Principal’s Foreword

Introduction

St Matthew's Catholic Primary School is situated in Logan City 30km south of Brisbane. St Matthew's school was established in 1984 with the help of the Sisters of St Joseph. Although we no longer have the Sisters teaching at St Matthew’s we aim to foster the traditions and spirit of St Mary MacKillop and the Josephite Sisters. St Matthew's contributes to and builds on over 150 years of Catholic Education in Queensland. Our school is a three stream school from Prep - Year 6 and we have 570 students. We are proud of our dedicated staff who are committed to life-long learning for our students, and our extensive and comprehensive school facilities.

School Profile

St Matthew'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 for this school 566

Total Enrolment 566  Girls 273  Boys 293
Characteristics of the student body

Over 6% of students have a language other than English either as their main language or as the main language spoken in the home.
Approximately 6.5% of students have verified special learning needs.
Most graduating students go on to attend nearby Chisholm College.

Our distinctive curriculum offerings

In addition to the normal Key Learning Areas where we use the documents supplied by the Queensland Study Authority and the new Australian Curriculum we also offer a ninth Key Learning Area - Religious Education. We hope that Religious Education is more than a subject in that it guides our community and permeates all that we do at St Matthew's. We also have a range of activities designed to enhance and balance our curriculum and provide as much opportunity as we can for the children in our care. These include: Robotics, Physical Education, Music, LOTE (Spanish in Yrs 5 & 6), Learning Support, Enrichment Programs and Curriculum-integrated IT access.
Extra curricula activities

Our extra Curricular Activities include: Junior and Senior Choir, School Band, Instrumental Music Program, Violin lessons, Keyboard lessons, Guitar lessons, a wide range of sporting opportunities, Wakakirri, Drama Club, Chess Club and a variety of opportunities for students displaying particular gifts and talents.

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning

Our school Annual Plan targets the improvement of the Information Communication Technologies area. Our school is on a comprehensive wireless system, all classrooms have an up-to-date data projector-laptop-sound system set-up, all classrooms have interactive digital whiteboards. St Matthew's has two computer labs and we have over 150 laptops throughout the school - each year level has access to at least 15 laptops. We also have a bank of ipads available to all classes.

Social climate inclusive of pastoral care and our response to bullying

St Matthew's promotes Gospel values through the enhancement of the social climate of the school. We have a whole school buddy program where older students team with younger students to enhance learning and offer support. We have a proactive resilience program which focuses on positive behaviour and targets bullying. The prep year uses the Fun Friends Program and Yrs 1 - 6 uses the Bounce Back Program. We also use the Bully Bulldozer Program to enhance work done in this area. Our Guidance Officers provide support to individual students and to classes. Assemblies are held each Wednesday and are led by our students, they promote values that support a caring school environment. Many of our Year 6 students volunteer for pastoral care activities, such as helping younger children in the playground, or supervising games in the library.

Staff have recently concluded a review and revision of our Behaviour Support Policy to reflect our adoption of the BCE's Positive Behaviour for Learning framework and our own CARE expectations.
Parent, student and teacher satisfaction with the school

We have a yearly process of review which looks at, over a 5 year period, various components of school performance. Although there are always areas for improvement there seems to be high approval and positivity within the St Matthew's community. A large amount of the data is gathered from surveys of the school community. In 2013 we successfully engaged in a very positive external evaluation of our review processes.

Parent involvement in their child’s education

At St Matthew’s we are well-supported by the parent community. The St Matthew’s parent community lives the Mary MacKillop motto of ‘never seeing a need without doing something about it’ and is well known for raising funds for those less fortunate. We have a very active Parents and Friends Association. Parents support school life in many ways including: reading, perceptual motor program, library assistants, Parents and Friends fundraising, crossing supervisors, classroom help, sports days officials, tuckshop helpers, excursion supervisors etc. Our School Board assists with the development of policy and budget. We hold Parent Information Evenings which focus on areas/topics that may be of interest to parents.

Staff Profile

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Qualifications of all teachers

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Expenditure on and teacher participation in Professional Learning

The total funds expended on teacher professional learning in 2014 was $42,245.

The major professional development initiatives were as follows:

- Year level cooperative planning
- Information, Communication and Learning Technologies
- The Australian Curriculum and Behaviour Support Training

The amount above is only a fraction of the true cost of Professional Learning activities and represents the cost to the school of replacing staff to attend seminars, workshops and other professional development activities. It does not include registration costs, payment of presenters, or the very substantial costs incurred by Brisbane Catholic Education in running workshops for staff and sponsoring their attendance. Our major professional learning initiatives are outlined in our School Annual Plan. The majority of our funds were spent on: Year level cooperative planning; Information, Communication and Learning Technologies; The Australian Curriculum and Behaviour Support Training.

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/.

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‘Find a school’ text box.

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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.

Average staff attendance rate

The staff attendance rate was 96.35% in 2014.

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the 2013 school year, 90% of staff were retained by the school for the 2014 year.

Key Student Outcomes

| Whole School Attendance Rate | 94 % |
| Prep Attendance Rate | N/A |
| Year 1 Attendance Rate | 94 % |
| Year 2 Attendance Rate | 93 % |
| Year 3 Attendance Rate | 95 % |
| Year 4 Attendance Rate | 94 % |
| Year 5 Attendance Rate | 94 % |
| Year 6 Attendance Rate | 94 % |
| Year 7 Attendance Rate | 92 % |
Policy and practice to manage student attendance

Rolls are marked twice daily. Automatic text messages are sent to parents of children with unexplained absences. Letters are sent to parents of children with high rates of unexplained absence with follow-up meeting if necessary. Family support, if required, is provided through the school Pastoral Care Worker.

Student Achievement - NAPLAN for Years 3, 5, 7

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results - our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the relevant years.

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