2024 Annual Report to the School Community

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| * all teachers at the school meet the registration requirements of the [Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT)](http://www.vit.vic.edu.au/)
* the school meets prescribed Minimum Standards for registration as regulated by the Victorian Regulation and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) in accordance with the [Education and Training Reform Act 2006 (Vic)](https://www.legislation.vic.gov.au/in-force/acts/education-and-training-reform-act-2006) (this includes any exemption granted to this school by the VRQA, for the most recent calendar year, in relation to minimum student enrolment numbers and/or the curriculum framework requirement to deliver a languages program)
* the school meets the requirements of the Child Safe Standards as prescribed in [Ministerial Order 1359 – Implementing the Child Safe Standards – Managing the risk of child abuse in schools (PDF)](https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/programs/health/protect/Ministerial_Order.pdf).
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| Attested on 07 March 2025 at 02:13 PM by Paul Bailey (Principal) |

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| * As executive officer of the school council, I attest that this 2024 Annual Report to the School Community has been tabled and endorsed at a meeting of the school council and will be publicly shared with the school community.
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| Attested on 07 March 2025 at 02:14 PM by Paul Bailey (Principal) |

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## School Name: Wandin North Primary School (3892)

How to read the Annual Report

What does the *‘About Our School’* commentary section of this report refer to?

The ‘About our school’ commentary provides a brief background on the school and an overview of the school’s performance over the previous calendar year.

The ‘School Context’ describes the school’s vision, values, and purpose. Details include the school’s geographic location, size and structure, social characteristics, enrolment characteristics, and special programs.

The ‘Progress towards strategic goals, student outcomes, and student engagement’ section allows schools to reflect on highlights related to implementation of and progress towards the School Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan, and efforts to improve student learning, wellbeing, and engagement.

What does the *‘Performance Summary’* section of this report refer to?

The Performance Summary includes the following:

**School Profile**

* student enrolment information
* the school’s ‘Student Family Occupation and Education’ category
* a summary of parent responses in the Parent Opinion Survey, shown against the statewide average for Primary schools
* school staff responses in the area of School Climate in the School Staff Survey, shown against the statewide average for Primary schools

**Learning**

* English and Mathematics for Teacher Judgements against the curriculum
* English and Mathematics for National Literacy and Numeracy tests (NAPLAN).

**Wellbeing**

Student responses to two areas in the Student Attitudes to School Survey:

* Sense of Connectedness
* Management of Bullying

**Engagement**

* Student attendance at school

Results are displayed for the latest year and the average of the last four years (where available).

Key terms used in the Performance Summary are defined below:

**Similar Schools**

Similar Schools are a group of Victorian government schools with similar characteristics to the school.

This grouping of schools has been created by comparing each school’s socio-economic background of students, the number of non-English speaking students and the school’s size and location.

**NDP and NDA**

NDP’ refers to no data being published for privacy reasons or where there are insufficient underlying data. For example, very low numbers of participants or characteristics that may lead to identification will result in an ‘NDP’ label.

‘NDA’ refers to no data being available. Some schools have no data for particular measures due to low enrolments. There may be no students enrolled in some year levels, so school comparisons are not possible.

Note that new schools only have the latest year of data and no comparative data from previous years. The department also recognises unique circumstances in Specialist, Select Entry, English Language, Community Schools and schools that changed school type recently, where school-to-school comparisons are not appropriate.

**The Victorian Curriculum**

The Victorian Curriculum F–10 sets out what every student should learn during his or her first eleven years of schooling. The curriculum is the common set of knowledge and skills required by students for life-long learning, social development and active and informed citizenship.

The Victorian Curriculum is assessed through teacher judgements of student achievement based on classroom learning.

The curriculum has been developed to ensure that school subjects and their achievement standards enable continuous learning for all students, including students with disabilities.

The ‘Towards Foundation Level Victorian Curriculum’ is integrated directly into the curriculum and is referred to as ‘Levels A to D’.

