

## Simplistic Local Area School Comparisons

<b>Metropolitan Region</b>	<b>High SES Suburb/School</b>	<b>Low SES Suburb/School</b>
Northern Geelong	<i>Geelong Grammar (113)</i>	Corio (7), Norlane (2), Bell Park (13) <i>Several Govt primary (PS) &amp; secondary schools (SS)</i> <i>St. Thomas Aquinas (75)</i> <i>St. Francis Xavier's (80)</i> <i>Holy Family PS (87)</i>
Inner Northern Melbourne	Parkville (84), North Carlton (89), North Fitzroy (72) <i>Several Govt PS &amp; SS</i> <i>Fitzroy Community School (123)</i>	Collingwood (8), Fitzroy (26), Flemington (5) <i>Several Govt PS &amp; SS</i> <i>St. Joseph's (79)</i> <i>Sacred Heart School (85)</i>
Outer North-west Melbourne	Keilor (87), Keilor North (79), Taylors Lakes (80) <i>Several Govt PS &amp; SS</i> <i>Penleigh &amp; Essendon Grammar (109)</i>	St. Albans (5), Kings Park (6), Delahey (20) <i>Several Govt PS &amp; SS</i> <i>Holy Eucharist School (86)</i> <i>Sacred Heart School (87)</i> <i>Resurrection School (88)</i> <i>Catholic Regional College, St. Albans (88)</i>
Eastern Sydney	Bronte (94), Clovelly (97), Coogee (94), Randwick (84) <i>Several Govt PS</i> <i>Cranbrook School (128)</i> <i>Moriah College (127)</i> <i>The Scots College (126)</i> <i>Reddam House (124)</i> <i>St. Anthony's (122)</i>	Daceyville (2), Eastlakes (12) <i>2 Govt PS</i>
Inner Western Sydney	<i>Newington College (119)</i> <i>Fort St. High School (selective govt SS)</i>	Marrickville (24), Campsie (10), Belmore (13) <i>Several Govt PS &amp; SS</i>
Newcastle	Cardiff Heights (82), Garden Suburb (91), Hamilton East (81), Merewether (80), Merewether Heights (97), New Lambton Heights (96), Newcastle (82) <i>Several Govt PS &amp; SS</i> <i>Newcastle Grammar School (111)</i> <i>Holy Family PS (114)</i> <i>St. Joseph's PS (110)</i>	Carrington (16), Fern Bay (4), Hamilton South (15), Jesmond (6), Mayfield (12), Mayfield East (15), Stockton (4), Tighes Hill (17), Waratah (13), Wallsend (22), Windale (1) <i>Several Govt PS &amp; SS</i> <i>St. Pius X PS (76)</i> <i>St. Peter's PS (89)</i>
Northern Brisbane	Aspley (78), Everton Hills (85) <i>Several Govt PS &amp; HS</i> <i>Northside Christian College (110)</i>	Zillmere (15), Chermerside (20) <i>Govt PS &amp; HS</i>

