

Parent and Student Questionnaire 2014

Summary of Responses

At the recent Parent, Teacher, Student interviews, both parents and students were surveyed on a likert scale for a number of questions regarding the learning environment, study and exams and their general well being at the College. These questions were a repeat of those asked at the same time 2013 allowing for some comparisons to be made. Parents were also given the opportunity to comment in a free response about improvements they would like to see at the College. Relatively few parents took this opportunity and they have been summarised separately. Below are some observations from the 649 student and 635 parents who completed the survey.

RETURN RATES

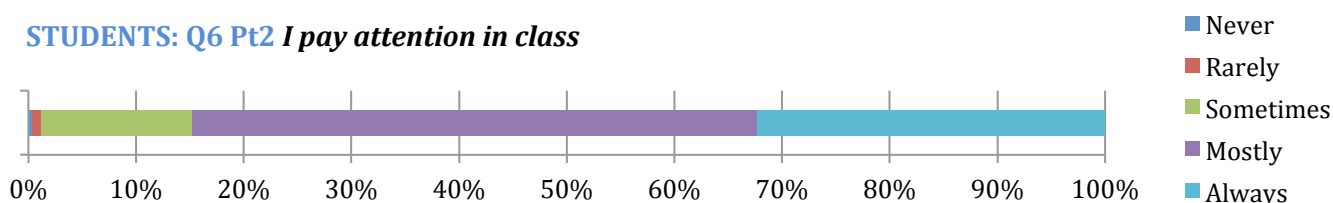
Year Group	Student return rate	Parent return rate
7	75%	69%
8	68%	70%
9	67%	64%
10	63%	69%

2014 return rates were up on last year returns for all year groups. As expected Year 7 and 8 continue to have the highest return rate for both parents and students of each of the year groups.

CLASSWORK

- It was pleasing that no student stated that they were never coping with the work.

STUDENTS: Q6 Pt2 *I pay attention in class*

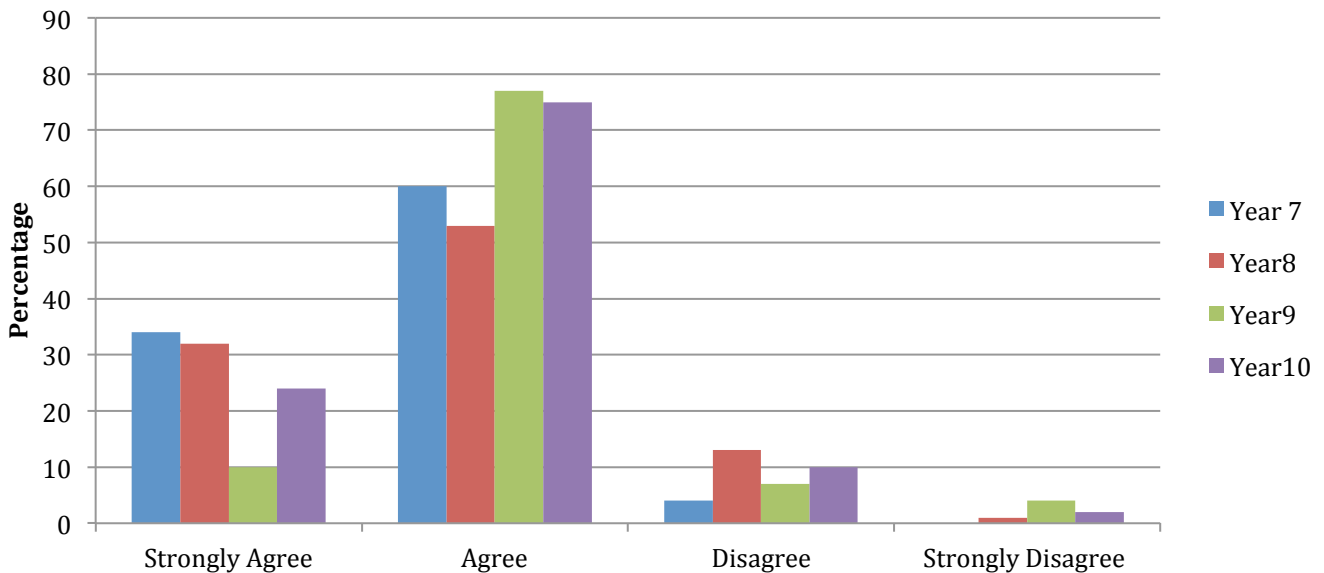


- It was also pleasing that no students stated they never pay attention in class, and only 3 students said they rarely pay attention.
- Overall the vast majority of students agree or strongly agree that they feel good about their work in the semester just finished (82% of returned surveys)
- 17% of students overall disagreed with the statement *I feel good about my work this semester*. Which is an improvement from last year where 18% strongly disagreed

