

# CENTRAL WEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



## A new approach to education

The **Central West Leadership Academy** is Dubbo's newest school. Our focus is on **21st Century Skills** and preparing our students to take a leadership role in an ever-changing technical world.

It is not enough to teach our children facts, we need to teach them to be confident with their individuality, how to manage feelings, manage friendships and solve problems. We allow students to drive their learning through student-centred pedagogies such as Visible Thinking, Challenge Based Learning and Guided Inquiry.

We emphasise community engagement, Design Thinking and student-driven learning, as a catalyst for academic rigour.

The capacity to take responsibility and self-manage learning and behaviour is a fundamental life skill.

**"LEADERSHIP AND LEARNING ARE INDISPENSABLE TO EACH OTHER"**  
- John F. Kennedy



1st: NSW Ethics Olympiad



1st: National Virtual Debating



2nd: Year 7-12 Western Region Chess



8th: da Vinci Decathlon State Finals



2 bands above national NAPLAN average



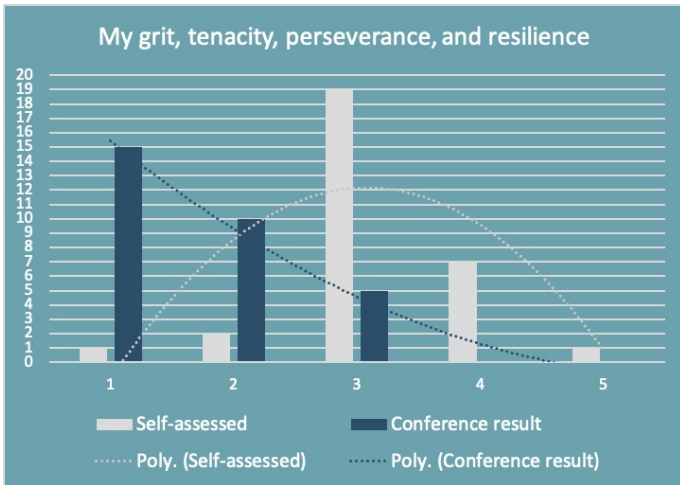
1st: Future Problem Solving Nationals

# Character development

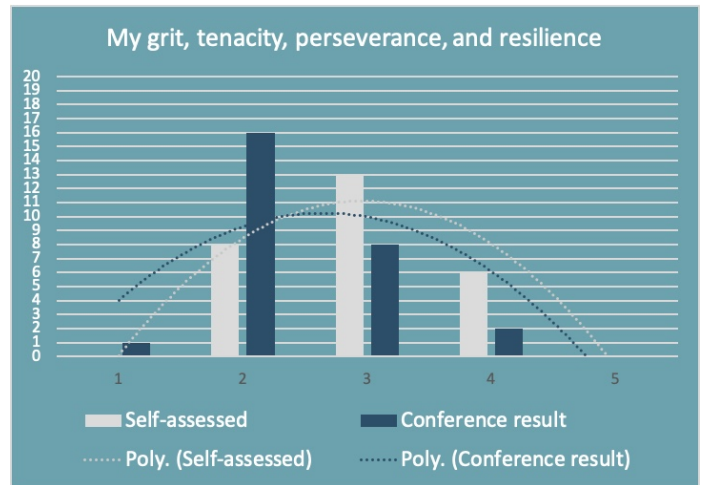
## Action Learning at the Academy

When focusing on character development, grit, and resilience, students were able to see themselves more accurately and develop strategies to increase their capacities in tenacity. After 1 year of action learning we found that students that were able to increase their grit, and were able to raise their academic achievement as well.

Result Term 1 2019



Result Term 3 2019

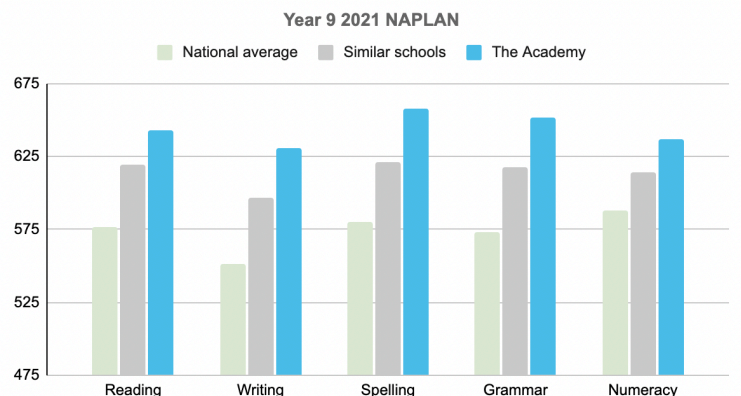
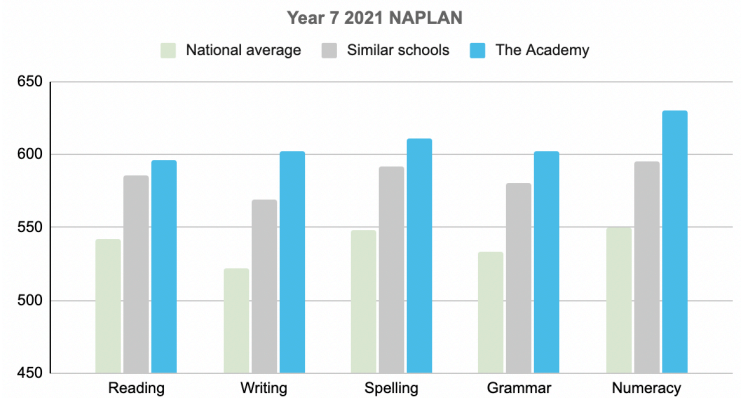


