

LESMURDIE

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Thriving in a Nurturing Environment



ANNUAL REPORT

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State Champions Dance Team - YOHFEST 2007



Department of
Education and Training

DEAR MEMBER OF THE LESMURDIE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY,



Our school was founded by our community and its purpose is to serve the community by providing a quality education for its young people. As a public school we are duty bound to make this available to all students and to provide an inclusive education to meet the needs of each student. We are proud to be the school of choice for the Lesmurdie community and further a field.

I am happy to say that we have again been able to deliver positive results for our local community. Lesmurdie Senior High School has received a 'Top Public School' status from both the Minister of Education and the Director General of the Department of Education and Training.

Once again our standards at Lesmurdie Senior High School have translated into higher student results when compared against most other schools. In addition pursuits in the areas of Sports, The Arts and Technologies both in curricular and extra curricular activities have produced outstanding results. This demonstrates the diverse and broad experience each student has available to them at Lesmurdie Senior High School.

2007 was a productive year for our school in so many ways. We have also worked hard at improving the physical environment for our students and staff. Over 2007 the school community undertook the task of creating a new school vision and a mission statement. Our vision, *'Thriving in a nurturing environment'* will be with Lesmurdie Senior High School into the next decade.

I look forward to the year ahead and the challenges it holds for us and the subsequent successes we will achieve through our continued efforts.

Yours sincerely

KEITH SVENDSEN

Principal

SENIOR SCHOOL



GRANT KEENAN

2007 Senior School Co-ordinator

TEE:

- Leading almost every private and public school south of the river with our TEE record. See top right graph
- Top 40 Schools list for TEE results
- 91% of our TEE students were eligible for University
- 60% of our TEE students scored in the top third of all WA students

Non TEE:

- Top 10 Schools list for 4 different non TEE subjects
- Top 50 Schools list for VET results
- 70% of our non TEE subjects out performed the state average in the number of A & B grades awarded

Contests

- YOHFEST state dance champions
- Super 8 Cricket state champions
- Football (15 a side) South of the River Champions



TEE RESULTS

53 year 12 Lesmurdie SHS students took part in the 2007 TEE (Tertiary Entrance Examination). 91% of our TEE students were eligible for University.

OUR 4 YEAR RECORD (top graph)

In any given year a number of schools like Lesmurdie SHS will out perform 70% of WA schools. Repeating this performance is much harder.

Over four years, from all 41 private schools (to year 12) South of the river only five could match our TEE record of leading 70% of all WA schools every year. They are All Saints' College, Murdoch College, Penrhos College, Santa Maria & Wesley College.

POST SCHOOL GOALS (centre graph)

92% of year 12 students achieved their goal.

WSA RESULTS

59% of the year 12 students completed WSA (Wholly School Assessed) studies in 2007. 70% of our WSA subject results out performed the state average based on the amount of A and B grades awarded. Four subjects made the 'Best 10 Schools' category in Dance, Furniture Design & Technology, Systems Technology and Technical Graphics.

HIGH COMPLETION RATE (graph)

The fact that more Year 8 students stay at Lesmurdie SHS through to Year 12 compared to other schools and their Year 8 students is an indicator that local families are pleased with Lesmurdie SHS.

Students that remain to Year 12 have less distractions as they enjoy

- a more stable social life at school
- a clearer understanding of our school's expectations
- consistent teaching when they have teachers from previous years. It is easier for teachers if they already know their students and how to get them to perform from day one.

Students that join Lesmurdie SHS after year 8 also benefit as there are less new students, compared to other schools, and our staff are able to focus on getting to know the new students.

GRADUATION

98% of our year 12 students graduated.

VOCATIONAL STUDIES

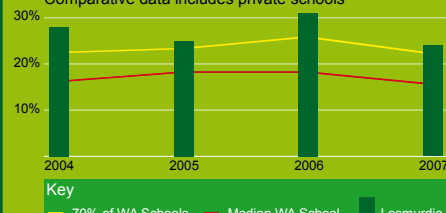
A number of Year 11 and 12 students took part in our Vocational Education and Training programs (VET) designed for students seeking employment or training after they leave school.

