# Parent Opinion Survey 2018

The Parent Opinion Survey (POS) has been administered annually since 2010 to a sample of parents of primary and secondary school students in Victorian government schools. The survey provides the Department and schools with important information about parents’ perceptions of their and their children’s school experience.

## KEY FINDINGS OF THE 2018 SURVEY

Most parents with children attending a Victorian government school are happy with their child’s school*.*

Overall, parents of students in Victorian government schools are very satisfied with their child’s school. On a 100-point scale, satisfaction levels are at 81.9 points for primary schooling and 79.9 points for secondary schooling.

### Parent satisfaction levels with Victorian government primary and secondary schools, 2018

* Primary: 82%
* Secondary: 80.0%

Parent satisfaction levels with primary schools have remained stable since 2010.

Parent satisfaction with secondary schools has increased each year since 2010 and remained stable in 2018.

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### Level of parental satisfaction

|  | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** |
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| Primary | 81.20 | 81.90 | 82.71 | 82.41 | 83.03 | 82.65 | 82.24 | 81.47 | 81.41 |
| Pri/Sec | 73.38 | 74.25 | 74.07 | 74.47 | 76.55 | 75.19 | 76.61 | 80.12 | 79.91 |
| Secondary | 72.63 | 74.32 | 74.35 | 75.32 | 76.59 | 76.83 | 76.59 | 80.04 | 79.86 |
| Special | 84.56 | 83.69 | 84.61 | 84.51 | 85.62 | 84.85 | 83.73 | 82.05 | 81.89 |

Through the POS, parents are asked a range of questions relating to different factors of school life including their engagement with the school, the school environment, and their child’s development and connection to school.

| **FACTOR** | **SATISFACTION LEVEL** |  | **FACTOR INCLUSIONS** |
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| PARENT COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT | 80% | High levels of satisfaction | Questions cover parent participation and involvement, school and teacher communication |
| SCHOOL ETHOS AND ENVIRONMENT | 81% | High levels of satisfaction | Questions cover school satisfaction, improvement, physical environment and pride and confidence |
| STUDENT COGNITIVE ENGAGEMENT | 80% | High levels of satisfaction | Questions cover expectations for success, student motivation, learning environment and teaching effectiveness |
| STUDENT DEVELOPMENT | 80% | High levels of satisfaction | Questions cover student agency and voice, confidence and resiliency skills |
| SAFETY | 82% | High levels of satisfaction | Questions cover experiencing and managing bullying, promoting positive behaviour and respect for diversity |
| CONNECTION AND PROGRESSION | 81% | High levels of satisfaction | Questions cover student connectedness and positive transitions |

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