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# ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTING – 2017

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION, ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

### 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: 380 Girls: 354 Boys: 326

## 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.

## Curriculum - our distinctive offerings

St Joseph's offers a wide variety of subjects. The basic core skills are covered in English, Mathematics, HASS

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 to learn the piano and guitar are also provided that opportunity.

## 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, Technology 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

## Parent, student and teacher satisfaction

Parents have the opportunity to feed back 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 parental 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 against 2017 annual plan**

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.

A new administration building is underway as is planning for the revitalisation of classroom spaces

.Much work has been done to progress our Positive Behaviour for Learning Project.

### **Future outlook**

The immediate school future is very positive. The enrolment base is strong and this is allowing us to continue our plans for future facility upgrades with a degree of certainty.

## STUDENT OUTCOMES

Whole school attendance rate			95.00	%
Prep attendance rate	95.00	%	Year 4 attendance rate	94.00 %
Year 1 attendance rate	94.00	%	Year 5 attendance rate	95.00 %
Year 2 attendance rate	95.00	%	Year 6 attendance rate	95.00 %
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	433.83	431.30	542.73	505.60
Writing	421.15	413.60	506.99	472.50
Spelling	415.43	416.20	551.03	500.90
Numeracy	415.68	409.40	520.27	493.80

## STAFF PROFILE

Workforce composition	Teaching staff	Non-teaching staff
Headcounts	54	37
Full-time equivalents	43.80	19.37
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders	Less than 5	

Highest level of attainment	Number of teaching staff (teaching staff includes school leaders)
Doctorate	
Masters	12
Post Graduate Diploma/ Certificate	5
Bachelor Degree	37
Diploma/Certificate	

### Expenditure on and participation in teacher professional learning

The total funds expended on teacher professional learning in 2017 was \$ 65000 .

The major professional development initiatives were as follows:

- Positive Behaviour for Learning
- Teaching of Spelling
- Technology workshops
- Literacy focus

**Average staff attendance rate** The staff attendance rate was 96.33 % in 2017.

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

From the end of the 2016 school year, 98.0 % of staff were retained by the school for the 2017 year.

## SCHOOL INCOME

### School income by funding source

School income broken down by funding source is available via the MySchool 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 'Find a school' text box.

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