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*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving
Colossians 3:23-24*

From the Principal

NAPLAN NVCCS

NAPLAN Information for Year 9- Current Year 10's 2017

(extracted from ACARA (2016 NAPLAN) Results

Last week students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sat for their NAPLAN exams. The results will be released later this year. One of the key objectives of NVCCS is to have excellence in the teaching and learning process. The 2016 results for Year 9 students (current Year 10s) indicate the majority of students are increasing in their knowledge and understanding in key learning areas.

In 2016, on average, our students at a Year 9 level were performing more than 40% better than across Australia as a whole in Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy. Like many schools across NSW writing is a targeted area of improvement, with measures being put in place to ensure that this becomes an added strength of the school.

In reading 84.6% of students achieved greater than or equal to expected growth.

In Writing 61.4....

In Grammar and Punctuation 61.5%

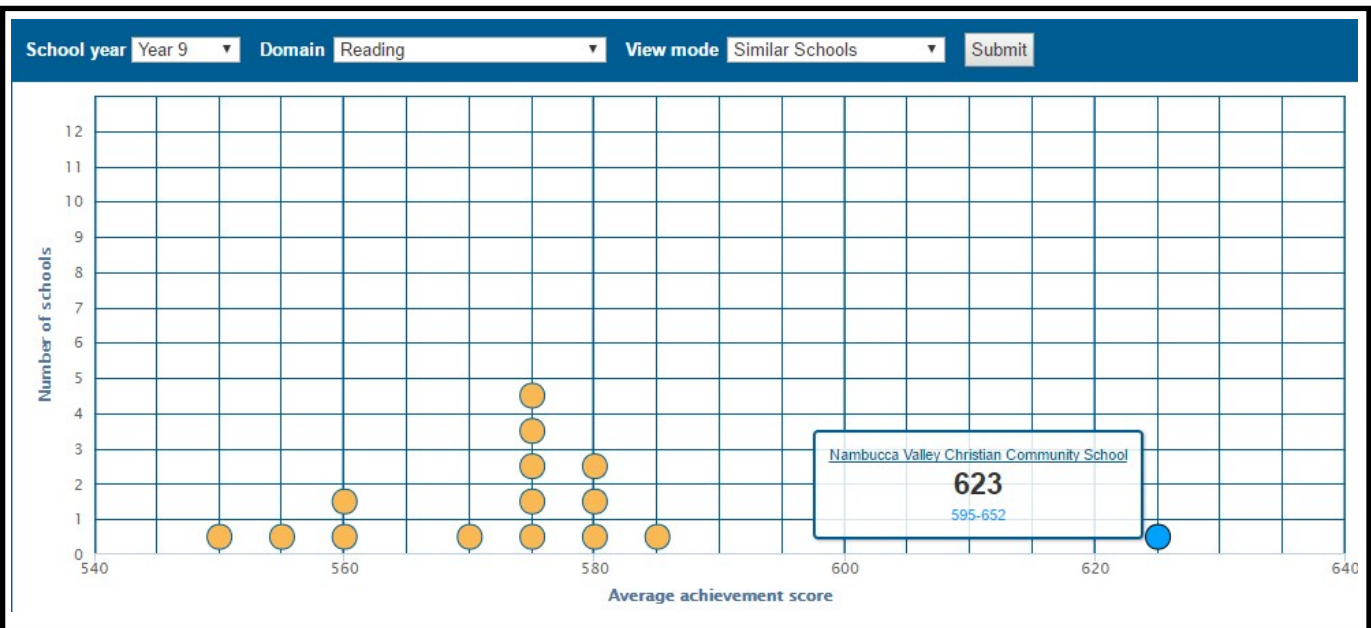
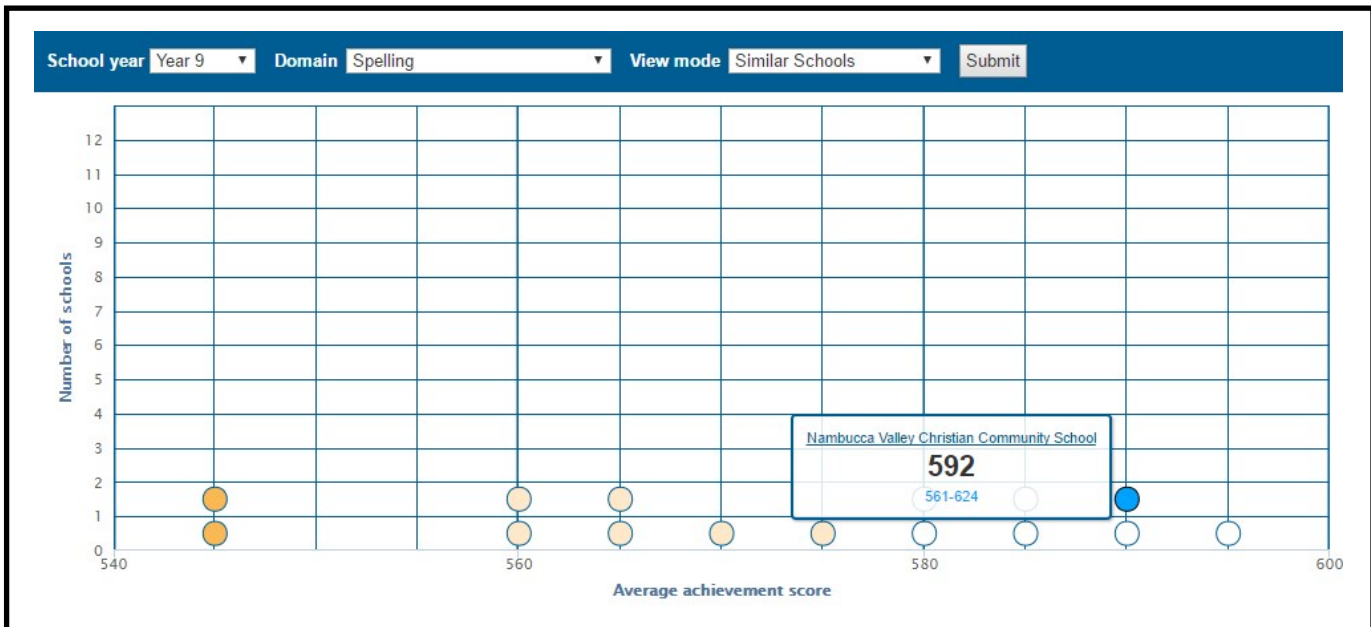
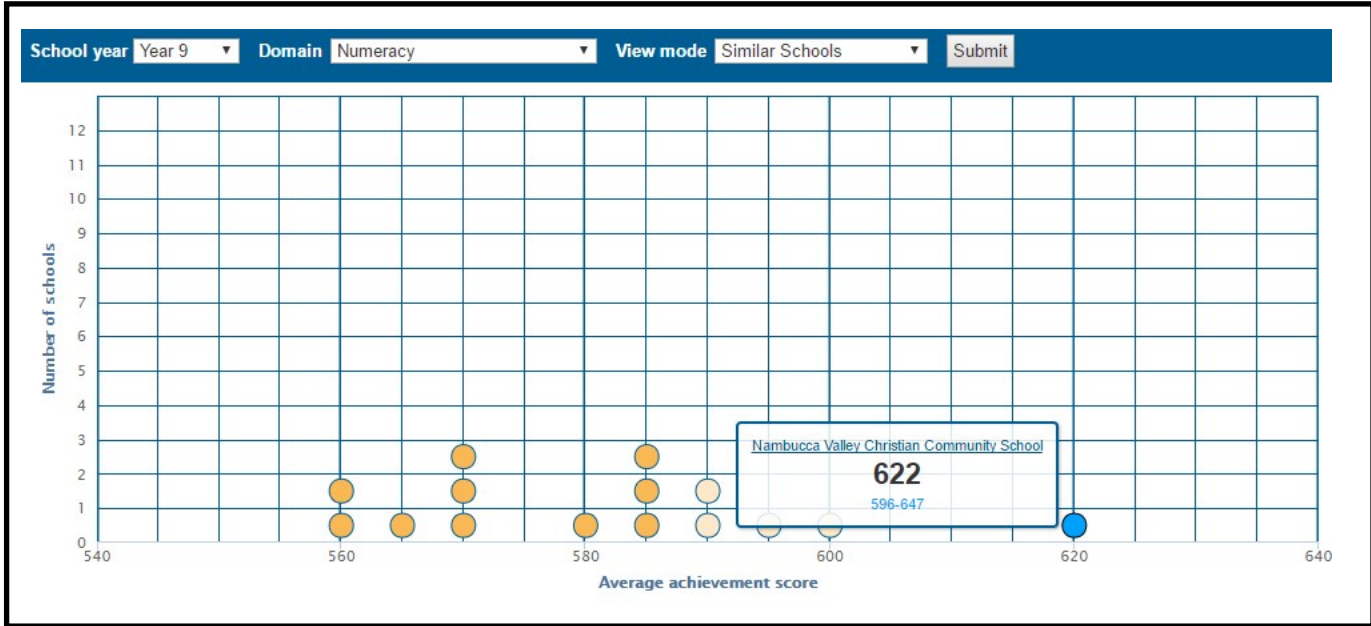
In Numeracy 53.8%