In 2007 Lesmurdie SHS was listed in the Top 50 Schools based on VET results.

COMPARE OUR PERFORMANCE

TEE Performance Table

Students with an exam score over 75
Comparative data includes private schools

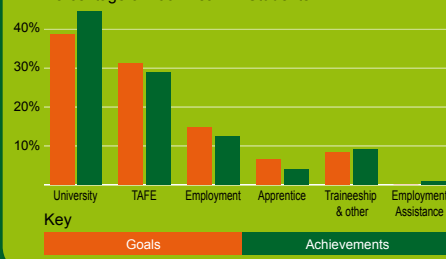


JUST FIVE PRIVATE SCHOOLS SOUTH OF THE RIVER CAN MATCH OUR 4 YEAR RECORD

Verified by the Department of Education (see left)

Graduates' achievements compared to goals

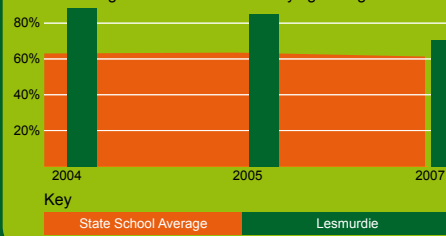
Percentage of 2007 Year 12 Students



MOST OF OUR GRADUATES ACHIEVED THEIR GOALS

Year 8 students staying through to Year 12

Percentage of Year 8 Students staying through to Year 12



MORE YEAR 8 STUDENTS STAY AT LESMURDIE SHS RIGHT THROUGH TO YEAR 12 COMPARED TO OTHER SCHOOLS



Vocational Studies 2007 - Work Experience
Rebecca Reynolds at Paws, Claws & Beaks Retreat

LOWER SCHOOL



ROY MILLER
2007 Year 8 Co-ordinator

HIGHLIGHTS

- Year 8 Camp - Woodman Point
- Da Vinci Decathlon - Academic Contest
- 5 A Day Live Dramatic Performances
- Hills Combined School Band
- Rock Band Classes
- Football team in Premier Division
- Special Science & Mathematics
- The Lesmurdie Amazing Race
- Year 9 Lightning Carnival

SCHOOL OF CHOICE

In 2007 we received an increase in enrolment applications. As the number of applications exceeded the places that we could cater for, we were forced to use the Department's Guidelines and turned away many applications based on the distance from Lesmurdie SHS.

While many of our applications were from the local area, it is clear that more families from the surrounding suburbs are seeking a place at our school.

SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

In 2007 many of our lower school students competed for Lesmurdie SHS at interschool sporting events.

- Swimming carnival - lower school students participated enthusiastically
- Football - almost undefeated in the interschool premier competition
- Soccer - the girl's team made the zone finals
- Team sports - interschool carnival
- Netball
- Basketball
- Hockey
- Baseball
- Athletics carnival

ARTS ACHIEVEMENTS

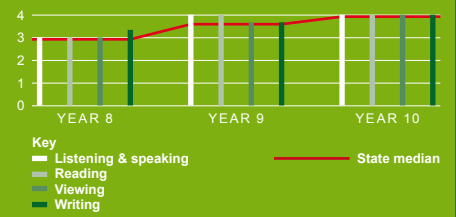
- Photography - student involvement in promotional work for school events
- Night dance performances at a range of venues.
- Drama performances at public venues, interschool competitions, local primary schools and at school.
- Music performances and Band performances at school, primary schools and for outside groups.

ACADEMIC MONITORING

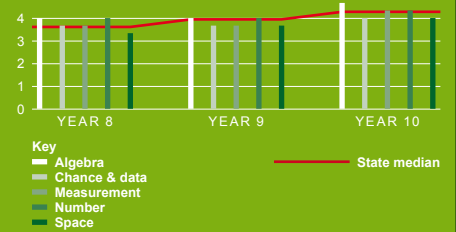
Comparing our student results against other schools (graphs right), has highlighted a number of areas needing improvement in 2008. Meetings with Administration and Heads of Learning Areas have resulted in specific plans to improve our results.

