

Top OP schools revealed

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QUEENSLAND'S leading OP schools of 2016 have been revealed, with Longreach State High School topping the list with 63 per cent of its students receiving OP scores of 1-5.

However, there was a catch, with the school only having eight students eligible to receive an OP last year.

Brisbane Grammar School had 56 per cent of its 254 students from 2016 receiving the state's highest grades.

Brisbane Boys College had 63 OPI-5 students (55 per cent), while St Aidan's at Corinda had the highest percentage among girls' schools with 46 per cent (36 students).

Federal MP Andrew Laming, who is chairman of the Education Standing Committee, urged caution



when comparing schools on OP results.

"We know selective private schools and state schools from wealthy suburbs get the highest results," he said.

"Data showing that schools starting with or recruiting smart children also end with lots of high OPs is meaningless."

The Queensland-based politician said it was more powerful to look at Naplan results in early high school years and see which schools performed unexpectedly well by Year 12.

"In 2015, they were overwhelmingly state schools," Mr Laming said.

"It is important to recognise

outstanding state schools that change lives for the better, and to step in where schools aren't delivering."

Caboolture State High School had 12 OPI-5 students, and one of them already has dozens of academic accolades under his belt.

Caboolture graduate Callum Young, 18, was one of 34 Year 12 students recognised as Queensland's brightest and best during an awards ceremony in Brisbane at the weekend.

Next week he will begin studying medicine at the University of Queensland with a Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship, but his ambitions run much deeper.

"I want to become a neurosurgeon because I saw a documentary about (neurosurgeon) Ben Carson when I was in Grade 6 or 7 »

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and I just thought it would be great to use my hands to save lives like that," he said.

Despite his busy academic schedule, Callum still found time to play tuba in an ensemble at the Queensland Conservatorium, topped a UQ Chinese writing competition and won the Premier's Anzac Prize.

"I made a video about the Anzac spirit for the prize and I got to attend the dawn service at Gallipoli on the 100th anniversary so that was really special," he said.

Callum scored an OPI and said he owed it to the support of his school, teachers and parents, who are both teachers at Caboolture schools.

QUEENSLAND'S TOP SCHOOLS FOR OPI-5 STUDENTS (minimum 10 eligible students)

Brisbane Grammar School:



Caboolture graduate Callum Young, who got top honours for academic achievement in the state.

142 students — 56 per cent of schools OP eligible students

Brisbane Boys' College: 63 — 55 per cent

St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace: 119 — 52 per cent

St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School: 36 — 46 per cent

Anglican Church Grammar School: 85 — 46 per cent

Brisbane State High School: 195 — 46 per cent

Somerville House: 65 — 45 per cent

Brisbane Girls Grammar School: 101 — 43 per cent

Clayfield College: 22 — 42 per cent

The Lakes College: 7 — 41 per cent

Annandale Christian College: 9 — 41 per cent

Somerset College: 42 — 40 per cent

Matthew Flinders Anglican College: 50 — 39 per cent

Ormiston College: 45 — 38 per cent

St Andrew's Anglican College: 24 — 37 per cent

Stuartholme School: 37 — 37 per cent

Mt St Michael's College: 42 — 37 per cent

Cannon Hill Anglican College: 45 — 36 per cent

Sheldon College: 31 — 35 per cent

Saint Stephen's College: 26 — 35 per cent

St Paul's School: 44 — 34 per cent

Sunshine Coast Grammar School: 30 — 34 per cent

All Hallows' School: 73 — 33 per cent

St Rita's College: 40 — 33 per cent

Villanova College: 46 — 33 per cent

A B Paterson College: 27 »

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— 33 per cent
Moreton Bay Boys College: 10 — 32 per cent
Townsville Grammar School: 37 — 32 per cent
Toowoomba Grammar School: 41 — 31 per cent
Concordia Lutheran College: 17 — 31 per cent
Benowa State High School: 17 — 30 per cent
Mansfield State High School: 90 — 30 per cent
Marist College Ashgrove: 49 — 30 per cent
Fairholme College: 28 — 30 per cent
All Saints Anglican School: 45 — 30 per cent
Emmanuel College Carrara: 32 — 30 per cent
Agnew School: 8 — 30 per cent
Hillbrook Anglican School: 33 — 29 per cent
Prince of Peace Lutheran College: 12 — 29 per cent
St Augustine's College: 30 — 28 per cent
Trinity Lutheran College: 18 — 28 per cent
Indooroopilly State High School: 41 — 28 per cent
Whitsunday Anglican School: 16 — 28 per cent
John Paul College: 31 — 28 per cent
Kelvin Grove State College: 43 — 28 per cent
Redeemer Lutheran College: 25 — 28 per cent
Malanda State High School: 8 — 28 per cent

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