

Highlights of the Year

- Reporting to Parents – new IEP and ITP formats. Ongoing target setting feature.
- Each year some teachers are nominated by their Principals for The Premier’s Teacher of the Year Award. A short-listed group go through to the finals and receive a monetary reward. In 2007, Dr Alison Harman, Learning Support Coordinator, Data Coordinator and Year 9 Coordinator, was nominated and became a Finalist and, with the Principal and Meriel Stander, attended the Premier’s Breakfast at Burswood.
- The Independent Living Centre arrived, was installed and has since been fully equipped. A new program was concurrently established to enable all students (Years 8-12) to make full use of this facility.
- Working with Information and Communication Technology (WWICT) is a project designed to maximize the use of computers in the classroom. In 2007, brand new networking, cabling and servers were installed along with 30 new computers for student use. These resources will allow the complete integration of ICT into all areas of the curriculum.
- Each year a small number of students receive awards from sources external to the school. In 2007, Michael Day received the West Scheme Award for Vocational Education which was awarded to him at the Graduation Ceremony and was reported in the West Australian newspaper, January 2008.
- In addition to school responsibilities and the wide variety of administrative duties a Principal performs, the ESC Principal, Chris Rowe, has been on reference groups for
 - Post School Options Transition Planning Framework
 - collaborative initiative between DET and DSC
 - development of new website (statewide information)
 - development of Individual Transition Plans – Statewide (consistent framework)
 - West Coast Participation Steering Committee
- WACOT Professional Teaching Standards Reference Group: DG nominated ESC Principal to represent State School Principals “Western Australian Framework for Teaching
- Belridge ESC invited by Curriculum Council to be involved in consultation and preparation for new PA and PB units in Courses of Study; Building and Construction and Health and PE.
- Funding received from ‘Participation and Retention Project (WCDEO) for new TAFE course on site at Belridge ESC and funding to assist establishment of new ILC at Belridge ESC.
- In 2007, the Community Service program was introduced to develop a culture of service in students in Year 10. Year 11. Students are required to do 20 hours of Community Service in order to gain their Western Australian Certificate of Education in Year 12. It aims to develop in students initiative and responsibility and to link learning to real-life problem solving.
- The new Participation and Retention (ETPP) funded program was implemented which consists of a TAFE course held on site at the school using a TAFE trainer and ESC

teachers. Year 11 students work towards a Certificate 1 qualification in Land Management and Conservation.

- Gary Hobson (Deputy Principal) successfully completed all of the Aspirant Leaders Modules (DET Leadership Centre) in School Accountability and Planning, School Review Process, Leading Curriculum, Our Policies, Human Resource, Finance and Budget and was invited to become one of the centre's facilitators/presenters.
- Destination results for the past three years show that 100% of Year 12 students left to open or assisted employment.
- The Education Department has a major focus on Numeracy and Literacy and in 2007 we designed and implemented a new program (FastTrack) to concentrate on Mathematics and English for 2008. New teaching staff were merit selected to run this program.
- Funding was received from 'Investing in Our Schools' to provide for new air conditioners in classrooms as well as refurbishment of some classrooms.
- Each year The City of Joondalup holds an art exhibition at which a variety of school students display their work. In 2007, two of our students, Michelle Lowe and Dean Cook received these Art Awards for the Recycling Art Competition.
- The School Expo took place in 3rd Term at which students' work was displayed, the Year Coordinators, Deputy Principal and Principal spoke about the curriculum and school, and students performed short plays and dances. Many parents attended as well as staff from feeder schools and outside agencies.
- An Art Exhibition was held before Christmas to allow students to exhibit and sell a wide variety of art produced during the year.