LOWER SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT

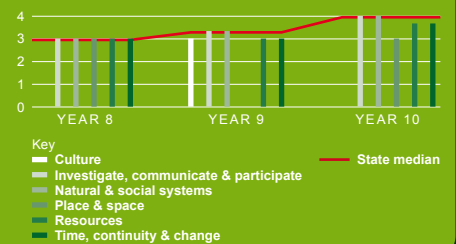
English Median Student Outcomes



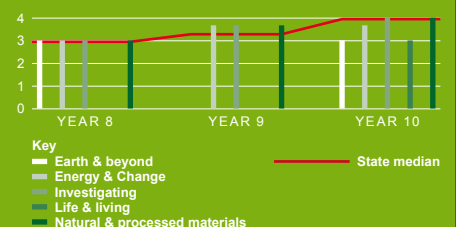
Mathematics Median Student Outcomes



SOSE Median Student Outcomes



Science Median Student Outcomes



WE MONITOR OUR STUDENT RESULTS AGAINST OTHER SCHOOLS



Lower School Science

STUDENTS



STEPH McDONALD
2007 Student Services Manager

183 YEAR 8 STUDENTS
186 YEAR 9 STUDENTS
195 YEAR 10 STUDENTS
211 YEAR 11 STUDENTS
128 YEAR 12 STUDENTS

903 TOTAL STUDENTS

STUDENTS

The majority of Lesmurdie SHS students are well mannered and committed to achieving their goals as they prepare for adult life. An important factor in the high level of achievement is the value placed on education and on respect by our students.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

- 91% attendance - Lesmurdie SHS
- 88% attendance - WA state average

VALUE ADDING

Value Adding occurs when students of a certain ability improve at a rate considered to be greater than normal.

Lesmurdie SHS has implemented a number of programs specifically aimed at improving the performance and behaviour of students.

- Our Special Science & Maths program has seen a significant number of exceptionally high academic performances in 2007 interschool tests and competitions.
- Our School Volunteer Program (SVP) helps motivate students. A number of students who gain a mentor from the SWP improved their application and engagement at school and in the community.
- Student Services staff monitor our students' academic performance and provide counselling for students experiencing difficulties. This has resulted in a significant number of students taking action to improve their results.
- Our Students at Education Risk policy provides a process for identifying and providing specific support for students who may not be achieving their potential.

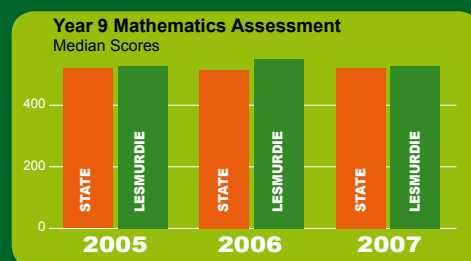
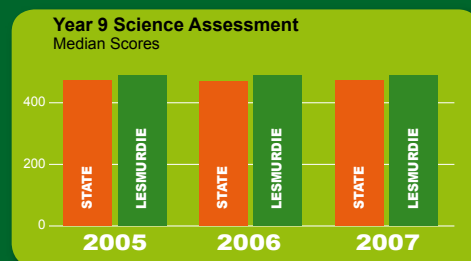
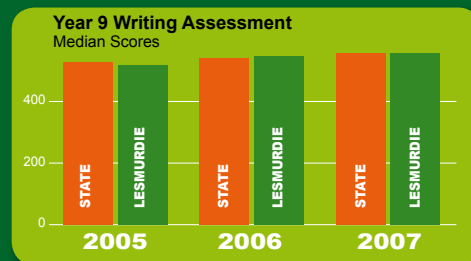
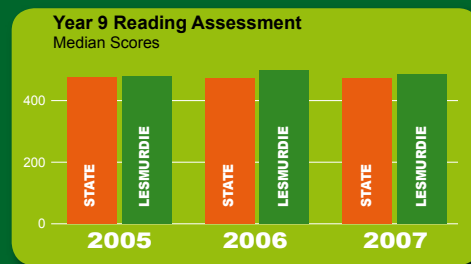
YEAR 9 STATE WIDE TESTS

Annual Monitoring Standards in Education (MSE) testing occurs across the state in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. 2007 MSE test results from Lesmurdie SHS are shown to the right. These results enable comparisons of our students with the rest of the state.

