



## Summary Statistics for Victorian Schools

This brochure provides a ready reference for the latest statistics on school education as at March 2007.

### Size of the Victorian school education system

#### 1. Numbers of schools, students and teachers

	Government	Catholic Independent	All Schools
<b>Number of schools by school type, February 2007</b>			
Primary	1,206	378	52
Primary-secondary	50	13	132
Secondary	258	85	22
Special	76	8	12
Language	4	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,594</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>218</b>
<b>Number of students (FTE) by year level, February 2006</b>			
Preparatory	43,632.8	14,212.0	5,738.0
Year 1	43,785.6	13,897.6	5,452.0
Year 2	43,615.0	13,911.1	5,638.6
Year 3	43,731.4	13,901.0	5,657.2
Year 4	44,060.6	14,156.6	6,018.0
Year 5	44,153.4	14,045.3	6,541.4
Year 6	44,591.1	14,249.2	7,003.5
Ungraded	6.6	0.2	261.6
<b>Primary total</b>	<b>307,576.5</b>	<b>98,373.0</b>	<b>42,310.3</b>
Year 7	39,199.9	15,344.6	11,583.0
Year 8	39,601.7	15,155.0	11,606.8
Year 9	39,097.2	14,588.4	11,302.2
Year 10	38,655.1	14,504.9	11,628.0
Year 11	35,808.1	12,986.0	11,273.0
Year 12	30,376.7	11,796.3	11,186.4
Ungraded	88.0	—	185.0
<b>Secondary total</b>	<b>222,826.7</b>	<b>84,375.2</b>	<b>68,764.4</b>
Special	7,756.1	170.0	338.6
Language	1,184.0	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>539,343.3</b>	<b>182,918.2</b>	<b>111,413.3</b>

Source: DoE February school census 2006. Figures on student FTE include all changes from the 2006 school audit process.

	Number of teaching staff (FTE) in schools on pay by school type, as at end of quarter				
	December 2005	March 2006	June 2006	September 2006	December 2006
Primary	18,787.2	18,894.8	18,913.8	18,890.3	18,811.8
Secondary	16,972.8	17,244.4	17,266.2	17,121.9	17,048.4
Special/P-12/Lang/Other	3,673.9	3,830.2	3,974.6	3,974.4	3,997.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,434.0</b>	<b>39,969.4</b>	<b>40,154.6</b>	<b>39,986.7</b>	<b>39,857.4</b>

Source: DoE Quarterly Workforce Summary.

#### 2. Historical trend in numbers of government schools and students, February

Year	Number of Schools	Number of Students (FTE)				
		Primary	Secondary	Special	Language	Total
1999	1,635	306,218.0	216,367.4	5,413.6	1,073.0	529,072.0
2002	1,625	312,689.2	216,858.8	6,170.5	844.0	536,562.5
2003	1,615	312,134.4	218,740.7	6,517.0	917.0	538,309.1
2004	1,618	311,964.0	220,271.7	6,826.2	1,010.0	540,071.9
2005	1,617	309,972.6	221,618.3	7,219.4	1,142.0	539,952.3
2006	1,606	307,576.5	222,826.7	7,756.1	1,184.0	539,343.3

Source: DoE February school census.

### Profile of Victorian government school students

#### 3. Number (FTE) of students by sex in government schools, February

Year	Male	Female	Percentage of male students			
			Primary	Yrs 7-10	Yrs 11-12	All Students
1999	271,859.0	257,213.0	51.7	51.7	47.6	51.4
2002	276,175.1	260,387.4	51.7	51.9	48.2	51.5
2003	277,491.6	260,817.5	51.7	51.8	48.7	51.5
2004	278,370.3	261,701.6	51.7	52.0	48.4	51.5
2005	278,333.8	261,618.5	51.7	52.0	48.1	51.5
2006	278,111.9	261,231.4	51.7	52.1	48.1	51.6

Source: DoE February school census. Note that Yr 7-10 includes secondary ungraded students.

#### 4. Number (FTE) of students with disabilities in government schools, August

Year	In regular schools	In special schools	Total	% of total student cohort
1999	8,262	5,506	13,768	2.62
2002	11,998	6,345	18,353	3.43
2003	12,351	6,458	18,809	3.49
2004	13,964	7,180	21,144	3.93
2005*	8,824	7,618	16,442	3.00
2006*	9,419	7,252	16,671	3.10

Source: DoE August school census and DoE records. \*Excludes students in the Language Support Program.

