

## SCHOOL PROFILE

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### Principal's foreword

The following report provides some of the data which may be used to better learn more about our school-  
St

Joseph's. Whilst we are very proud of our tradition as a school that values both the academic and social growth of the children, there are many facets that make this possible. St Joseph's is a Catholic School with an enrolment of 680 students from Prep to Year 6. The school's motto of 'Jesus in each other' is central to the way in which we teach the children to relate to each other. Whilst I hope the readers of this information below gauge some knowledge of our school one can only achieve a real understanding by visiting us and witnessing what occurs here first hand. For this reason I invite any interested families to visit us to see our wonderful facilities and meet the people who form this community.

### School facts

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School is a Catholic school administered through Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Coeducational  or Single sex

Year levels offered: Primary  Secondary  P-12

Total student enrolments: 680 Girls: 348 Boys: 332

## Characteristics of the student body

We have an outstanding group of young people who make up our student body. Most live within this parish and have established good relationships both in and out of school. We support children from a variety of cultures and offer them quality education within a safe and happy environment. Our older students are our school leaders and support the staff in different aspects of school life. Our Buddy program sees students from different year levels interacting closely across the school. The good behaviour and care of each other shown by our students is a feature of St Joseph's children.

## Social climate

There is a great deal of collaboration in our school to develop the sense of community that exists here. Our annual School Fete is a great example of the community coming together to support our children. Our school motto of 'Jesus in each other' is evident through the interactions of staff students and parents. St Joseph's caters for children from many and varied backgrounds, ability levels and cultures. All children are treated equally and given equal opportunity in their educational and extra curricular activities. Ethnic backgrounds and religion are always taken into account when planning special occasions that may involve particular religious celebrations. St Joseph's has clear guidelines for responding to any incidents of bullying or general misbehaviour. We draw our enrolment predominantly from the suburbs of Bracken Ridge and Bald Hills, but children also travel distances to attend our school, attracted by our academic reputation and quality education. Over the past year our school ran a number of programs to help students and parents. Our Guidance Officer offered Community sponsored Protective Behaviour Workshops, Positive Parenting Programs. Funds and support were provided for students to be involved in "Friends", "Seasons" and Circus skills.

## Curriculum - our distinctive offerings

St Joseph's offers a wide variety of subjects. The basic core skills are covered in English, Mathematics, History and, Science. Religious Education is provided to all students as an integral part of our curriculum and ethos of our school community. The curriculum is diverse, to provide a range of learning opportunities and cater for the individual style of learning that each child possesses. Proudly we offer all students the opportunity to participate and excel in all subjects, in our instrumental music and choir programs, school musicals and concerts, sport at school, district and regional level. Our highly trained teachers, teacher aides, office staff, cleaners and grounds staff comprise a team of dedicated people working together in the best interests of all students. Our specialised staff offer diversity in programs catering for differences in learners' needs in learning difficulty, extension and enrichment. Other subjects taught at St Joseph's include Art, Drama, Library, Music, Health & Physical Education (H.P.E) and L.O.T.E (Language other than English); Japanese. Children from Years P to 6 learn L.O.T.E. In addition, children from Years 3 to 6 who qualify are able to take part in an Instrumental Music Program which is held in school time. This includes Woodwind, Brass and Percussion and a Beginner's Band as well as an Advanced Band. Students from Year 1 are able to access our School's Strings Program, and eventually join our School Orchestra. Children may also join a choir in any Year level. Students who wish

## Curriculum - our extra curricula activities

Our students are able to participate in the following extra-curricular activities:

- Parents may nominate for their children to enter these competitions (Year 2– 6) University of New South Wales – Mathematics, English, Spelling, and Writing Competitions
  - Choir for Prep-2, Junior & Senior Choir, Boys' Performance Group
  - Aus Kick Football Program, Senior Basketball
  - Soccer Skills Program (Qld Roar)
  - Interschool Sports Competitions
  - Sports rotations with a local cluster of schools
  - Highland Dancing
  - Instrumental Music
- Tennis and basketball  
Children may also participate in Chess, Science, Sewing Club, Garden Club  
ICT

## Parent, student and teacher satisfaction

Parents have the opportunity to feedback to the school leadership their satisfaction or otherwise on a range of issues. This can be done directly to the school verbally or feedback via survey. It can also occur through the School Board or the Parents and Friends Association. Similarly, staff is provided the opportunity to raise concerns with leadership staff through regular communication. Feedback from each of these sources and from the students in our care is invariably very positive. St Joseph's has a wonderful community spirit and this is reflected in how staff, parents and students relate to each other. This reputation of St Joseph's as a school that cares is part of the reason why the school is always at its enrolment capacity.

## Parent engagement

St Joseph's School actively welcomes parents' involvement within the school and their child's education. Teachers are happy to give interviews at any suitable time but an appointment must be made. Parent teacher

interviews are also requested followed by reports each Semester. At the beginning of the year, a Parent-Teacher Information Evening is held where the teacher will give an overview of the curriculum for the

year, the organisation of the class is discussed, procedures explained and parents are informed of excursions etc that they can expect their child to be involved in during the year.

