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From the Principal

School overview

Established in 1986, Runcorn State High School has developed a fine tradition of producing conscientious and aspirational students. Our 'Runcorn Way' of building a culture of responsibility for learning through High Expectations and Personalised Learning is founded on the school motto of 'Pride, Success, Excellence'. Our academic staff work first to know our students and then target the teaching to support each student's learning needs. This is the Ethic of Care and the tone of the school is calm and purposeful. Community is important to us and purposeful partnerships have been developed with parents, industry, community and tertiary partners to secure seamless transitions for students when they graduate school. We offer a broad, inclusive curriculum encompassing both academic and vocational pathways. Most students access career pathways in either Health Sciences or Business and the school offers a wide range of opportunities in these areas. There is an active Arts program, including instrumental music. In the sporting arena the 'Runcorn Blues' continues to be known for the specialist academies in touch football, basketball and baseball. Our expert teaching and contemporary educational facilities combine to ensure that every child has the opportunity to succeed and graduate with a clear career pathway in place.

School progress towards its goals in 2019

Improvement priorities in 2019 were focused on improving reading and writing, building teacher capacity, alignment of curriculum and assessment, and improving our inclusive practices. Significant gains were made in these four focus areas with many targets and goals achieved well before the end of 2019. For example, Reading 2 Learn (R2L) continued to be implemented across the school with outstanding (41.8 point) improvement scores for Writing in Year 7 to Year 9 NAPLAN. Curriculum and assessment alignment was especially important in our first year of the implementation of the New QCE and new Queensland syllabuses. All of our Year 12 assessment was endorsed well before the end of 2019 and students began learning Unit 3 and 4 towards the end of the year.

Our staff are committed to improving and sharpening their practice. Throughout the year they participated in classroom profiling, peer observations, line manager observations and our annual performance development framework. The classroom observations were accompanied by verbal feedback sessions where staff had the opportunity to collaborate about their lesson. In this way our staff are continually finding new ways of teaching and supporting our goal of High Expectations and Personalised Learning.

In May 2019 our school underwent a school review. This involves a team of external people coming in to the school to observe classes and speak with students, staff and parents. Data gathered is checked against the National School Improvement Tool and feedback is formally presented in a report to the school community. Among other positive affirmations, the school review team noted,

"Positive, inclusive and caring relationships between students, staff and parents personify this welcoming, diverse school community. Parents articulate that staff members are approachable, supportive and exhibit great care and concern for all students. Many parents and community members comment on the strong sense of inclusion for all students."

This comment from the external team of highly experienced Principals suggests our school is especially cohesive and focused on the students. In future years we intend to continue to build this supportive environment so every student has a positive and rewarding experience while at our school.

Our school at a glance

School profile

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| Coeducational or single sex | Coeducational |
| Independent public school | Yes |
| Year levels offered in 2019 | Year 7 - Year 12 |

Characteristics of the student body

Student enrolments

Table 1: Student enrolments at this school

| Enrolment category | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Total | 768 | 823 | 845 |
| Girls | 335 | 379 | 417 |
| Boys | 433 | 444 | 428 |
| Indigenous | 39 | 37 | 37 |
| Enrolment continuity (Feb. – Nov.) | 93% | 92% | 95% |

Notes:

1. Student counts are based on the Census (August) enrolment collection.
2. Indigenous refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia.
3. [pre-Prep](#) is a kindergarten program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, living in 35 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, in the year before school.

In 2019, there were no students enrolled in a pre-Prep program.

Average class sizes

Table 2: Average class size information for each phase of schooling

| Phase of schooling | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--------------------|------|------|------|
| Prep – Year 3 | | | |
| Year 4 – Year 6 | | | |
| Year 7 – Year 10 | 22 | 24 | 24 |
| Year 11 – Year 12 | 17 | 17 | 17 |

Note:

The [class size](#) targets for composite classes are informed by the relevant year level target. Where composite classes exist across cohorts (e.g. year 3/4) the class size targets would be the lower cohort target.

Curriculum implementation

The P–12 curriculum, assessment and reporting framework specifies the curriculum, assessment and reporting requirements for all Queensland state schools' principals and staff delivering the curriculum from Prep to Year 12. Further information on school implementation of the framework is available at:

<https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/stages-of-schooling/p-12>.

Extra-curricular activities

Queensland state schools provide a wide range of subjects and extra curricula activities such as sport, art, music and school camps. Further information can be found here:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/information/programs>.

