

On Track Survey

2017 Results for the 2016 Exited Cohort – Ballarat LGA (8 schools)

Key Observations for Year 12 or Equivalent Completers and Early Leavers

- This Department of Education and Training survey was conducted 6 months post school.
- Participating Ballarat schools in this survey were:

Schools in 2016 Cohort	Schools 2015 Cohort
Ballarat Clarendon College	Ballarat Christian College
Ballarat Grammar	Ballarat Clarendon College
Ballarat High School	Ballarat Grammar
Ballarat Secondary School	Ballarat High School
Damascus College	Ballarat Secondary School
Loreto College	Loreto College
Mount Clear College	Mount Clear College
Phoenix P-12 Community College	Phoenix P-12 Community College
	St Patrick's College Ballarat

- The participation rate for Year 12 or equivalent completers in the 2016 cohort was 54% (57.3% in 2015) - total respondents were 644 students (678 in 2015).
- The participation rate for early leavers (those in Year 10 to 12 who left during 2016) was 17.1% (21.3% in 2015) - total respondents were 106 students (98 in 2015).
- The 2016 early school leaver cohort was 621 students compared to 460 in 2015 – an increase of 161 students from the 8 schools surveyed.

Table 3: Destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers who exited school in 2016, Ballarat and Victoria

Post-school destination	Ballarat		Victoria	
	Per cent 2015	Per cent 2016	Per cent 2015	Per cent 2016
In further education or training	69.3	65.4	76.8	74.8
Bachelor degree	51.8	45.4	54.2	53.8
Certificates/Diplomas	8.1	8.8	14.6	12.9
Certificate IV or higher	2.8	1.4	2.5	2.0
Certificate I to III	5.3	7.4	12.0	10.9
Apprentice/Trainee	9.4	11.2	8.1	8.1
Apprenticeship	6.6	7.9	5.5	5.7
Traineeship	2.8	3.3	2.5	2.4
Not continuing in further education or training	30.5	34.6	23.2	25.1
Employed	24.9	27.7	17.7	19.5
Employed full-time	8.0	9.7	6.0	6.6
Employed part-time	17.0	18.0	11.7	12.9
Looking for work	5.2	5.7	4.5	4.6
NILFET	np	1.2	0.9	1.0
Unknown	np	0	0.0	0.1

Note: NILFET = Not in the labour force, employment or training
 np = not published, where the number of respondents are less than 5

Year on year comparisons

- For the Year 12 or equivalent completers who exited school in 2016 in the Ballarat LGA, 3.9 % less students progressed to *Further Education or Training* compared to 2015.
- In addition, *Cert I – III* as a destination for the 2016 cohort increased by 2.1% however *Certificate IV or Higher* decreased by 1.4% and *Employed* increased by 2.8% - *Employed Part-time* was 8.3% more than *Employed Full-time*.
- The 2016 cohort had the lowest percentage (45.4%) of students undertaking a *Bachelor Degree* for the past 5 years for Ballarat. The highest year was 2015 at 51.8%.
- The 2016 cohort had the highest percentage (11.2%) of students undertaking an *Apprenticeship/Traineeship* for the past 5 years for Ballarat. The lowest years were 2012 & 2013 at 7.7%.

Comparisons with Victoria

Significant differences between Victoria and Ballarat Year 12 or equivalent completers who exited school in 2016 in the Ballarat LGA are presented below:

Destination	Victoria	Ballarat	Difference
Education or Training	74.8%	65.4%	↓ 9.4%
Certificates/Diplomas	12.9%	8.8%	↓ 4.1%
Not in Education/Training	25.1%	34.6%	↑ 9.5%
Employed	19.5%	27.7%	↑ 8.2%
Part-time	12.9%	18%	↑ 5.1%

Other highlights:

- Ballarat had a higher percentage of school completers reporting they were unlikely to pursue further study in the next 2 years:
Victoria: 9.6% Vs. Ballarat: 13.8%
- In Ballarat, the most popular area of employment post-completing school was Hospitality and Retail, with **12.6% reporting they were working as Waiters** and **13.1% working as Sales Assistants**.
- The number of school completers who were “Not in the Labour Force, Employment or Training” and described their main activity as “Home Duties/Looking After Children” **dropped from 33.3% in 2015, to 25.0% in 2016** (same percentage as Victoria).
- Of the students in Ballarat that chose to **defer study; 16.5% (12.3% for Victoria) were ‘Looking for Work’**. **For the 2015 cohort, this was 13.2% (an increase of 3.3%)**.

Individual schools

- Of the schools surveyed, Damascus College had the highest number of students progressing to *Apprenticeships/Traineeships* – 17.9% (St Patrick’s College was 20% in 2015)
- Ballarat Secondary College had the highest number of students progressing to *TAFE/VET* – 15.4%, which was the same as 2015.
- Ballarat Clarendon College had the highest number of students progressing to *Bachelor Degree* – 69.7% (85.3% in 2015). For the State Secondary Schools surveyed, Mount Clear College was the highest at 41.2%.

