

# School Curriculum and Standards Authority

Table 6.3 Full-time secondary student apparent retention rates\* years 8 to 12 by gender\*\*  
(government and non-government schools) - July, 1997 to 2020\*\*\*

	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
<b>Female</b>					
1997	100.0	100.3	99.7	87.3	71.1
1998	100.0	100.3	99.4	88.0	71.6
1999	100.0	100.6	99.6	87.7	72.0
2000	100.0	100.7	99.9	87.6	72.7
2001	100.0	100.2	100.5	87.8	72.3
2002	100.0	100.0	100.3	88.2	73.5
2003	100.0	100.5	100.3	89.6	73.3
2004	100.0	100.8	100.6	89.1	74.5
2005	100.0	100.9	101.3	90.3	75.3
2006	100.0	101.4	102.1	94.8	75.5
2007	100.0	101.4	102.7	94.6	74.4
2008	100.0	101.7	102.2	96.0	77.3
2009	100.0	101.6	102.5	97.5	79.0
2010	100.0	100.7	101.7	97.6	80.6
2011	100.0	101.3	101.0	96.8	81.1
2012	100.0	101.9	103.6	97.8	81.3
2013	100.0	100.4	101.6	105.0	84.1
2014****	100.0	99.7	99.2	97.4	89.9
2015	100.0	99.1	98.6	94.2	84.7
2016	100.0	98.8	97.3	93.9	81.6
2017	100.0	98.8	97.5	94.7	83.5
2018	100.0	99.1	97.7	95.6	84.3
2019	100.0	98.4	97.6	95.9	86.0
2020	100.0	98.5	97.5	95.8	86.6
<b>Male</b>					
1997	100.0	100.6	97.9	82.1	58.2
1998	100.0	100.2	98.4	81.1	60.4
1999	100.0	99.9	97.9	82.3	60.2
2000	100.0	100.4	97.8	80.6	60.9
2001	100.0	100.4	100.1	82.3	62.1
2002	100.0	100.3	99.7	85.3	63.5
2003	100.0	100.6	99.4	85.1	65.3
2004	100.0	100.5	100.1	84.4	65.0
2005	100.0	100.5	99.9	85.0	64.8
2006	100.0	101.4	101.1	88.8	64.3
2007	100.0	100.5	100.8	87.6	62.5
2008	100.0	101.1	100.9	89.6	66.2
2009	100.0	101.6	101.5	93.7	66.4
2010	100.0	100.4	101.6	93.4	71.2
2011	100.0	100.8	100.7	94.4	70.7
2012	100.0	101.8	102.6	95.7	73.4
2013	100.0	100.9	102.0	102.8	76.6
2014****	100.0	100.3	99.5	96.1	82.7
2015	100.0	99.5	98.4	91.8	77.8
2016	100.0	99.2	97.7	92.0	76.4
2017	100.0	99.1	97.7	93.3	77.7
2018	100.0	98.7	97.4	92.3	79.2
2019	100.0	99.1	96.9	93.0	79.4
2020	100.0	98.9	97.7	94.4	79.8

\* Retention rates are expressed as percentages of the Year 8 cohort. The calculations do not include senior college students, full fee-paying overseas students or mature-age students at senior campuses (from 1997). Apparent retention rates do not account for net changes to the school population caused by interstate and overseas migration or students moving between school sectors. Changes in net migration particularly inflated the 2014 apparent retention rate relative to earlier years and 2015.

\*\* Indeterminate gender figures are not reported separately, but are included in the total figures reported above.

\*\*\* Figures as at Semester 2 student census.

\*\*\*\* The 'half-cohort' progressed through school between 2001 and 2014, including Year 7 in 2009, Year 8 in 2010 and Year 12 in 2014.

Source of Data: System Performance, Department of Education.

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Table 6.3 Full-time secondary student apparent retention rates\* years 8 to 12 by gender\*\* (government and non-government schools) - July, 1997 to 2020\*\*\* (cont)

	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
Total					
1997	100.0	100.5	98.8	84.6	64.5
1998	100.0	100.2	98.8	84.5	65.8
1999	100.0	100.2	98.7	84.9	65.9
2000	100.0	100.6	98.8	84.0	66.6
2001	100.0	100.3	100.3	85.0	67.0
2002	100.0	100.2	100.0	86.7	68.4
2003	100.0	100.5	99.8	87.3	69.2
2004	100.0	100.6	100.4	86.7	69.6
2005	100.0	100.7	100.6	87.6	69.9
2006	100.0	101.4	101.6	91.7	69.8
2007	100.0	100.9	101.8	91.0	68.3
2008	100.0	101.4	101.6	92.7	71.6
2009	100.0	101.6	102.0	95.5	72.5
2010	100.0	100.6	101.6	95.4	75.7
2011	100.0	101.0	100.8	95.6	75.7
2012	100.0	101.8	103.1	96.7	77.2
2013	100.0	100.7	101.8	103.9	80.3
2014****	100.0	100.0	99.4	96.7	86.1
2015	100.0	99.3	98.5	93.0	81.1
2016	100.0	99.0	97.5	92.9	78.9
2017	100.0	99.0	97.6	94.0	80.5
2018	100.0	98.9	97.5	93.9	81.7
2019	100.0	98.8	97.3	94.5	82.6
2020	100.0	98.7	97.6	95.2	83.1

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