### City of Merri-bek

#### Highest level of schooling

Brunswick's school completion data is a useful indicator of socio-economic status. With other indicators, such as [Proficiency in English](speaks-english?[QS]), the data informs planners and decision-makers about people's ability to access services. Combined with [Educational Qualifications](qualifications?[QS]) it also allows assessment of the skill base of the population.

[Learn more about planning education provision here.](https://blog.id.com.au/2016/location-analysis/education/planning-education-provision-in-a-rapidly-changing-australia/)

Persons aged 15 years and over

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| **Highest level of secondary schooling completed** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Brunswick - Total persons (Usual residence)** | **2021** |  |  | **2016** |  |  | **Change** |
| **Level of schooling** | **Number** | **%** | **City of Merri-bek %** | **Number** | **%** | **City of Merri-bek %** | **2016 to 2021** |
| Year 8 or below | 909 | 4.1 | 5.7 | 1,131 | 5.2 | 7.7 | -223 |
| Year 9 or equivalent | 385 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 371 | 1.7 | 3.7 | +14 |
| Year 10 or equivalent | 1,001 | 4.5 | 7.1 | 991 | 4.6 | 8.0 | +10 |
| Year 11 or equivalent | 1,059 | 4.7 | 7.0 | 1,045 | 4.8 | 7.3 | +14 |
| Year 12 or equivalent | 17,904 | 79.8 | 69.9 | 16,292 | 74.9 | 63.6 | +1,612 |
| Did not go to school | 319 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 327 | 1.5 | 1.9 | -9 |
| Not stated | 849 | 3.8 | 5.3 | 1,583 | 7.3 | 7.9 | -735 |
| **Total persons aged 15+** | **22,426** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **21,742** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **+683** |

Analysis of the highest level of schooling attained by the population in Brunswick in 2021 compared to the City of Merri-bek shows that there was a lower proportion of people who had left school at an early level (Year 10 or less) and a higher proportion of people who completed Year 12 or equivalent.

Overall, 11.7% of the population left school at Year 10 or below, and 79.8% went on to complete Year 12 or equivalent, compared with 17.9% and 69.9% respectively for the City of Merri-bek.

The major differences between the level of schooling attained by the population in Brunswick and the City of Merri-bek were:

* A *larger* percentage of persons who completed year 12 or equivalent (79.8% compared to 69.9%)
* A *smaller* percentage of persons who completed year 10 or equivalent (4.5% compared to 7.1%)
* A *smaller* percentage of persons who completed year 11 or equivalent (4.7% compared to 7.0%)
* A *smaller* percentage of persons who completed year 8 or below (4.1% compared to 5.7%)

The largest changes in the level of schooling attained by the population in Brunswick, between 2016 and 2021 were:

* Year 12 or equivalent (+1,612 persons)
* Year 8 or below (-223 persons)