#### 5. Number (FTE) of Indigenous students in government schools and per cent of student cohort, August

Year	Primary		Years 7-10		Years 11-12		Special		Total	
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%
1999	3,376.4	1.1	1,387.1	0.9	277.8	0.5	70.9	1.3	5,112.2	1.0
2002	3,937.0	1.3	1,573.6	1.0	326.9	0.5	117.6	1.9	5,955.1	1.1
2003	4,019.3	1.3	1,651.4	1.1	348.0	0.5	125.9	1.9	6,144.6	1.1
2004	4,263.3	1.4	1,836.1	1.2	387.7	0.6	138.5	2.0	6,625.6	1.2
2005	4,368.5	1.4	1,983.1	1.3	432.9	0.7	151.9	2.1	6,938.4	1.3
2006	4,502.7	1.5	2,104.1	1.3	446.7	0.7	157.0	2.0	7,210.5	1.3

Source: DoE August school census. Note that Years 7-10 includes secondary ungraded students.

#### 6. Number of students - language backgrounds other than English, August

Year	Speak mainly English at home			Most common non-English languages spoken at home	
	Yes	No	Total		
1999	63,205	68,981	132,186	Vietnamese, Turkish, Arabic, Cantonese	
2002	64,287	69,988	134,275	Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Turkish	
2003	64,129	71,337	135,466	Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Turkish	
2004	63,090	72,733	135,823	Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Turkish	
2005	61,596	74,945	136,541	Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Turkish	
2006	61,166	76,799	137,965	Vietnamese, Arabic, Cantonese, Turkish	

Source: DoE August school census.

#### 7. Provision of languages other than English - government schools, August

Year	Primary LOTE		Secondary LOTE		Languages with highest Enrolments in VCE Unit 4
	Students	%	Students	%	
1999	272,696	88.7	115,015	54.2	French, German, Japanese, Indonesian
2002	269,996	86.0	108,048	50.5	Japanese, Indonesian, French, German
2003	267,827	85.5	115,109	53.3	Chinese, French, Japanese, German
2004	271,192	86.7	121,445	56.0	Chinese, French, Japanese, Indonesian
2005	265,989	85.5	117,655	53.9	Chinese, French, Japanese, Indonesian
2006	248,873	80.6	114,498	52.1	Chinese, French, Japanese, Italian

Source: DoE August LOTE Surveys.

#### 8. Number of international students (OS) (fee paying) - government schools

Year	At Start of Term 1	Main countries of origin		On Study Tours
1999	757	China, Japan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Vietnam		2,850
2002	2,116	China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Thailand		1,458
2003	2,229	China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Hong Kong		1,079
2004	2,315	China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Hong Kong		1,099
2005	2,177	China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Hong Kong		1,517
2006	2,735	China, Korea, Vietnam, Japan, Hong Kong		Not available

Source: DoE International Education database.

### 9. VET in schools programs - certificate enrolments

Year	Government schools	Non-government schools	Total certificate enrolments
1999	10,103	4,773	14,876
2002	18,576	8,497	27,073
2003	21,771	9,804	31,575
2004	25,985	11,976	37,961
2005	28,877	13,352	42,229
2006	30,134	15,433	45,567

Source: VCAA database. Excludes students whose home enrolment is a non-school setting. Students may enrol in more than one VET certificate.

### Retention and transition rates

#### 10. Apparent retention rates<sup>1</sup> by sex and sector, February (per cent)

Year	Apparent retention Years 10-12			Apparent retention Years 7-12		
	Govt	Non-gov	All schools	Govt	Non-gov	All schools
1999	79.2	89.0	82.8	76.5	89.2	81.2
2002	82.3	92.9	86.4	80.7	92.9	85.3
2003	82.7	93.5	86.9	81.2	93.4	85.8
2004	82.9	94.1	87.2	81.3	94.2	86.2
2005	82.7	92.0	86.4	80.3	92.7	85.1
2006	81.1	93.0	85.8	78.8	93.0	84.4
Male	73.7	89.0	79.6	70.5	88.1	77.2
Female	88.7	96.9	92.1	87.9	97.7	91.8

Source: DoE February school census. Refer footnote<sup>1</sup> under Table 16 for definition of apparent retention rate and explanation of differences between February and August figures.

#### 11. Transition rates for government schools, February (per cent)

	1999-00	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Year 9-10	97.1	97.2	97.2	97.1	97.1	97.6
Year 10-11	95.4	95.5	96.8	98.1	97.2	98.1
Year 11-12	82.6	86.8	86.6	85.6	84.3	83.4

Source: DoE February school census.