Year Group	Disagree Number of students	Strongly Disagree Number of students
7	32	0
8	25	0
9	23	5
10	36	1
Overall		6

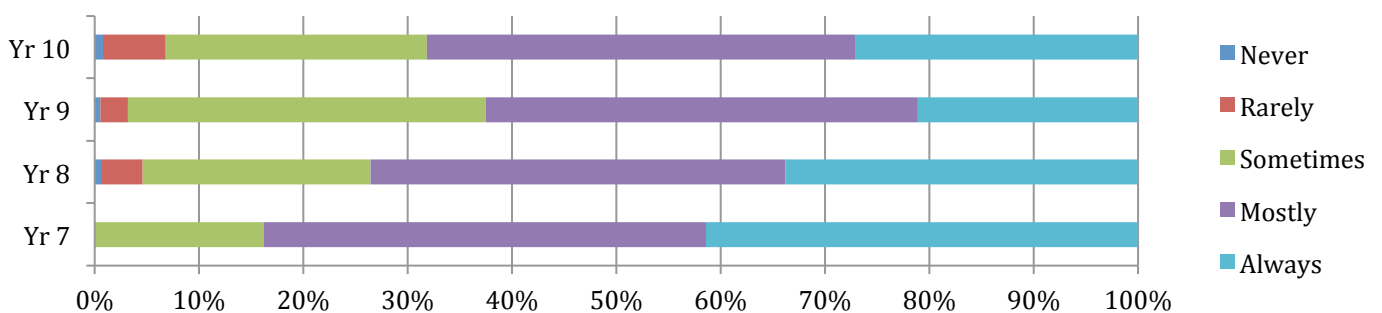
- In Year 10, there is an even split amongst the boys and girls (18/18). This is an increase of the total number from last year (2013:22). In Year 9, 15 of the 24 are boys. Year 10 had the highest number of disagrees to this question. As was the case in 2012, and 2013 Year 7 and Year 8 (was the same with this group in Year 7 2013) were the only year groups where no student strongly disagreed with the statement. Unfortunately the number of students who disagreed with this statement has slightly increased in all year groups.

STUDENTS: Q5 Pt1 *I feel there is a good learning environment in my classes*



- Students were asked about the quality of the learning environment. Overall, 10% of students disagree (disagree and strongly disagree) with the statement *I feel there is a good learning environment in my classes*. There is a decrease in all year groups in the number of students who disagree or strongly disagree with this statement. It was pleasing that no Year 7 students strongly disagreed with this statement indicating that no Year 10 students strongly disagreed with the statement as Year 10 has traditionally been targeted for professional distractors.

STUDENTS: Q5 Pt2 *I have done interesting things in my classes this semester*



- Students were asked to respond to the statement, *I have done interesting things in my classes this semester*. It was pleasing to see the small number of students who chose rarely or never as their response. However, the number of students who responded always fell for all year groups.