‘Levels A to D’ may be used for students with disabilities or students who may have additional learning needs. These levels are not associated with any set age or year level that links chronological age to cognitive progress (i.e., there is no age expected standard of achievement for ‘Levels A to D’).

Updates to the ‘*Performance Summary’* in the 2024 Annual Report

Reporting on the following measures has been updated in the 2024 Annual Report to align with changes to departmental and public reporting products.

**NAPLAN**

In 2023 NAPLAN was updated to report against proficiency standards. For further information on the changes to NAPLAN reporting in 2023, please refer to the National Assessment Program ‘[Results and Reports](https://nap.edu.au/naplan/results-and-reports)’ page.

In line with these changes, the NAPLAN section of the Performance Summary includes NAPLAN data from 2022 to 2024. 2022 NAPLAN data is presented separately as this is not comparable with 2023 and 2024.

The NAPLAN section has been updated to include a 2-year average (2023 and 2024) for the percentage of students in the Strong or Exceeding proficiency levels. The 2022 NAPLAN section continues to report on the percentage of students in the top three bands.

Please note the previously reported NAPLAN 4-year average will not be available until 2026, when there will be 4 years’ worth of NAPLAN data available under the new methodology. Similarly, NAPLAN Learning Gain data will not be reported until 2025 as the measure requires at least 3 full years of data for the comparison.

# About Our School

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| School context |
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| Wandin North Primary School is medium sized school of 317 students located 50km east of Melbourne. The school is nestled in a bushland environment and first opened its doors in 1915. To support students our staffing profile is 1 Principal, 1 Assistant Principal, 15 Classroom teacher, 4 Specialists, 5 Education support and 2 Administration staff. Our strong culture is built from our vision, 'A Community of Learners, Achieving Together'. Our school values are: 'Aim High' - high expectations, 'Show Respect' - to self and others, 'Be Organised' - show initiative and organisation and 'Bounce Forward' - resilience. Our values are strongly supported by teachers who use agreed whole language to affirm positive choices and consistent consequences for negative behaviour. Our school culture results in academic growth and personal wellbeing. A strong partnership between home and school exists with a very high level of parent participation and involvement in the school community. At all times a positive attitude to learning is fostered by recognising and rewarding effort, attitudes and behaviour. Student learning outcomes are consistently strong, with an emphasis on agreed whole school approaches. Deepening teacher capacity to analyse and use student learning data to drive planning has continued to be a focus. Student growth is strongly monitored and is evidenced by whole school data tracking systems, individual learning plans for support and extension, intervention programs, frequency of home/school communication, year level meetings and weekly planning. Teachers differentiate the curriculum in an inclusive way through personal learning goals that support individual student needs.     |