# NAPLAN results

## Excellence through Individual Learning

Through character education and individualised learning we have continually achieved NAPLAN results that outperform not only other schools in the region but also those of similar socio-economic standing.

Our entire Year 7 2019 Cohort achieved in the top two bands of the NAPLAN, an unprecedented achievement in the Central West. Their score averages were higher than the Year 9 averages at any other school in Dubbo. That success was school-wide in 2021 with the highest average NAPLAN results in Dubbo (according to ACARA data on MySchool).



# International Baccalaureate (IB)

Diploma program (Year 11-12)

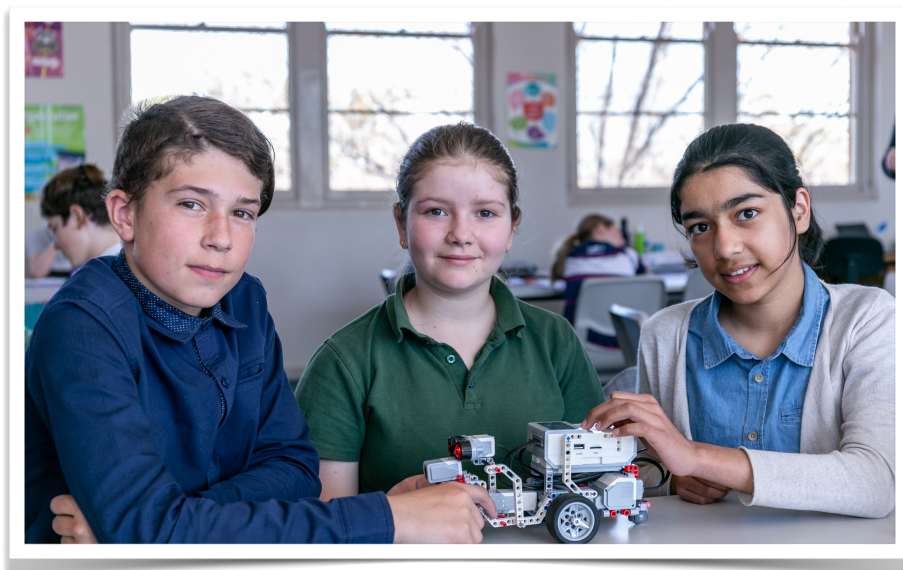


The International Baccalaureate® (IB) Diploma Programme (DP) is recognised and respected by the world's leading universities, and evidence suggests that higher rates of DP students go on to university and higher education study than non-IB students.

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN THE PROCESS OF BECOMING AN  
AUTHORISED IB SCHOOL FOR YEAR 11-12

## An IB education:

- **focuses on learners**  
the IB's student-centred programmes promote healthy relationships, ethical responsibility and personal challenge
- **develops effective approaches to teaching and learning**  
IB programmes help students to develop the attitudes and skills they need for both academic and personal success
- **works within global contexts**  
IB programmes increase understanding of languages and cultures, and explore globally significant ideas and issues
- **explores significant content**  
IB programmes offer a curriculum that is broad and balanced, conceptual and connected.



## BUILDING A NEW PERMANENT SCHOOL IN DUBBO

"The Central West Leadership Academy is well positioned to provide for a growing population that is experiencing an expanding gap in educational offerings" (McCrindle's Demographics Report "Understanding the Dubbo Region", April 2020)

In order to provide this service, we need to build permanent facilities for which we are currently fundraising.



## Strategic Pillars

Our six pillars provide a framework for achieving our vision over the next six years.



**Sustainable Growth.** By starting with a small cohort and growing our offering year-on-year, we will create a solid framework on which to grow.



**A Different Experience.** Dubbo has a number of existing public and private schools. Our aim is to offer an alternative, nationally recognised educational experience to the region.



**Community Engagement.** The Academy is a school deeply grounded in the community and in the region. We encourage early relationships with local business, community leaders and organisations.



**Community Enrichment.** Our goal is to be and active participant in the community by contributing in meaningful ways that make a genuine difference to our local region.



**Professional Excellence.** We will create an environment that fosters excellence in pedagogy. We will encourage and inspire our educators to pursue new learning approaches and embrace opportunities for leading edge delivery.



**Industry Leadership.** Our aim is for our region to be a recognised educational powerhouse, making it a location of choice for professionals when considering schooling opportunities. We set high benchmarks and encourage involvement for our local industry peers.