### Size of classes

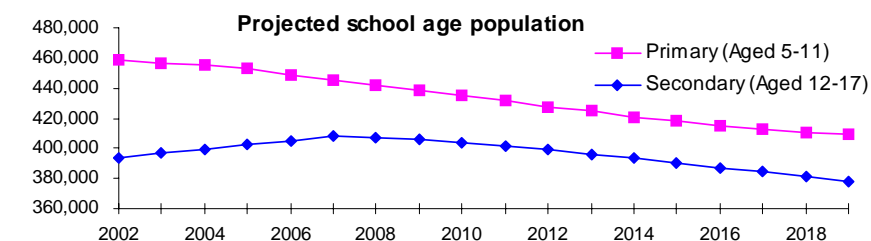
#### 12. Class sizes in government schools, February

	1999	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
<b>Primary classes</b>						
Average class size - all classes	25.4	23.5	22.9	22.8	22.6	22.4
Percent of all classes over 30 (%)	4.6	1.0	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3
Average class size - Prep	23.2	20.4	19.7	19.7	19.6	19.4
Average class size - P-2	24.3	21.8	21.0	20.9	20.8	20.8
Percent of P-2 classes 21 or less (%)	17.4	40.6	52.7	54.4	55.6	55.0
Average class size - Years 3-6	26.2	24.8	24.3	24.3	24.0	23.7
<b>Secondary English classes</b>						
Average class size - all classes	22.7	22.2	22.0	21.9	21.9	21.5
Average class size - Year 12	21.0	20.6	20.2	20.2	19.9	19.5

Source: DoE February school census. Comparable interstate data is not readily available as class size is not part of the National Schools Statistics Collection.

### Projected growth in school enrolments

#### 13. Projected growth in school-aged population, June



Source: ABS May 2006

## Apparent retention rates

### 14. Year 10–12 apparent retention rates<sup>1</sup>, August (per cent) Full-time students

August	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Government</b>									
1999	64.7	<b>73.5</b>	73.2	64.8	67.8	67.5	70.0	107.1	69.6
2003	68.1	<b>77.3</b>	76.4	61.8	64.8	76.4	78.7	101.0	71.9
2004	68.6	<b>77.2</b>	75.0	62.9	66.7	76.5	90.8	100.8	72.2
2005	68.5	<b>77.0</b>	72.7	64.4	66.3	67.2	76.2	99.5	71.3
2006	68.2	<b>75.8</b>	72.2	64.6	66.0	64.4	79.0	101.1	70.8
<b>All schools</b>									
1999	70.0	<b>78.7</b>	78.3	71.4	71.5	68.9	64.7	92.5	74.4
2003	72.7	<b>82.9</b>	81.5	70.8	70.6	76.4	68.7	90.3	76.9
2004	73.2	<b>83.0</b>	80.8	71.6	72.4	76.3	75.2	88.4	77.2
2005	73.2	<b>82.2</b>	79.3	72.1	72.2	67.8	69.5	88.1	76.5
2006	73.0	<b>82.1</b>	78.3	72.7	71.4	65.0	68.0	88.9	76.1
Male	68.2	<b>76.2</b>	74.1	66.1	66.1	56.9	63.3	90.2	71.0
Female	78.0	<b>88.0</b>	82.6	79.8	77.0	73.3	73.2	87.5	81.4

### 15. Year 7–12 apparent retention rates<sup>1</sup>, August (per cent) Full-time students

August	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>Government</b>									
1999	61.2	<b>69.8</b>	71.8	58.1	66.5	65.7	60.0	110.0	66.4
2003	65.0	<b>74.9</b>	76.1	56.8	64.8	74.5	69.0	101.0	69.6
2004	65.8	<b>74.4</b>	75.3	58.0	65.9	70.7	72.0	100.5	69.8
2005	65.8	<b>74.0</b>	73.0	61.7	65.4	65.5	70.5	99.6	69.4
2006	65.1	<b>72.6</b>	71.6	61.9	65.1	63.2	72.3	103.2	68.5
<b>All schools</b>									
1999	67.6	<b>76.2</b>	77.5	67.0	71.5	66.7	52.9	92.5	72.3
2003	70.5	<b>81.4</b>	81.5	67.1	71.2	74.9	56.3	89.7	75.4
2004	71.1	<b>81.1</b>	81.2	68.0	72.6	76.4	59.0	88.5	75.7
2005	71.1	<b>80.6</b>	79.9	70.7	72.5	67.1	59.1	87.5	75.3
2006	70.5	<b>79.9</b>	78.5	71.5	71.8	64.8	58.4	88.7	74.7
Male	65.3	<b>72.9</b>	73.7	64.6	66.2	56.4	57.3	89.3	69.0
Female	75.9	<b>87.2</b>	83.6	78.8	77.6	73.3	59.5	88.2	80.6

Source: Tables 11 & 13 ABS, *Schools Australia*. <sup>1</sup>ABS Year 10–12/7–12 apparent retention rates refer to Year 12 enrolment of students in full-time school education expressed as a proportion of Year 10/7 enrolments two/five years earlier. DoE calculates its retention rate on an FTE basis. Note that apparent retention rates calculated for February are higher than for August as a number of Year 12 students leave during the year.