The percentage of our students above the benchmarks were;

- Reading - 62%
- Writing - 58%
- Science - 79%
- Mathematics - 54%

STATEWIDE MSE TEST RESULTS



IN ALL SUBJECTS OUR 2007 STUDENT MSE MEDIAN SCORES WERE HIGHER THAN THE STATE MEDIAN.



Combined School Band practice at Lesmurdie SHS

STAFF



ALISON PAROLO
2007 Deputy Principal

- 1 PRINCIPAL
- 2 DEPUTY PRINCIPALS
- 1 BUSINESS MANAGER

- 1 STUDENT SERVICES MANAGER
- 1 SENIOR SCHOOL CO-ORDINATOR
- 1 VOCATION STUDIES MANAGER
- 1 COMPUTER NETWORK MANAGER

- 7 HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS
- 53 TEACHERS

- 1 CHAPLAIN
- 1 PSYCHOLOGIST
- 2 HOME ECONOMICS ASSISTANTS
- 6 EDUCATION ASSISTANTS
- 1 SCHOOL YOUTH OFFICER
- 4 LABORATORY TECHNICIANS

- 5 OFFICE STAFF
- 1 GARDENER



STAFF ATTENDANCE

In 2007 there were 89 staff at Lesmurdie SHS. The average percentage of days attended per staff member was high:

- 99.4% attendance - teachers
- 98.3% attendance - all staff

STAFF RETENTION

At the end of each year most staff have the choice to remain for another year or transfer to another school. Of the 53 teachers and 7 heads of department of 2007, 70 percent have over 10 years teaching experience and over 50 percent have been in the school for at least 5 years.

- 79% of the 2006 teaching staff remained in 2007.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

All teaching staff at Lesmurdie SHS meet the requirements to teach in Western Australian schools and all are registered with the Western Australian College of Teaching.

TEACHER TRAINING

All teaching staff engaged in the minimum of 9 days professional learning in 2007. To keep all teaching staff up to date with changes in education each state secondary school provides its teachers with access to professional learning or training.

Minimum training required per teacher	9 days
Actual training per teacher 2007 at Lesmurdie Senior High School	10.3 days
Cost of training per teacher	\$2884

Training costs include the cost of relief teachers and training fees incurred by training agencies or professional speakers.

STAFF COMMITMENT

Many staff at Lesmurdie SHS contributed towards the following extra programs that either enhanced the quality of education or provided extra curricula interests for students.

- Science lessons
Regular lunch time lessons were provided in some classes to help students.
- Tuition for tests and exams
Exam revision & working through problems.
- Dance
Many hours of rehearsing for Rock Eisteddfod and other performances.
- Sports
Over 15 different teams held training sessions and competitions. Large events like carnivals, interschool competitions and outdoor education camps were also organised.
- Music
Several bands practised after school and held performances during the year.
- Drama
Lunch and after school rehearsals for a number of productions which were performed off the school grounds to a variety of audiences.
- Community charity
Staff assisted student committees with holding activities through the year that raised money for the following groups; The Leukaemia Foundation and The Australian Orangutan Project.

The above list does not include social events like; river cruises, camps, student exchange programs, the school ball, dinners and school dances. These programs and activities were aimed at making student life more productive and enjoyable.

OUTLOOK

In 2007 Lesmurdie SHS worked on providing a school direction based on our new school vision 'Thriving in a nurturing environment'. With staff, student and parent consultation a Values statement and Principles of Teaching and Learning were agreed upon. There was strong support for fostering 'Respect' to be included in the Statements by both students and teachers.

These Statements will be refined for publishing in our School Plan 2008-2011. Measures will then be taken to reflect these statements in our school community.