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| Progress towards strategic goals, student outcomes and student engagement |
| Learning |
| Wandin North Primary School strategic plan goal is improve student learning for all students. Wandin North Primary School was recognised in the top 5 schools in the Outer East Region for NAPLAN in achievement in 2023. Wandin North Primary School out performed State and Similar School proficiency levels in exceeding or strong. Wandin North PS 5% or less of students requiring additional support. Reading: WNPS Year 3 students achieved 81%, State 69% and Similar Schools 66%. WNPS Year 5 students achieved 80%, State 73% and Similar Schools 70%.Writing: WNPS Year 3 students achieved 93%, State 78% and Similar Schools 76%. WNPS Year 5 students achieved 88%, State 73% and Similar Schools 66%. Spelling: WNPS Year 3 students achieved 63%, State 61% and Similar Schools 52%. WNPS Year 5 students achieved 82%, State 67% and Similar Schools 60%.G&P: WNPS Year 3 students achieved 53%, State 55% and Similar Schools 48%. WNPS Year 5 students achieved 76%, State 64% and Similar Schools 58%. Numeracy: WNPS Year 3 students achieved 70%, State 65% and Similar Schools 62%. WNPS Year 5 students achieved 79%, State 67% and Similar Schools 64%. Student Learning Outcomes/Teacher Judgements: The percentage of students Prep-6, achieving higher than expected in Literacy and Numeracy based on teacher judgements, is above comparative schools. Our foci is to maintain or improve the SLO of the previous year in addition to timely identification and closing of any learning gaps for at risk/underperforming students and continued to extend our high abilities students to ensure they are reaching their full potential. |
| Wellbeing |
| Wandin North Primary School strategic plan goal is improve student wellbeing for all students. In 2024, Wandin North Primary School continued its' partnership with The Resilience Project. The Resilience Project Foci of gratitude, empathy and mindfulness compliments our whole school approaches to resilience and wellbeing. All classes have designated time in their timetable to deliver the material. The students were able to articulate the key learnings for the concepts taught to staff and peers and we provided relevant resources to families via Compass and newsletters. Parents had the opportunity to discuss the program with a facilitator at our Open Night. In 2024, our student voice, agency, wellbeing and leadership leader monitored our AtoSS data and school survey data. From the data, it was evident the students felt they had a trusted adult, however, more avenues to share how students were feeling was needed.  Our SVAWL leader embedded  strategies to provide more opportunities for students share their emotions and level of wellbeing in age appropriate methods with classroom teachers to build upon existing.  Our Attitude to School Survey indicate our students feel connected and safe at school. 92% of Grades 4 - 6 students feel connected to their peers, 81% of Grade 4 - 6 students feel their teacher empathises with them and 88% of Grade 4-6 students responded positively to the management of bullying. Our speech pathologist works 3 days to help with the development of the Department of Education disability and inclusion profiles and provide assessments, therapy and professional learning to support at risk students. Principal class and speech pathologist worked closely with parents to formalise external specialist recommendations and translate them into classroom practice. In 2024, Wandin North PS engaged in a student counsellor to come to the school on Thursdays each week. This has increased layers of supports for students and families. |
| Engagement |
| Wandin North Primary School has clear systems and processes to track and monitor student attendance. Unexplained absences are followed up daily and students have absence plans when taking extended holidays. In 2024 we had 90.2% attendance rate.We had 35% of students had 20 days or more absent from school, however our percentage was lower than the State average 39% and lower than Similar Schools 41%. A high percentage of absent students was due to family holidays and illness. The staff at Wandin North worked in partnership with families to give them insight into their child's learning through a continuous reporting model via Compass. Parents received regular work samples and assessment against the Victorian Curriculum to have a clearer understanding of their child's progress and future learning goals. As a school our aim is to keep a strong connection between school and home. Using Compass in 2024 has made communication easier for teachers and parents. Wandin North Primary School refined its learning goal development for students in 2024. Professional learning was conducted by our Student Voice and Wellbeing Leader to increase student agency in student goal development and reflections of goal achievement. All classrooms have individual goals based on the unit of work being taught and reflection prompts are available to all students.  Student learning goals demonstrate clear learning progressions to enable the students to have agency in their chosen goals with scaffolded support from the classroom teacher. Achievement dataAttitudes to School Survey:Student Motivation-  achieved 81%Stimulated Learning-  achieved 85%School Connectedness- achieved 87%Learning confidence- achieved 87%  Staff Survey:School Climate - Staff Trust in colleagues, 83% positive endorsement, Teacher Collaboration 78% positive endorsementTeaching and Learning - Practice Improvement and Discuss problems of practice, 67% positive endorsement Parent Survey:91% of parents are satisfied with the school overall. |
| Other highlights from the school year |
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| Wandin North Primary School were successful in being awarded Emerging School of the Year by Sustainability Victoria as a result as our strong whole school sustainability program in 2024. Students participated in the program for a hour a week. The program consists of students growing, harvesting and cooking from constructed veggie garden. Students increased their knowledge of the biodiversity of the school grounds and worked closely with not for profit organisations to support local endangered species. Grants were secured to complete habitat boxes and rope bridges for local possums. Wandin North Primary School is 3 star a Resource Smart School. The students at Wandin North engaged in all extra curricular activities in 2024. Our Year 5 and 6 students experienced camp at Phillip Island, Year 3 and 4 travelled to Sovereign Hill, Year 2 students had their camp at Gundiwindi Lodge, Year 1 students participated in an overnight sleep out at school and our Foundation students enjoyed a Little Night In at school. Our school community came together for our annual Twilight Sports, Christmas concert and Harvest Market. Harvest Market is a great community event that includes school and community stalls. Our students participated in inter school athletics, cross country, round robin sports days, orienteering, tabloid sports days, hoop time and sporting clinics at school. Our Sports Captains led our Twilight Sports events and our Open Night was a huge success. Wandin North Primary School has continued it's strong relationship with the Rotary Club of Wandin.  Wandin North Primary School had the completion of the resurfacing of our assembly area in Term 3, 2024. This had been a long time in waiting. |