## Participation rates

### 16. Participation rates – all schools, August (per cent of population)

Age	Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust.
<b>15</b>	1999	93.2	<b>95.9</b>	91.3	93.7	92.1	99.8	82.3	102.5	93.6
	2003	92.6	<b>95.8</b>	91.5	95.7	91.5	98.6	79.2	106.7	93.5
	2004	92.6	<b>95.7</b>	90.8	92.0	98.4	82.0	107.3	93.4	
	2005	93.8	<b>97.7</b>	91.5	97.2	93.2	99.7	85.4	109.9	94.7
	2006	93.1	<b>97.0</b>	91.8	97.1	95.1	98.8	80.0	110.4	94.5
<b>16</b>	1999	79.7	<b>87.8</b>	81.2	83.5	76.1	79.2	64.9	99.5	82.0
	2003	79.5	<b>88.8</b>	82.5	83.9	76.7	84.5	67.0	102.4	82.7
	2004	79.4	<b>89.1</b>	81.4	85.4	77.2	86.4	66.8	103.7	82.8
	2005	79.0	<b>89.3</b>	80.4	86.1	77.9	84.2	69.3	104.2	82.6
	2006	80.2	<b>91.4</b>	81.5	87.0	80.7	85.9	71.5	105.8	84.1
<b>17</b>	1999	66.7	<b>76.8</b>	51.8	59.7	41.3	63.4	39.5	92.9	63.2
	2003	66.3	<b>76.9</b>	50.6	60.1	40.7	62.4	46.8	91.8	62.7
	2004	67.6	<b>78.5</b>	50.1	61.4	41.1	64.2	46.7	92.0	63.6
	2005	67.6	<b>78.0</b>	48.9	64.0	41.9	63.0	44.9	93.1	63.5
	2006	67.5	<b>78.9</b>	47.7	65.1	40.8	62.6	47.7	93.9	63.4
<b>18</b>	1999	15.1	<b>17.2</b>	6.9	8.7	5.5	15.0	10.3	29.6	12.8
	2003	14.9	<b>20.6</b>	6.1	9.6	4.1	15.1	10.4	23.3	13.1
	2004	14.9	<b>21.3</b>	5.9	9.5	4.5	15.5	14.1	22.2	13.3
	2005	14.8	<b>21.4</b>	5.4	9.8	3.9	22.1	11.6	25.3	13.3
	2006	14.9	<b>22.7</b>	4.9	10.8	3.6	24.8	10.4	24.9	13.7
<b>19</b>	1999	1.6	<b>1.8</b>	1.3	1.5	1.5	3.1	2.9	3.2	1.7
	2003	1.9	<b>2.5</b>	1.2	2.3	1.1	3.3	2.7	2.9	1.9
	2004	1.9	<b>2.6</b>	1.1	2.6	0.9	2.6	2.8	2.6	1.9
	2005	1.8	<b>2.3</b>	1.0	2.2	0.9	2.2	3.5	2.2	1.8
	2006	1.6	<b>2.1</b>	0.8	2.3	0.7	2.6	3.1	2.2	1.6

Source: ABS, *Schools Australia*. Note: the ABS revised the listed 2001 and 2002 age participation rate data to take into account age population estimates that became available following the 2001 national population census.

## Year 12 completion rates

### 17. Percentage of Victorian young people successfully completing Year 12 or equivalent

	1999	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Percent of young people (aged 19) who have successfully completed Year 12 or qualification at Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) 2 or above (a)	73.6	75.7	75.8	77.5	78.5	77.7
Percent of 20–24 year-olds who have completed Year 12 or a qualification at AQF 2 or above (b)	Victoria 82.9	82.8	84.1	85.8	85.2	85.0
	Australia 80.1	80.6	81.0	81.9	82.4	82.7

Source:  
(a) VCAA VCE database & ABS population estimates  
(b) ABS, *Education and Work, May 2003 Unpublished data*. Movements between any two years of up to 2 percentage points could be due to sampling error.