Focus for further study and/or training

- The main fields of study for completers engaging in campus-based study were:
 - Health – 23% (21.7% in 2015)
 - Society & Culture – 18.2% (14.3% in 2015)
 - Creative Arts – 14.0% (13.6% in 2015)
 - Natural & Physical Sciences – 12.0% (12.8% in 2015)
 - Management & Commerce – 9.2% (11.6% in 2015)
- The most popular University destinations for Ballarat students were:
 - Federation University – 25.4% (24.7% in 2015)
 - Deakin University– 17% (15.8% in 2015)
 - Australian Catholic University – 11.9% (12.2% in 2015)
 - University of Melbourne – 9.0% (10.6% in 2015)
- The most popular Apprenticeship/Traineeship occupation groups for Ballarat students were:
 - Building & Construction – 27.4% (29.7% in 2015)
 - Electrical & Electronics Trades – 12.3% (9.4% in 2015)
 - Health, Fitness, Hair & Beauty – 12.3% (10.9% in 2015)
 - Food, Hospitality, Tourism – 11.0% (12.5% in 2015)

Early school leavers

Table 24: Post-school destinations of early school leavers in Ballarat and Victoria, 2011 to 2016

Geography	Year	Bachelor Degree	Certificates / Diplomas	Apprentice / Trainee	Employed	Looking for Work	NILFET
		Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent	Per cent
Ballarat	2011		25.0	47.1	18.3	6.7	np
Victoria	2011	0.4	21.4	34.6	23.3	15.0	5.2
Ballarat	2012		14.1	31.3	28.9	19.5	6.3
Victoria	2012	0.9	23.2	27.5	24.8	17.4	6.0
Ballarat	2013	np	20.2	23.3	24.8	27.1	3.9
Victoria	2013	0.7	28.1	25.1	23.9	16.9	5.1
Ballarat	2014	np	23.7	30.2	19.4	19.4	6.5
Victoria	2014	0.9	25.8	28.2	23.7	15.6	5.5
Ballarat	2015	np	15.3	43.9	18.4	18.4	np
Victoria	2015	0.7	23.6	29.6	24.0	15.9	5.9
Ballarat	2016	np	18.9	32.1	21.7	20.8	4.7
Victoria	2016	0.8	18.9	31.6	25.8	16.7	5.8

Note: The percentage of early school leavers by post-school destination is sensitive to changes in respondent numbers and fluctuates year to year due to the small sample size in each cohort.

- More Ballarat early School leavers are *Looking for Work* in comparison to Victoria - 20.8% vs 16.7%.
- There was an increase in Ballarat early School leavers (18.9%) in 2016 studying *Certificates/Diplomas* from 2015 (15.3%).
- There was a decrease in Ballarat early School leavers (32.1%) in 2016 in *Apprenticeships/Traineeships* from 2015 (43.9%).
- 20.8% of Ballarat early School leavers were *Looking for Work* which was higher than Victoria (16.7%) but lower than 2013 (27.1%).
- The two most common reasons students gave for why they left school early were “Work reasons/career reasons” and “Ill health”.

Destinations by certificate and study strand

Table 5: Post-school destinations of Year 12 or equivalent completers in Ballarat, by certificate and study strand completed in 2015 and 2016.

Study strand	Bachelor Degree		Certificates/ Diplomas		Apprentice / Trainee		Employed		Looking for Work		NILFET	
	Per cent		Per cent		Per cent		Per cent		Per cent		Per cent	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
VCE (non-VET)	68.2	55.6	3.5	6.5	4.8	5.3	20.3	25.0	2.9	6.2		1.4
VCE VET	42.4	41.2	10.3	10.7	13.4	14.4	29.3	28.4	4.0	4.9	np	np
VCAL only	np	np	23.9	14.5	13.0	32.3	26.1	40.3	28.3	np	np	np

- Pathways for *VCE VET* students are positive – 41.2% undertook a *Bachelor Degree* with only 4.9% *Looking for Work*. This was similar for the 2015 cohort.
- Compared to the 2015 cohort, destinations for *VCAL Only* students were much more positive. 32.3% of *VCAL* students were in *Apprenticeships/Traineeships* compared to 13.0% for the previous year. 40.3% of *VCAL* students were *Employed* compared to 26.1% in the previous year.
- Compared to the 2015 cohort of *VCE (non-VET)* completers studying a *Bachelor Degree* (68.2%), the 2016 percentage was significantly lower (55.6%).

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Full reports can be sourced at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/research/Pages/localgovatoz.aspx>