The school encourages students to participate in competitions and special events. Some of these events in 2019 included:

Pi Day, Debating, Rostrum Voice of Youth, English Speaking Union Competition, Australian Geography Competition, Australian Mathematics Competition, Fun with Maths Day, Science and Engineering Challenge, STEM Camp (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics), Power of Engineering Day (QUT), LOTE Speaking Competition, UNSW English Competition, Poetry Slam, Pink Stumps Day, SPL Basketball, Vicky Wilson Cup, All Schools Touch Football, Futsal, Schools Cup Volleyball, SEQ Rugby League, Cross Country and PSE Day, School Swimming Carnival, Fright Night

How information and communication technologies are used to assist learning

Information and communication technologies (ICT) are an important part of contemporary schooling. The Australian Curriculum includes ICTs as a general capability across all learning areas, as well as Digital Technologies as a specific learning area. Further information on models used by schools to assist learning is available at:

<https://education.qld.gov.au/parents-and-carers/school-information/student-ict-device-programs/one-to-one-models>.

Using ICTs (Information and Communications Technologies) to enhance teaching and learning is a key school priority at Runcorn State High School. Many classrooms have interactive whiteboards to assist teaching. Students use ICTs for a variety of learning experiences including: doing virtual experiments in microbiology; modelling compound interest in Maths; using notation and recording software in Music; enhancing and creating images in Art; developing computer games in ICT; designing products in ITD; creating videos in Media; using and creating multi-modal texts in English; using Virtual Classrooms through the Learning Place or other eLearning activities across the curriculum. Students in Year 7 develop their foundation Digital Literacy skills through the Digital Passport Program. This program provides students with foundation digital and information skills for successful participation in eLearning across the curriculum. This year the school commenced the Live Captioning Project, an innovation that converts voice to text in real time to support students with hearing loss.

Social climate

Overview

Each Queensland state school develops and enacts policies to support an integrated approach to behaviour, learning and teaching.

Our Student Code of Conduct is our school's behaviour policy, with information about school rules, consequences and processes for addressing bullying and the use of technology. A copy of this is available on our school website.

Further information is also available at <https://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/health>.

Parent, student and staff satisfaction

Tables 3–5 show selected items from the Parent/Caregiver, Student and Staff School Opinion Surveys.

Table 3: Parent opinion survey

| Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree [#] that: | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|------|------|------|
| • their child is getting a good education at school (S2016) | 96% | 89% | 87% |
| • this is a good school (S2035) | 93% | 87% | 87% |
| • their child likes being at this school* (S2001) | 89% | 94% | 93% |
| • their child feels safe at this school* (S2002) | 89% | 91% | 90% |
| • their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003) | 93% | 89% | 87% |
| • their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004) | 91% | 94% | 95% |
| • teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005) | 96% | 91% | 95% |
| • teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006) | 91% | 91% | 90% |
| • teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007) | 91% | 91% | 95% |
| • teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008) | 90% | 82% | 82% |
| • they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns* (S2009) | 91% | 89% | 95% |
| • this school works with them to support their child's learning* (S2010) | 88% | 82% | 85% |
| • this school takes parents' opinions seriously* (S2011) | 88% | 87% | 87% |
| • student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012) | 88% | 74% | 74% |
| • this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013) | 93% | 91% | 95% |
| • this school is well maintained* (S2014) | 98% | 85% | 90% |

| Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree [#] that: | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|---|------|------|------|
|---|------|------|------|

* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items.

'Agree' represents the percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

Table 4: Student opinion survey

| Percentage of students who agree [#] that: | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|---|------|------|------|
| • they are getting a good education at school (S2048) | 95% | 89% | 91% |
| • they like being at their school* (S2036) | 88% | 83% | 86% |
| • they feel safe at their school* (S2037) | 92% | 80% | 89% |
| • their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038) | 86% | 87% | 87% |
| • their teachers expect them to do their best* (S2039) | 96% | 94% | 97% |
| • their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work* (S2040) | 86% | 90% | 80% |
| • teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041) | 80% | 69% | 68% |
| • they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042) | 74% | 62% | 74% |
| • their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043) | 73% | 74% | 62% |
| • student behaviour is well managed at their school* (S2044) | 71% | 58% | 58% |
| • their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045) | 91% | 83% | 84% |
| • their school is well maintained* (S2046) | 84% | 82% | 75% |
| • their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047) | 92% | 90% | 83% |

* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items.

'Agree' represents the percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement.