A high percentage of students demonstrated the expected growth between Year 7 & 9 in Reading, Writing, Grammar and Punctuation, and Numeracy.

The following graphs compare NVCCS students performance with schools that have a similar Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA). ICSEA values were created to enable meaningful comparisons of NAPLAN achievements. There are 15 very similar schools across Australia.

Key factors in identifying similar school are the students' family backgrounds (parents' occupation, school education and non-school education), a school's geographical location and the proportion of Indigenous students a school caters for.

Continued overleaf



● =NVCCS on the above graphs

HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS 2017

In 2020, your child will need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to qualify for a Higher school Certificate (HSC).

PRACTICAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS

The minimum standard will ensure that your child is ready for further education and training, employment and life after school. It is a nationally agreed standard of functional literacy and numeracy.

It means students can do things like:

- * Find the time and date of a music concert on an online ticket website;
- * Calculate the quantity of paint required to paint a room;
- * Estimate distance, travel time and costs for a transport route;
- * Take notes from a lecture or training session;
- * Create a personal weekly budget in a spreadsheet;
- * Write a job application letter;
- * Measure quantities to follow a recipe;
- * Follow safety instructions in an equipment manual;
- * Enter data in a computer-based management system.

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE STANDARD

Your child will show that they have met the standard by passing new online reading, writing and numeracy tests.

They will take the online tests at school. Your child can take the tests up to twice in a year in:

- Year 10
- Year 11
- Year 12
- For up to five years after they start their first HSC course.

Students can take the tests from next year when they are in Year 10.

Visit the demonstration site to see sample test questions:

<https://hscliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au>

YEAR 9 NAPLAN: A CHANCE TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE STANDARD

Your child can prequalify for the standard by achieving Band 8 or above in the Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests this year. This means that they won't have to take the online tests.

It is important for you to know that not all students are expected to achieve Band 8 in their year 9 NAPLAN tests this year.

No student will be excluded from sitting for the HSC on the basis of their Year 9 NAPLAN results.

Your child will not be stopped from getting the HSC on the basis of their Year 9 NAPLAN results.

Your child's literacy and numeracy skills will continue to develop and it is expected that they will meet the standard either by the end of Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12.