	Hamilton (89), Hendra (84) 2 Govt PS <i>Our Lady of Help Christians School (112)</i>	Pinkenba (18) Govt PS
South Brisbane	Coorparoo (81), Hawthorne (95), Norman Park (91) Several Govt PS <i>Somerville House (118)</i> <i>Our Lady of Mount Carmel (118)</i> <i>Anglican Church Grammar School (117)</i>	Dutton Park (26), Woolloongabba (30) 2 Govt PS
South-west Brisbane	Jindalee (92), Middle Park (94), Mount Ommaney (97), Sinnamon Park (91) 3 Govt PS & 1 HS <i>St. Aidan's Anglican Girls' School (123)</i> <i>Christ the King School (120)</i>	Acacia Ridge (8), Carole Park (2), Darra (12), Inala (2), Richlands (10), Wacol (4) Several Govt PS & 1 HS <i>Aboriginal and Islander Community School (87)</i> <i>St. Marks Catholic School (85)</i>
South-east Brisbane	Cornubia (93), Shailer Park (88), Springwood (76) Govt PS & SS <i>John Paul College (105)</i>	Logan Central (3), Kingston (5), Loganlea (6), Woodridge (4), Eagleby (6), Slacks Creek (16) Several Govt PS & SS <i>St. Pauls PS (82)</i> <i>Groves Christian College (89)</i>
South Adelaide	Highgate (91), Malvern (95), Netherby (94), Torrens Park (93), Unley Park (98) Several Govt PS & HS <i>Scotch College (118)</i> <i>Mercedes College (118)</i> <i>St. John's Grammar (116)</i>	Edwardstown (11), Mitchell Park (8), Morphettville (10), Oaklands Park (13), Plympton Park (18), Ascot Park (24) Several Govt PS & 1 HS
North-west Perth	Carine (97), Coolbinia (90), Duncraig (95), Gwelup (97), Karrinyup (87), Marmion (96), Wembley (85), Wembley Downs (96) Several Govt PS & HS <i>Hale School (120)</i> <i>Holy Rosary School (115)</i> <i>Our Lady of Grace (116)</i> <i>St. Mary's Anglican Girls' School (117)</i> <i>Chrysalis Montessori School (116)</i> <i>Bold Park Community School (120)</i>	Balga (5), Girrawheen (8), Glendalough (18), Mirrabooka (7), Nollamara (18), Osborne Park (22) Several Govt PS & HS

Inner South Perth	Como (77), Kensington (83), South Perth (89) 3 Govt PS <i>St. Columba's School (119)</i> <i>Wesley College (116)</i> <i>Penrhos College (115)</i>	Bentley (9) <i>Govt PS</i> <i>Clontarf Aboriginal College (SAS)</i> <i>St. Clare's School (SAS)</i> <i>Sowilo Community HS (SAS)</i>
Fremantle and East of Fremantle	Ardross (93), Attadale (97), Bateman (94), Booragoon (91), East Fremantle (87), Kardinya (86), Melville (87), Mt. Pleasant (95) <i>Several Govt PS</i> <i>St. Benedict's School (118)</i> <i>All Saints College (115)</i> <i>Mel Maria Catholic PS (114)</i> <i>Yidarra Catholic PS (114)</i>	Coolbellup (11), Hamilton Hill (15), Hilton (16) 3 Govt PS
Belconnen – Canberra	Aranda (97), Bruce (99), Fraser (92), Hawker (95), Weetangera (100) <i>Several Govt PS</i> <i>Radford College (123)</i>	Charnwood (34) <i>Govt PS</i>
South Canberra	Forrest (100), Red Hill (90) <i>Several Govt PS</i> <i>Canberra Boys' Grammar (125)</i> <i>Canberra Girls' Grammar (125)</i> <i>St. Bede's Primary (128)</i>	Lower Narrabundah <i>Govt K-2 PS</i>

**Notes:**

1. Suburb and school SES scores are measured on a different scale and are not comparable. The suburb SES scores are percentage points (percentiles) and are taken from the ABS Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage. School SES scores are scaled around a median of 100 and derived from the published scores for the Commonwealth Government's SES funding model.
2. High SES suburbs are defined as those ranked in the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile or above. Low SES suburbs are defined as those in the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile or below.
3. High SES schools are defined as those with an SES score of 110 and above as determined by the Commonwealth SES funding measure. Low SES schools are defined as those with an SES score below 90. Government schools are not ranked by the Commonwealth SES funding scheme.
4. The schools indicated, especially private schools, may draw from a broader area than their local suburb.

## Background Note on Local Area School Comparisons

The National Education Agreement provides for comparisons of the performance of each school with other schools in yet to be defined local areas. The Federal Minister for Education has stated on several occasions that parents will be able to compare results for schools in their local area, most recently on Radio 2GB in Sydney (10 July). The Prime Minister said last year that comparing schools in a particular geographical area is "a fair thing".

The proposed template for the new school reports released by the Federal Minister shows that anyone will be able to click on to a list of schools in a given local area and compare their raw results [*Daily Telegraph*, 21 April 2009; *Canberra Times*, 13 June 2009]. The template clearly distinguishes local area school comparisons from so-called 'like-school' comparisons.