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Table 5: Staff opinion survey

| Percentage of school staff who agree [#] that: | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|------|------|------|
| • they enjoy working at their school (S2069) | 95% | 91% | 86% |
| • they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070) | 96% | 84% | 84% |
| • they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071) | 90% | 90% | 78% |
| • they feel confident embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the learning areas (S2114) | 92% | 85% | 75% |
| • students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072) | 99% | 91% | 90% |
| • students are treated fairly at their school (S2073) | 93% | 91% | 91% |
| • student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074) | 84% | 69% | 52% |
| • staff are well supported at their school (S2075) | 88% | 80% | 71% |
| • their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076) | 91% | 79% | 74% |
| • their school looks for ways to improve (S2077) | 95% | 91% | 82% |
| • their school is well maintained (S2078) | 93% | 94% | 94% |
| • their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079) | 94% | 91% | 89% |

| Percentage of school staff who agree [#] that: | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|---|------|------|------|
|---|------|------|------|

* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items.

'Agree' represents the percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement.

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Parent and community engagement

Our approach to engaging with parents and the community is aligned to the departments Parent and community engagement framework. The framework helps students, schools, parents and the community to work together to maximise student learning and wellbeing. Research shows parent and community engagement that is effectively focused on student learning can deliver powerful outcomes. Further information is available at: <https://education.qld.gov.au/parents-and-carers/community-engagement>

Respectful relationships education programs

Our school has implemented the Respectful relationships education program (RREP) as part of the broad multi-departmental Queensland Government approach to ending domestic and family violence.

The RREP is a Prep to Year 12 prevention program that focuses on influencing behavioural change to build a culture based on equality and respect in our students, staff, parents and wider community. Students are provided opportunities to explore social and emotional learning in self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationships, ethics, values, social norms, gender roles, stereotypes, human rights, risk and responsible decision-making. A growing body of evidence shows that social and emotional learning of this nature leads to:

- improved social and emotional skills, self-concept, bonding to school and classroom behaviour
- less disruptive classroom behaviour, aggression, bullying and delinquent acts
- reduced emotional distress such as depression, stress or social withdrawal.

Further information is available at <https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/stages-of-schooling/respectful-relationships>

School disciplinary absences

Table 6: Count of incidents for students recommended for school disciplinary absences at this school

| Type of school disciplinary absence | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|-------------------------------------|------|------|------|
| Short suspensions – 1 to 10 days | 165 | 229 | 186 |
| Long suspensions – 11 to 20 days | 14 | 12 | 23 |
| Exclusions | 12 | 11 | 9 |
| Cancellations of enrolment | 5 | 6 | 6 |

Note:

School disciplinary absences (SDAs) are absences enforced by a school for student conduct that is prejudicial to the good order and management of the school.

Environmental footprint

Reducing this school's environmental footprint

Environmental education has been a feature of Queensland schools for more than 30 years. In many schools it has been creatively and proactively incorporated into the curriculum in each phase of learning, and is also reflected in the school's facilities and in the actions of its principals, teachers and students.

Table 7: Environmental footprint indicators for this school

| Utility category | 2016–2017 | 2017–2018 | 2018–2019 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Electricity (kWh) | 424,321 | 433,620 | 425,514 |
| Water (kL) | 3,609 | 2,897 | 1,478 |

Note:

Consumption data is compiled from sources including ERM, Ergon, CS Energy reports and utilities data entered into OneSchool* by schools. The data provides an indication of the consumption trend in each of the utility categories which impact on this school's environmental footprint.

*OneSchool is the department's comprehensive software suite that schools use to run safe, secure, sustainable and consistent reporting and administrative processes.

School funding

School income broken down by funding source

School income, reported by financial year accounting cycle using standardized national methodologies and broken down by funding source is available via the [My School](http://www.myschool.edu.au/) website.

How to access our income details

1. Click on the *My School* link <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.
2. Enter the school name or suburb of the school you wish to search.

3. Click on 'View School Profile' of the appropriate school to access the school's profile.

4. Click on 'Finances' and select the appropriate year to view the school financial information.

Note:

If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a hard copy of the school's financial information.

Our staff profile

Workforce composition

Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

Table 8: Workforce composition for this school

| Description | Teaching staff* | Non-teaching staff | Indigenous** staff |
|-----------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Headcounts | 87 | 54 | <5 |
| Full-time equivalents | 82 | 37 | <5 |

*Teaching staff includes School Leaders.