School Calendar 2017 Term 2

May

- Wed 25 Year 10 Excursion to Careers Expo
Coffs Harbour
- Mon 29 Year 11— Special leave—students not
required to attend classes

June

- Fri 9 NVCCS Athletics Carnival
- Mon 13 Queens Birthday Public Holiday
- Thu 15 CSSA North Coast Soccer Gala
Day, Tweed Heads
- Mon 26- 28 Year 8 Lake Ainsworth Camp
- Mon 26 - 28 Year 7 Echidna Gully Camp
- Mon 26 - 28 Year 10 Work Experience
- Tue 27 Kaboom - K to 6 Incursion
- Wed 28 Primary Showcase Assembly
- Wed 28 Last Day Term 2 Kinder to Yr 10

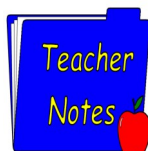
*Please Pray
this week*



- ◇ Ask God to bless all school families. This week we especially remember the Mackney, Mamone, Mander, Marican, Marland and Matthew families;
- ◇ Ask God to bless the SDA churches and Pastor Paul Richardson as he participates in the work of Christ's Kingdom in the Valley;
- ◇ Pray for students with upcoming exams that they may remember what they have learnt and confidently communicate their knowledge;
- ◇ Pray for the appointment of new staff for 2018 and wisdom for the Selection Panel;
- ◇ Thank God for the new families enquiring about enrolment in 2018

The following notes have been sent home this week. **Please also check emails.**

Please return permission notes by the due date.



- ☒ High School Lockers
- ☒ Kindergarten to Year 6 - Kaboom Percussion Incursion Tuesday 27 June 2017
- ☒ Expression of Interest - CSSA North Coast Soccer Gala Day, Tweed Heads, Thursday 15 June 2017
- ☒ Letter—Year 11— One day of special leave— Monday 29 May 2017

ALLERGY MANAGEMENT at NVCCS



Some NVCCS students have serious nut and egg allergies. Therefore, the school policy is:

Nuts or nut products are not permitted in Infants, Primary or High School at this time.

Eggs are allowed but if your child brings eggs or quiches etc please make sure they are aware of the danger to some children and they **must** wash their hands after eating.

Please also be aware that cakes and slices containing nuts or peanut butter must be avoided at school functions.

SPORT DAY FOR K, 1 & 2

From Week 5 to Week 8 of Term 2, Mr Williams has organised Touch Footy for Kinder, Years 1 and 2.

The students will join together on Wednesdays from Week 5 to Week 8.

Commencing week 5 students need to wear their sports uniforms on Wednesdays instead of their regular sports day.

PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORT

Primary school sport will be on the following days:

Year	Day
K	Tuesday
1	Thursday
2	Wednesday
3	Friday
4	Friday
5	Wednesday
6	Monday

See note above for K, 1 & 2 for weeks 5 - 8.

HIGH SCHOOL SPORT

High school sport will be on the following days:

Year	Odd Week	Even Week
7	Mon, Thurs	Thurs
8	Tues, Fri	Wed
9	Tue, Fri	Tues
10	Wed	Tues, Thurs
PASS	Mon	Thurs

Library Times Primary

Tuesdays:	Year 1	1.05 - 1.35pm
	Year 2	2.35—3.00pm
	Year 3	12.35 - 1.05pm
Thursdays:	Kindy	1.05 - 1.35pm
	Year 4	12.35 - 1.05pm
	Year 5	2.35 - 3.00pm
	Year 6	2.05 -2.35pm

High School

High School Classes are as per the timetable.

Years 9 & 10 Marine Science and Aquaculture



Marine Science and Aquaculture students received their Royal Life Saving Society (RLSS) awards this week for swimming and life saving. They took part in regular training last term, sometimes braving a freezing cold pool at Macksville, swimming laps to increase their endurance and learning many different lifesaving skills. Students made excellent improvements to their swimming skills. Students also completed extensive first aid training and were tested at the end of the term by RLSS staff. Year 9 students were all able to achieve their Bronze Star and year 10 students all achieved their Bronze Cross.