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| Financial performance |
| Wandin North’s annual fundraiser was again highly successful and the Harvest Market raised $37,000 in additional funds for our school community. The money raised from the Harvest Market went to the resurfacing of our assembly area. We received $22,555.97 from the Department of Education to complete bushfire preparedness works. These works were completed at the end of 2024 which included the removal of trees and stumps around our shelter in place building, cleaning of gutters and grounds maintenance. Equity funding of $25 279.13 was used to fund the Levelled Literacy Intervention program, purchase additional levelled texts for students in years 3-6 and to the employment of a part-time teacher aide who offers additional support to students identified as at risk. Wandin North Primary School used its Tier 2 disability inclusion funding to employ a speech pathologist 3 days a week and full time teachers aid to work in the Junior school. Wandin North Primary School is in a good financial position with Total Funds Available. |
| **For more detailed information regarding our school please visit our website at** [**https://www.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/**](https://www.wandinnorthps.vic.edu.au/) |

Performance Summary

The Performance Summary for government schools provides an overview of how this school is contributing to the objectives of the Education State and how it compares to other Victorian government schools.

All schools work in partnership with their school community to improve outcomes for children and young people. Sharing this information with parents and the wider school community helps to support community engagement in student learning, a key priority of the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes 2.0 (FISO 2.0).

Refer to the ‘How to read the Annual Report’ section for help on how to interpret this report.

**SCHOOL PROFILE**

Enrolment Profile

A total of 317 students were enrolled at this school in 2024, 142 female and 175 male.

1 percent of students had English as an additional language and 3 percent were Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Overall Socio-Economic Profile

The overall school’s socio-economic profile is based on the school's Student Family Occupation and Education index (SFOE).

SFOE is a measure of socio-educational disadvantage of a school, based on educational and employment characteristics of the parents/carers of students enrolled at the school. Possible SFOE band values are: Low, Low-Medium, Medium and High. A ‘Low’ band represents a low level of socio-educational disadvantage, a ‘High’ band represents a high level of socio-educational disadvantage.

This school’s SFOE band value is: **Low - Medium**

Parent Satisfaction Summary

The percentage endorsement by parents on their General School Satisfaction, as reported in the annual Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey.

Percent endorsement indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree) from parents who responded to the survey.

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| **Parent Satisfaction** | Latest year (2024) |
| School percentage endorsement: | 90.9% |
| State average (primary schools): | 81.6% |

School Staff Survey

The percent endorsement by staff on School Climate, as reported in the annual School Staff Survey.

Percent endorsement indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree) from staff who responded to the survey.

Data is suppressed for schools with three or less respondents to the survey for confidentiality reasons.

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| **School Climate** | Latest year (2024) |
| School percentage endorsement: | 85.4% |
| State average (primary schools): | 77.7% |

**LEARNING**

***Key: ‘Similar Schools’ are a group of Victorian government schools that are like this school, taking into account the school’s socioeconomic background of students, the number of non-English speaking students and the size and location of the school.***

Teacher Judgement of student achievement against the Victorian Curriculum

Percentage of students working at or above age expected standards in English and Mathematics.