Above - Gathering for the annual cross country challenge

FINANCES



BRONWYN JACOBSON
2007 Business Manager

IMPROVEMENTS

In 2007 substantial improvements were made to the grounds and buildings. These include:

- Establishing lawn and building a retaining wall in the corral area
- Installing our first Personal Address system throughout the school
- Connecting more classrooms and offices to our computer network
- Updating some computers
- Mounting digital projectors to ceilings in two rooms
- Installing three new photocopiers
- Upgrading an old room into a class room for the Challenge 10 group
- Fitting out a room for visiting outside agencies to Student Services
- Making the school more accessible and friendly for disabled people
- Installing limestone retaining walls around garden beds
- Installing a large gardener shed and a cleaner and gardener office
- Upgrading the garden bed near the dance studio
- Installing automatic dryers in student toilets.

PARENT & CITIZEN GROUP

The Parent and Citizens Group made considerable contributions which enabled the following improvements to be made around the school;

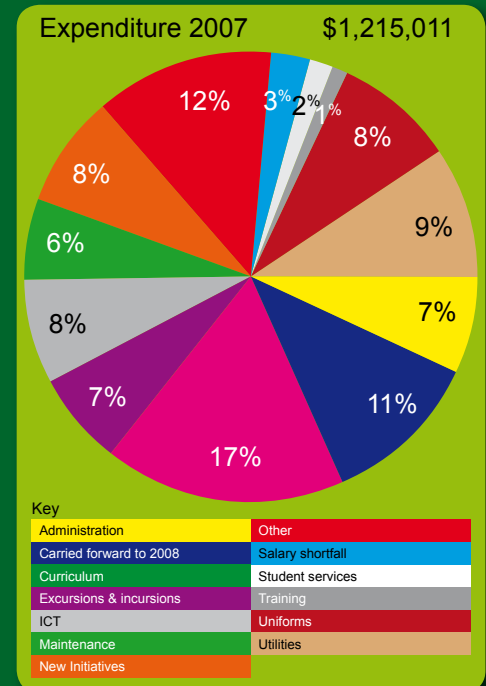
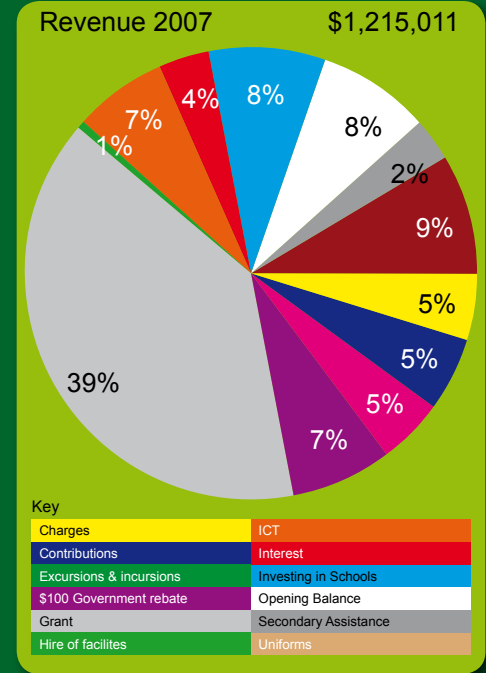
- Guitars for the Music Department
- Limestone blocks for retaining walls
- Secure storage for the Technology and Enterprise Department.
- Coaches jackets for Health and Physical Education.
- Backpacks for Outdoor Education
- Kiln for the Art Department
- Safe pipe railings for bus waiting area.
- Contributions towards the Chaplain Salary

INNOVATIVE COST SAVING

In 2007 we engaged in these measures to bring the community into our school and to gain their support:

- Hiring our Gym and Performing Arts areas to community groups
- Started our 'Adopt a Garden Bed Program' which has seen contributions and works from community groups, businesses and local people
- Involved our students from the Job Link Program in projects around the school as part of their skill building. These included; repairing a sandpit for Child Care, fixing outdoor benches, landscaping, paper recycling, working in the canteen and working in the library.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE



Job Link Program - Students landscaping 2007



State Champions Super 8 Cricket Team 2007

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