSH (Wamuran Out Of School Hours Care) provides a wonderful service catering for students before/after school and on the vacation period.

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Our Staff & Our Parents & Our Community

Teacher qualifications

Teaching Qualifications - Classroom Teachers & School Leaders



Professional development expenditure

- In 2008, 33.75% (\$15,322) of our annual budget was expended on teacher professional development.
- The major professional development initiatives provided professional learning opportunities for staff within the key focus areas of Literacy, Information Communication Technology, Assessment & Reporting and Middle & Early Years Learning to ensure continuous growth of skills, knowledge and professional behaviours.
- The involvement of teaching staff in professional development activities during 2008 was 100%. 97% of staff were satisfied with their access to opportunities that related to school & system initiatives.

Staff retention

From the end of the 2007 school year, 100% of staff were retained by the school for the entire 2008 school year.

Staff attendance

The staff attendance rate was 97% in 2008.



Partnerships

The school fosters close, productive relationships with the community and individual groups. Interaction between the school and the community has always been intertwined, creating a unique and positive learning opportunity for students.

Wamuran school has extensive partnerships with;

- Parents
- P & C
- Mountain Views Cluster Schools
- QUT Caboolture
- Local community groups e.g. Wamuran Sports Association, Wamuran Fire Brigade, Caboolture National Servicemen's Association, Moreton Bay Regional Council, Community Health groups
- Other sporting groups such as Auskick, NRL & cricket

We have strong partnerships with our feeder high school, Tullawong State High School and work together with leadership and transition programs.

School Community Relations

Makes you feel welcome 95%, communicates well 83%, approachable staff 92%.

Involving parents in their child's education

The school encourages strong partnerships with its parents/carers, encouraging education as a significant part of their own, and their child's success. Parents/caregivers can be involved in;

- Parent education programs
- Literacy, Numeracy & Program Achieve
- Assisting in classrooms/excursions/camps
- As members of the P&C & through P&C subcommittees (Tuckshop, Fund-raising, Uniform & Wamuran Out of School Hours Care)

Parents/carers are kept well informed through:

- Fortnightly Newsletters
- Class Newsletters & meetings
- Parent Teacher Interviews (2 per year)
- Telephone contact
- Weekly Assemblies
- Parent Forums



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Our Results

Outcomes in the early and middle phases of learning Results in the Year 2 Diagnostic Net

	Percentage of students not requiring additional support
Reading	82%
Writing	90%
Number	90%

Parent, student & teacher satisfaction with the school (from annual school opinion survey)

Parents are extremely satisfied with our school with all areas on opinion surveys flagged as well above the State average. Students also overall rated the school above the State mean.

92% of parents thought the school was a good school.

Staff are extremely satisfied with 95% satisfied with staff morale and 92% satisfied with access to professional development opportunities that relate to school and systemic initiatives and recognition. All staff opinion survey areas were flagged well **above** the state mean.

Our reading, writing and numeracy results for the NAPLAN Tests.

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results					
Domain	Measures		Yr 3	Yr 5	Yr 7
Reading	Average score for the school		382	451	508
	Average score for Queensland		371.1	466.1	528.1
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard	2008	91%	77%	95%
Writing	Average score for the school		409	461	496
	Average score for Queensland		391.8	468.9	522.7
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard	2008	98%	84%	86%
Spelling	Average score for the school		371	446	499
	Average score for Queensland		366.7	462.0	528.0
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard	2008	93%	81%	79%
Grammar and Punctuation	Average score for the school		392	464	494
	Average score for Queensland		370.4	476.6	518.0
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard	2008	100%	87%	84%
Numeracy	Average score for the school		378	465	503
	Average score for Queensland		367.9	458.2	539.0
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard	2008	100%	91%	98%

Value added

2008 was a very positive year for Wamuran State School. Our deliberate strategy to be more involved with our parents and community has been very successful. Positive trends are evident in academic areas, with some outstanding results.

Year 2 Net: Percentage of students not identified for support: Reading (82%), Writing (90%), Writing (90%)

Year 3: Performance flagged as **above the State** in **Writing, Punctuation and Grammar, and Numeracy**, compared with the State in Reading and Spelling

Year 5 and 7: Performance compared with State in all areas

School Opinion Surveys

Students: **Above the State** in most dimensions compared with the State in all other areas (year 5 students rated 4th out of 56 schools in District)

Parents: **Above the State** in all dimensions (rated 4th out of 56 schools in District)

Staff: **Above the State** in all dimensions (rated 4th out of 56 schools in District)