** *Indigenous* refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia.

Qualification of all teachers

The Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) is responsible for ensuring that teaching in Queensland schools is performed by an appropriately qualified person, that has successfully completed either -

- (a) a four-year initial teacher education program including teacher education studies of at least one year (e.g. a Bachelor of Education, or a double Bachelor degree in Science and Teaching) or
- (b) a one-year graduate initial teacher education program following a degree (e.g. a one-year Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) after a three-year Bachelor degree) or
- (c) another course of teacher education that the QCT is reasonably satisfied is the equivalent of (a) or (b). These are considered on a case-by-case basis.

For more information, please refer to the following links

- https://cdn.qct.edu.au/pdf/Policy_Teacher_registration_eligibility_requirements
- <https://www.qct.edu.au/registration/qualifications>

Professional development

Teacher participation in professional development

Queensland state schools undertake 5 staff professional development days (25 hours) throughout the year:

- 2 days at the end of the summer holidays (fixed)
- 2 days during the Easter holidays (flexible)
- 1 day in the third last week of Term 3 (fixed) on the student free day.

In addition to these scheduled days, Runcorn State High School staff were involved in many other professional development activities throughout 2019. Of note, all teaching staff completed the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) training that supports the introduction of the new QCE and Queensland ATAR system. Key staff for all senior subjects spent three days collaboratively planning for Year 12 implementation in 2020.

Staff attendance and retention

Staff attendance

Table 10: Average staff attendance for this school as percentages

| Description | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders. | 96% | 96% | 96% |

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 96% of staff were retained by the school for the entire 2019.

Performance of our students

Key student outcomes

Student attendance

The overall student attendance rate in 2019 for all Queensland state Secondary schools was 89%.

Tables 11–12 show attendance rates at this school as percentages.

Table 11: Overall student attendance at this school

| Description | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Overall attendance rate* for students at this school | 89% | 88% | 88% |
| Attendance rate for Indigenous** students at this school | 79% | 83% | 86% |

* Student attendance rate = the total of full-days and part-days that students attended divided by the total of all possible days for students to attend (expressed as a percentage).

** *Indigenous* refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia.

Table 12: Average student attendance rates for each year level at this school

| Year level | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|------------|------|------|------|
| Prep | | | |
| Year 1 | | | |
| Year 2 | | | |
| Year 3 | | | |
| Year 4 | | | |
| Year 5 | | | |
| Year 6 | | | |

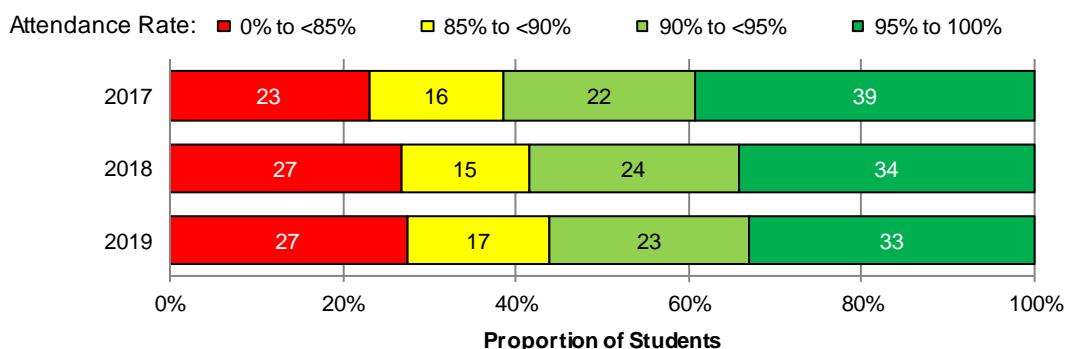
| Year level | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|------------|------|------|------|
| Year 7 | 92% | 91% | 90% |
| Year 8 | 89% | 87% | 88% |
| Year 9 | 88% | 85% | 86% |
| Year 10 | 91% | 88% | 85% |
| Year 11 | 87% | 87% | 89% |
| Year 12 | 91% | 89% | 89% |

Notes:

1. Attendance rates effectively count attendance for every student for every day of attendance in Semester 1.
2. Student attendance rate = the total of full-days and part-days that students attended divided by the total of all possible days for students to attend (expressed as a percentage).
3. DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

Student attendance distribution

Graph 1: Proportion of students by attendance rate



Description of how this school manages non-attendance

Queensland state schools manage non-attendance in line with the Queensland Department of Education procedures: [Managing Student Absences and Enforcing Enrolment and Attendance at State Schools](#); and [Roll Marking in State Schools](#), which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

NAPLAN

Our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN tests are available via the [My School](#) website.

