Gap closing in high OP levels

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SOME of Brisbane’s larger private schools have been shown up by better performing state schools or smaller independent institutions, according to the Year 12 outcomes data.

While some schools recorded a 100 per cent result in terms of students with an OP of 15 or better, they taught a comparative handful of eligible Year 12 students compared with the larger institutions.

Seven schools recorded outcomes where 90 per cent or more of their students achieved an OP of 1 through to 15.

They were All Saints Anglican School at Merrimac (94 percent), Brisbane Grammar (93 percent), Emmanuel College at Carrara (91 per cent), Mt St Michael’s College at Ashgrove (90 per cent), St Augustine’s Marist College in Cairns (90 per cent), St Margaret’s Anglican School at Ascot (90 per cent) and St Patrick’s College at Gympie (90 per cent).

Of these, only Brisbane Grammar and All Saints Anglican recorded a score of 90 per cent or better in 2006.

However, other larger private schools in metropolitan Brisbane recorded lower percentages compared with schools of a comparable size.

About 70 per cent of eligible Year 12 students at Stuartholme school, in Brisbane’s inner west, received an OP of 15 or better last year, although 99 per cent of students who applied for tertiary study received an offer of a place.

St Joseph’s at Nudgee scored 82 per cent, a marked improvement on its 2006 score of 73 per cent. However, St Joseph’s at Gregory Terrace slipped, scoring 84 per cent compared with its 90 per cent result in 2006.

Brisbane Girls Grammar scored 88 per cent compared with its 90 per cent result in 2006, while All Hallows scored 83 per cent compared with 86 per cent the year before.

Somerville House at South Brisbane scored 88 per cent, a slight improvement on its 2006 outcome of 86 per cent.
The better performing metropolitan government schools included The Gap State High (84 per cent), Kenmore State High (81 per cent), Brisbane State High (80 per cent) Redcliffe State High (76 per cent) and Kelvin Grove State College (74 per cent).

The Queensland Studies Authority, which compiles the Year 12 outcomes data, cautioned that parents should use the information in conjunction with other information.

It stressed that the information showed outcomes of “one particular year group”.