- Parents and Friends Association (P & F)-St Joseph's School has an active Parents and Friends Association which always welcomes new members. Through our P&F we raise much needed funds for equipment, resources and computers and major projects like our Fete are significant fundraisers.

Our School Board supports policy development at St Joseph's

- Tuckshop:

Our school Tuckshop is open 4 days a week and is run by a convenor, supported by parents and friends

## SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

### **Achievements - progress towards goals**

Evidence of improvement in reading levels in the lower school  
Visible Learning strategies are in place to support student learning  
New Maths program has been introduced and is very successful  
Year 3 classroom block has been built

### **Future outlook**

Continuation of the outlined goals below.  
Continuation of the building program which will see new facilities for specialist lessons, administration and some extra classrooms

## STUDENT OUTCOMES

|                              |       |   |                        |         |
|------------------------------|-------|---|------------------------|---------|
| Whole school attendance rate |       |   | 95.00                  | %       |
| Prep attendance rate         | 95.00 | % | Year 4 attendance rate | 94.00 % |
| Year 1 attendance rate       | 95.00 | % | Year 5 attendance rate | 95.00 % |
| Year 2 attendance rate       | 95.00 | % | Year 6 attendance rate | 96.00 % |
| Year 3 attendance rate       | 95.00 | % |                        |         |

### Management of non-attendance

Children's attendance is closely monitored. Unexplained absences are followed up via an SMS texting system. The school will discuss attendance with individual parents if regular student non attendance is a concern.

### NAPLAN results

Average NAPLAN results

|                       | Year 3 |        | Year 5 |        |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|                       | School | Aust.  | School | Aust.  |
| Reading               | 459.08 | 425.70 | 504.59 | 501.70 |
| Writing               | 444.76 | 420.50 | 480.21 | 475.40 |
| Spelling              | 445.85 | 420.10 | 505.68 | 492.90 |
| Grammar & punctuation | 463.73 | 436.30 | 515.65 | 505.00 |
| Numeracy              | 415.53 | 402.20 | 482.64 | 492.90 |

## STAFF PROFILE

| Workforce composition                  | Teaching staff | Non-teaching staff |
|--|----------------|--------------------|
| Headcounts                             | 51             | 37                 |
| Full-time equivalents                  | 40.80          | 18.07              |
| Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders | 0              |                    |

| Highest level of attainment           | Number of teaching staff (teaching staff includes school leaders) |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Doctorate                             |   |
| Masters                               | 11  |
| Post Graduate Diploma/<br>Certificate | 5   |
| Bachelor Degree                       | 33  |
| Diploma/Certificate                   | 2   |

### Expenditure on and participation in teacher professional learning

The total funds expended on teacher professional learning in 2016 was \$ \$58000

The major professional development initiatives were as follows

Focus on improving Literacy and Numeracy standards  
Development of our school as a Visible Learning School  
Gifted and Talented PD  
Catering for students with special needs  
Further consolidation of Stepping Stones Maths implementation

**Average staff attendance rate** The staff attendance rate was 96.81 % in 2016.

### Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the 2015 school year, 100.0 % of staff were retained by the school for the 2016 year.

## SCHOOL INCOME

### School income by funding source

School income broken down by funding source is available via the My School website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>

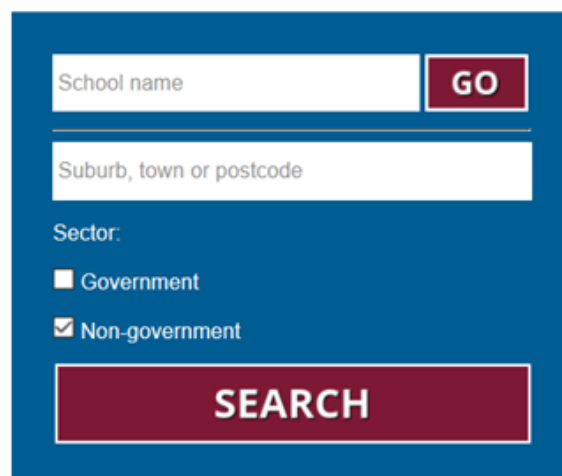
To access our school income details, click on the My School link above. You will then be taken to the My School website with the following:

'Find a school' text box.

Type in the name of the school you wish to view, and select '<GO>'. Read and follow the instructions on the next screen; you will be asked to accept the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy before being given access to the school's My School entry web page.

School financial information is available by selecting 'School finances' in the menu box in the top left corner of the school's entry web page.

### Find a school



The screenshot shows a search interface with a dark blue background. At the top, the text 'Find a school' is displayed. Below this, there are two input fields: 'School name' and 'Suburb, town or postcode'. To the right of the 'School name' field is a red button with the text 'GO'. Below the input fields, the text 'Sector:' is followed by two radio button options: 'Government' (which is unselected) and 'Non-government' (which is selected with a checkmark). At the bottom of the form is a large red button with the text 'SEARCH' in white capital letters.