How to access our NAPLAN results

1. Click on the *My School* link <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.
2. Enter the school name or suburb of the school you wish to search.

Search by school name or suburb School sector School type State

3. Click on 'View School Profile' of the appropriate school to access the school's profile.

View School Profile

4. Click on 'NAPLAN' to access the school NAPLAN information.

School profile NAPLAN Attendance Finances VET in schools Senior secondary Schools map

Notes:

1. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a hard copy of the school's NAPLAN results.
2. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy ([NAPLAN](#)) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Year 12 Outcomes

Tables 13–15 show for this school:

- a summary of Year 12 outcomes
- the number of Year 12 students in each OP band
- the number of Year 12 students awarded a VET qualification.

Details about the types of outcomes for students who finish Year 12 are available in the annual [Year 12 outcomes report](#).

Additional information about the AQF and the IBD program are available at www.aqf.edu.au and www.ibo.org.

Table 13: Outcomes for our Year 12 cohorts

| Description | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--|------|------|------|
| Number of students who received a Senior Statement | 121 | 131 | 79 |
| Number of students awarded a QCIA | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at the end of Year 12 | 116 | 130 | 77 |
| Percentage of Indigenous students awarded a QCE at the end of Year 12 | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Number of students who received an OP | 55 | 49 | 28 |
| Percentage of Indigenous students who received an OP | 0% | 11% | 0% |
| Number of students awarded one or more VET qualifications (including SbAT) | 56 | 89 | 59 |
| Number of students awarded a VET Certificate II or above | 51 | 71 | 53 |
| Number of students who were completing/continuing a SbAT | 18 | 32 | 17 |
| Number of students awarded an IBD | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percentage of OP/IBD eligible students with OP 1–15 or an IBD | 71% | 59% | 43% |
| Percentage of Year 12 students who were completing or completed a SbAT or were awarded one or more of the following: QCE, IBD, VET qualification | 98% | 100% | 100% |
| Percentage of QTAC applicants who received a tertiary offer. | 96% | 97% | 97% |

Notes:

- The values above:
 - are as at 05 February 2020
 - exclude VISA students (students who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia).
- Indigenous* refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia.

Table 14: Overall Position (OP)

| OP band | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|---------|------|------|------|
| 1-5 | 11 | 2 | 2 |
| 6-10 | 16 | 12 | 5 |
| 11-15 | 12 | 15 | 5 |
| 16-20 | 15 | 19 | 14 |
| 21-25 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

Note:

The values in table 14:

- are as at 05 February 2020
- exclude VISA students (students who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia).

Table 15: Vocational Education and Training (VET)

| VET qualification | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|--------------------------|------|------|------|
| Certificate I | 5 | 39 | 17 |
| Certificate II | 43 | 63 | 49 |
| Certificate III or above | 17 | 30 | 15 |

Note:

The values in table 15:

- are as at 05 February 2020
- exclude VISA students (students who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents of Australia).

Apparent retention rate – Year 10 to Year 12

Table 16: Apparent retention rates for Year 10 to Year 12 for this school

| Description | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
|---|------|------|------|
| Year 12 student enrolment as a percentage of the Year 10 student cohort | 80% | 94% | 93% |
| Year 12 Indigenous student enrolment as a percentage of the Year 10 Indigenous student cohort | 43% | 82% | 67% |

Notes:

1. The apparent retention rate for Year 10 to Year 12 = the number of full time students in Year 12 expressed as the percentage of those students who were in Year 10 two years previously (this may be greater than 100%).
2. *Indigenous* refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia.

Student destinations

The Queensland Department of Education conducts [annual surveys](#) that capture information about the journey of early school leavers and Year 12 leavers from school to further study and employment.

Early school leavers

The destinations of young people who left this school in Year 10, 11 or before completing Year 12 are described below.

Schools work closely with a range of external agencies to support students who left school early.

Our Principal, Deputy Principal, Regional Transitions Officer or Guidance Officer liaises with early school leavers and their parents, providing a service 'beyond the school gate' to assist early leavers make a successful transition to other educational pursuits or employment.

Next Step — Post-school destinations

The results of the 2020 Next Step post-school destinations survey, *Next Step – Post-School Destinations* report (information about students who completed Year 12 in 2019), will be uploaded to this school's website in September 2020.

To maintain privacy and confidentiality of individuals, schools with fewer than five responses will not have a report available.

This school's report will be available at <https://runcornshs.eq.edu.au>.