## Number of schools

### 18. Number of schools by sector, August 2006

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
Government	2,187	<b>1,605</b>	1,278	604	771	211	151	95	6,902
Non-government	912	<b>694</b>	461	201	296	67	35	44	2,710
Total	3,099	<b>2,299</b>	1,739	805	1,067	278	186	139	9,612

Source: ABS, *Schools Australia*.

## Number of students

### 19. Government and non-government full-time enrolments, August

Sector	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
<b>1999</b>									
Govt	763,169	<b>524,849</b>	425,876	176,303	227,232	62,954	28,487	38,804	2,247,674
N-govt	326,423	<b>269,705</b>	168,708	73,920	89,377	20,859	8,280	21,704	978,976
Total	1,089,592	<b>794,554</b>	594,584	250,223	316,609	83,813	36,767	60,508	3,226,650
<b>2003</b>									
Govt	749,880	<b>535,350</b>	445,025	167,850	230,308	61,157	28,467	36,595	2,254,632
N-govt	357,456	<b>283,753</b>	184,746	80,965	103,742	21,219	8,536	23,571	1,063,988
Total	1,107,336	<b>819,103</b>	629,771	248,815	334,050	82,376	37,003	60,166	3,318,620
<b>2004</b>									
Govt	744,229	<b>536,216</b>	448,806	165,866	229,766	60,685	28,335	35,821	2,249,724
N-govt	362,820	<b>286,084</b>	190,149	82,656	106,300	21,577	8,695	23,959	1,082,240
Total	1,107,049	<b>822,300</b>	638,955	248,522	336,066	82,262	37,030	59,780	3,331,964
<b>2005</b>									
Govt	740,439	<b>536,635</b>	450,964	164,714	228,817	60,605	28,554	35,359	2,246,087
N-govt	367,247	<b>289,312</b>	196,290	84,711	109,483	21,899	8,819	24,291	1,102,052
Total	1,107,686	<b>825,947</b>	647,254	249,425	338,300	82,504	37,373	59,650	3,348,139
<b>2006</b>									
Govt	739,307	<b>536,117</b>	455,075	163,848	230,293	60,007	28,506	35,076	2,248,229
N-govt	369,640	<b>293,718</b>	202,041	86,078	112,349	22,447	9,074	24,460	1,119,807
Total	1,108,947	<b>829,835</b>	657,116	249,926	342,642	82,454	37,580	59,536	3,368,036

Source: ABS, *Schools Australia*.

### 20. Full-time students in government sector, August (per cent)

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
1999	70.0	<b>66.1</b>	71.6	70.5	71.8	75.1	77.5	64.1	69.7
2003	67.7	<b>65.4</b>	70.7	67.5	68.9	74.2	76.9	60.8	67.9
2004	67.2	<b>65.2</b>	70.2	66.7	68.4	73.8	76.5	59.9	67.5
2005	66.8	<b>65.0</b>	69.7	66.0	67.6	73.5	76.4	59.3	67.1
2006	66.7	<b>64.6</b>	69.3	65.6	67.2	72.8	75.9	58.9	66.8
Change in proportion 2005–2006	-0.1	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.7	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3

Source: ABS, *Schools Australia*.

## Staffing details

### 21. Number of teachers (FTE) in government sector, August

Year	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Australia
1999	50,108	<b>35,157.0</b>	29,164.0	11,952.0	14,866.0	4,351.0	2,221.0	2,665.0	150,484.0
2003	50,106	<b>37,665.0</b>	30,719.0	11,638.0	15,579.0	4,240.0	2,203.0	2,724.0	154,872.0
2004	50,215	<b>37,783.0</b>	31,191.0	11,542.0	16,129.0	4,252.0	2,286.0	2,757.0	156,156.0
2005	50,704	<b>38,141.0</b>	31,221.0	11,473.0	15,826.0	4,201.0	2,244.0	2,754.0	156,564.0
2006	51,384	<b>38,608.2</b>	31,609.3	11,630.1	15,732.5	4,185.2	2,309.1	2,735.2	158,194.2

Source: ABS, *Schools Australia*. Note: the ABS has specific definitions for counting teachers and excludes teachers not in schools or ancillary education establishments, those on more than four weeks leave and casual relief teachers. The above teacher data are used in national calculations of student–teacher ratios.

## Student–teacher ratios

### 22. Student–teacher ratios in government schools, August

Government schools	NSW	Vic	Qld	SA	WA	Tas	NT	ACT	Aust.
<b>Primary</b>									
1999	17.7	<b>17.2</b>	16.0	16.9	17.6	15.7	13.8	17.1	17.0
2003	17.								