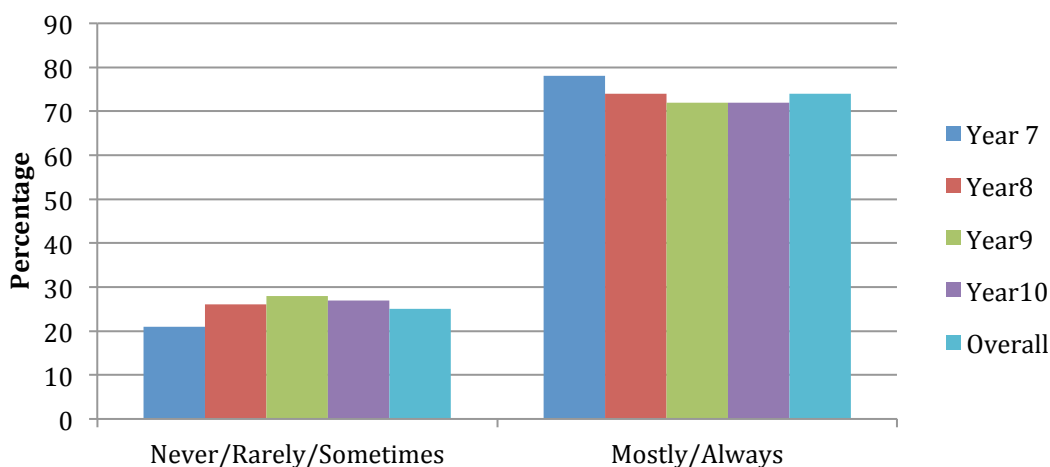
EXAMS AND STUDY

- 20% of parents felt their child did not do enough study for their exams. This figure is slightly lower than 2013. 20% of parents of Yr 7-9 felt that their child did not do enough study, this is the same result as last year. 17% of Year 10 parents indicated their child did not study enough for the exams. This is a significant drop from 30% in 2013.
- 88% of students agree or strongly agree that they have the skills to study independently. Only 41 students indicated that they disagree with this statement, significantly lower than 72 students in 2013. Of those 41 students, 19 are from Year 7 with the majority being boys.

PERSONAL BEST

- In regard to personal best the majority of students said they were mostly or always giving their personal best Year 7 94% (2013: 91), Year 8 81% (2013:83%), Year 9 78% (2013 76%) and Year 10 77% (2013: 71%).

PARENTS: Q5 Pt2 *I think my child is performing at their personal best*

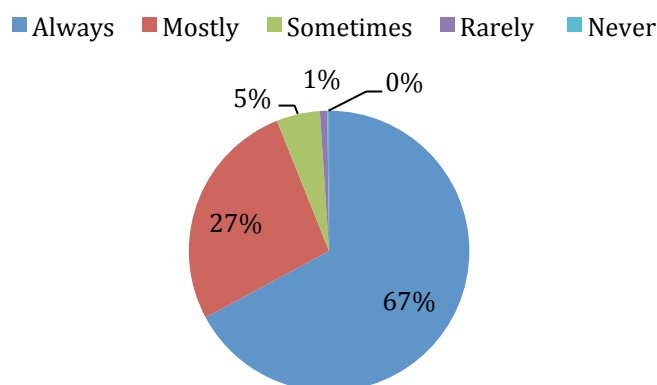


- 27% of year 10 parents indicated that their students are sometimes, rarely or never performing at their personal best, this is an improvement from 34% last year. This was slightly higher than the overall 25% of parents who stated their children were sometimes, rarely or never performing at their personal best. The other year groups were 21% in year 7, 26% in year 8 and 28% in year 9 in the same category. In 2013, Year 9 was the year group with the greatest percentage of parents who nominated their student in this category. It was hypothesized that this may be due to disengagement in Year 9 and Year 9 also had the lowest in the mostly and always category. It is pleasing to note that there has been a slight improvement in Year 7, 8 and 10 in the mostly and always category.

WELL BEING

- It was very pleasing that the majority of students feel that they have a good relationship with their teachers. It is pleasing that no Year 7 student felt that they don't have a good relationship with their teachers.

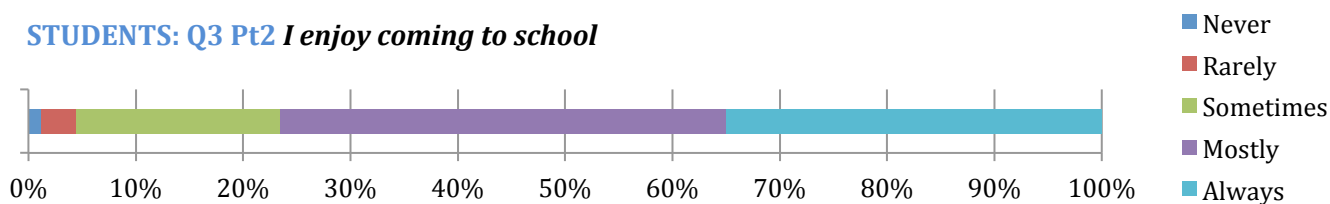
STUDENTS: Q1 Pt2 I feel safe at my school



	Always	Mostly	Sometimes	Rarely	Never
2014	89%	36%	6%	1.1%	.8%
2013	65%	29%	5%	0%	0%

A large majority of students indicated that they feel safe at school. This is a significant increase from 2013.

STUDENTS: Q3 Pt2 I enjoy coming to school



- Only 4% of students never or rarely enjoy coming to school. Only Year 7 had no students indicate that they never enjoy coming to school. Overall 78% of students always or mostly enjoy attending school with the remaining 19% selecting sometimes. This is a slight improvement from last year.
- When asked if they felt their children were well looked after, parents overwhelmingly answered mostly or always. Year 7: 95%, Year 8: 94%, Year 9: 94%, Year 10: 94%.