### City of Merri-bek

#### Highest level of schooling

Brunswick East'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 East - 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 | 397 | 3.1 | 5.7 | 521 | 4.7 | 7.7 | -125 |
| Year 9 or equivalent | 218 | 1.7 | 3.3 | 196 | 1.8 | 3.7 | +22 |
| Year 10 or equivalent | 504 | 3.9 | 7.1 | 502 | 4.6 | 8.0 | +1 |
| Year 11 or equivalent | 543 | 4.2 | 7.0 | 528 | 4.8 | 7.3 | +14 |
| Year 12 or equivalent | 10,455 | 81.6 | 69.9 | 8,356 | 75.6 | 63.6 | +2,099 |
| Did not go to school | 121 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 142 | 1.3 | 1.9 | -21 |
| Not stated | 570 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 798 | 7.2 | 7.9 | -229 |
| **Total persons aged 15+** | **12,808** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **11,047** | **100.0** | **100.0** | **+1,761** |

Analysis of the highest level of schooling attained by the population in Brunswick East 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, 9.7% of the population left school at Year 10 or below, and 81.6% 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 East and the City of Merri-bek were:

* A *larger* percentage of persons who completed year 12 or equivalent (81.6% compared to 69.9%)
* A *smaller* percentage of persons who completed year 10 or equivalent (3.9% compared to 7.1%)
* A *smaller* percentage of persons who completed year 11 or equivalent (4.2% compared to 7.0%)
* A *smaller* percentage of persons who completed year 8 or below (3.1% compared to 5.7%)

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

* Year 12 or equivalent (+2,099 persons)
* Year 8 or below (-125 persons)