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| **English****Years Prep to 6** | Latest year (2024) |
| School percentage of students at or above age expected standards: | 91.5% |
| Similar Schools average: | 83.5% |
| State average: | 86.4% |

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| **Mathematics****Years Prep to 6** | Latest year (2024) |
| School percentage of students at or above age expected standards: | 76.6% |
| Similar Schools average: | 84.7% |
| State average: | 85.9% |

**LEARNING (continued)**

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NAPLAN

Percentage of students in the Strong or Exceeding proficiency levels in NAPLAN.

Note: The NAPLAN test was revised in 2023. As a result, a 2-year average has been provided for 2024.

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| **Reading****Year 3** | Latest year (2024) | 2-year average |
| School percentage of students in Strong or Exceeding: | 81.4% | 77.5% |
| Similar Schools average: | 66.2% | 65.7% |
| State average: | 68.7% | 69.2% |

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| **Reading****Year 5** | Latest year (2024) | 2-year average |
| School percentage of students in Strong or Exceeding: | 80.4% | 81.0% |
| Similar Schools average: | 70.2% | 70.6% |
| State average: | 73.0% | 75.0% |

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| **Numeracy****Year 3** | Latest year (2024) | 2-year average |
| School percentage of students in Strong or Exceeding: | 69.8% | 72.5% |
| Similar Schools average: | 62.1% | 63.3% |
| State average: | 65.5% | 66.4% |

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| **Numeracy****Year 5** | Latest year (2024) | 2-year average |
| School percentage of students in Strong or Exceeding: | 78.6% | 78.5% |
| Similar Schools average: | 63.6% | 61.3% |
| State average: | 67.3% | 67.6% |

**LEARNING (continued)**

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NAPLAN 2022

Percentage of students in the top three bands of testing in NAPLAN.

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| **Reading****Year 3** |  (2022) |
| School percentage of students in the top three bands: | 83.3% |
| Similar Schools average: | 71.9% |
| State average: | 76.6% |

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| **Reading****Year 5** |  (2022) |
| School percentage of students in the top three bands: | 82.9% |
| Similar Schools average: | 66.7% |
| State average: | 70.2% |

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| **Numeracy****Year 3** |  (2022) |
| School percentage of students in the top three bands: | 79.6% |
| Similar Schools average: | 58.8% |
| State average: | 64.0% |

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| **Numeracy****Year 5** | (2022) |
| School percentage of students in the top three bands: | 73.2% |
| Similar Schools average: | 45.3% |
| State average: | 54.2% |

**WELLBEING**

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Student Attitudes to School – Sense of Connectedness

The percentage endorsement on Sense of Connectedness factor, as reported in the Attitudes to School Survey completed annually by Victorian government school students, indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree).

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| **Sense of Connectedness****Years 4 to 6** | Latest year (2024) | 4-year average |
| School percentage endorsement: | 87.2% | 84.7% |
| Similar Schools average: | 70.0% | 73.2% |
| State average: | 76.8% | 77.9% |

Student Attitudes to School – Management of Bullying

The percentage endorsement on Management of Bullying factor, as reported in the Attitudes to School Survey completed annually by Victorian government school students, indicates the percent of positive responses (agree or strongly agree).

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| **Management of Bullying****Years 4 to 6** | Latest year (2024) | 4-year average |
| School percentage endorsement: | 87.8% | 84.2% |
| Similar Schools average: | 70.5% | 73.7% |
| State average: | 75.5% | 76.3% |

**ENGAGEMENT**

***Key: ‘Similar Schools’ are a group of Victorian government schools that are like this school, taking into account the school’s socioeconomic background of students, the number of non-English speaking students and the size and location of the school.***

Average Number of Student Absence Days

Absence from school can impact on students’ learning. Common reasons for non-attendance include illness and extended family holidays.

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| **Student Absence****Years Prep to 6** | Latest year (2024) | 4-year average |
| School average number of absence days: | 19.5 | 16.4 |
| Similar Schools average: | 22.4 | 20.8 |
| State average: | 21.8 | 20.1 |

 **Attendance Rate (latest year)**

 Attendance rate refers to the average proportion of formal school days students in each year level attended.

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|  | Prep | Year 1 | Year 2 | Year 3 | Year 4 | Year 5 | Year 6 |
| Attendance Rate by year level (2024): | 92% | 90% | 91% | 92% | 89% | 89% | 89% |

**Financial Performance and Position**

Financial Performance - Operating Statement Summary for the year ending 31 December, 2024

| Revenue | Actual |
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| Student Resource Package | $3,075,624 |
| Government Provided DET Grants | $429,556 |
| Government Grants Commonwealth | $6,947 |
| Government Grants State | $0 |
| Revenue Other | $18,277 |
| Locally Raised Funds | $276,204 |
| Capital Grants | $0 |
| Total Operating Revenue | **$3,806,607** |

| Equity 1 | Actual |
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| Equity (Social Disadvantage) | $26,030 |
| Equity (Catch Up) | $0 |
| Equity (Social Disadvantage – Extraordinary Growth) | $0 |
| Equity Total | **$26,030** |

| Expenditure | Actual |
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| Student Resource Package 2 | $3,120,967 |
| Adjustments | $0 |
| Books & Publications | $3,669 |
| Camps/Excursions/Activities | $106,661 |
| Communication Costs | $4,033 |
| Consumables | $90,354 |
| Miscellaneous Expense 3 | $21,142 |
| Professional Development | $18,686 |
| Equipment/Maintenance/Hire | $37,014 |
| Property Services | $138,518 |
| Salaries & Allowances 4 | $72,180 |
| Support Services | $110,406 |
| Trading & Fundraising | $19,458 |
| Motor Vehicle Expenses | $0 |
| Travel & Subsistence | $0 |
| Utilities | $17,932 |
| Total Operating Expenditure | **$3,761,020** |
| Net Operating Surplus/-Deficit | **$45,587** |
| Asset Acquisitions | **$49,933** |

1. The equity funding reported above is a subset of the overall revenue reported by the school.
2. Student Resource Package Expenditure figures are as of 16 Feb 2025 and are subject to change during the reconciliation process.
3. Miscellaneous Expenses include bank charges, administration expenses, insurance and taxation charges.
4. Salaries and Allowances refers to school-level payroll.

FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

| Funds available | Actual |
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| High Yield Investment Account | $355,440 |
| Official Account | $62,588 |
| Other Accounts | $0 |
| Total Funds Available | **$418,028** |

| Financial Commitments | Actual |
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| Operating Reserve | $107,292 |
| Other Recurrent Expenditure | $0 |
| Provision Accounts | $0 |
| Funds Received in Advance | $122,452 |
| School Based Programs | $7,811 |
| Beneficiary/Memorial Accounts | $0 |
| Cooperative Bank Account | $0 |
| Funds for Committees/Shared Arrangements | $0 |
| Repayable to the Department | $0 |
| Asset/Equipment Replacement < 12 months | $0 |
| Capital - Buildings/Grounds < 12 months | $0 |
| Maintenance - Buildings/Grounds < 12 months | $23,000 |
| Asset/Equipment Replacement > 12 months | $0 |
| Capital - Buildings/Grounds > 12 months | $0 |
| Maintenance - Buildings/Grounds > 12 months | $0 |
| Total Financial Commitments | **$260,555** |

*All funds received from the Department of Education, or raised by the school, have been expended, or committed to subsequent years, to support the achievement of educational outcomes and other operational needs of the school, consistent with department policies, School Council approvals and the intent/purposes for which funding was provided or raised.*