SCHOOL PROFILE

School name Star of the Sea Catholic School

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Principal's foreword

Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School is a co-educatonal school situated in Hervey Bay, Queensland. A two stream school, Star of the Sea has been providing quality, Catholic education in the Hervey Bay region for over 30 years. Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School embraces a community of faith, commitment and compassion through our links with the St Joseph's parish, Hervey Bay. A sense of family permeates throughout the school so that in the way of Mary, Mother of God, we live out our vision. We are committed to providing a dynamic learning environment, which strives to develop a culture of excellence in a faith-filled, inclusive community.

School facts

Star of the Sea Catholic School is a Catholic school administered through Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Coeducational [X] or Single sex [ ]

Year levels offered: Primary [X] Secondary [ ] P-12 [ ]

Total student enrolments: 338 Girls: 167 Boys: 171

Characteristics of the student body

Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School is located in the suburb of Torquay, Hervey Bay. The majority of students come from the neighbouring suburbs of Wondunna, Urangan, Kawungan, Pialba, Scarness and Urraween. Approximately 4% of the student population at Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School have verified learning needs, while approximately 2.5% identify as a background other than English.

Social climate

Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School supports the personal and social development of students, as identified in the Australian Curriculum, by offering an approach to behaviour education through Play Is The Way. Our School Wide Positive Behaviour strategies assist in setting clear, consistent and expected behaviours throughout the school. Our school's Learning Support Team co-ordinates a number of programs and initiatives to support the social and emotional development of our students. Our Care and Concern group and extensive Buddy Program also assists in developing a caring and supportive school community.

Curriculum - our distinctive offerings

Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School has a rich sporting tradition in the Wide Bay region. We offer an extensive sports program across all year levels. Our school's language program sees students participate in weekly Chinese lessons from Prep to Year 6. Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School also provides a camp program, one-to-one laptop program and a robotics program to all students in years 4 - 6. All students at Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School have access to our extensive music program. This includes weekly music lessons for all students in Prep - Year 6 and optional vocal and instrumental music lessons.

Curriculum - our extra curricula activities

Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School offers the following programs:
* Junior and Senior Choir
* Vocal Lessons
* Strings Program
* Brass and Wind Program
* Inter-School and Intra-School Sport
* Toast Masters
* Year Level Excursions
* Camps (Year 4-6)

Parent, student and teacher satisfaction

Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School engages in an annual review process where data is gathered from all families, staff and students of our school community. The data collected presents the level of satisfaction across a number of key components in our school. Last year's participation in the pilot School Improvement Program supported recent satisfaction levels of over 97% of families across all areas of the school. Staff also communicated a high level of satisfaction with support and initiatives to increase professional practice. The rate of staff retention at Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School remains close to 100%.

Parent engagement

Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School values parent participation. Parents support the school through their involvement in:
* School Board
* School Parents and Friends Committee
* School Uniform Committee
* Tuckshop helpers
* Parent helpers in our classrooms
* Sport coaching
* School banking
* Care and Concern Committee
* School discos and social nights

SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Achievements against 2017 annual plan

Throughout 2017 Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School continued its focus on building effective and expected practices amongst all staff. Our committed focus saw high levels of collaborative practices and effective teacher strategies strengthen. So much so, that our school-wide target in writing was obtained by term one. This saw an increases in our benchmark.

Our school charism was further enhanced in 2017 with the development of a new school logo, school song and a school prayer.

Future outlook

Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School is about to embark on a revitalisation program. This will see a number of our learning spaces refurbished over the next 12 months. Work will also continue on our excellent learning and teaching, with our focus moving to numeracy over the next 12 months.

STUDENT OUTCOMES

Whole school attendance rate	94.00 %

Prep attendance rate	94.00 %	Year 4 attendance rate	93.00 %
Year 1 attendance rate	94.00 %	Year 5 attendance rate	93.00 %
Year 2 attendance rate	94.00 %	Year 6 attendance rate	94.00 %
Year 3 attendance rate	95.00 %		

Management of non-attendance

All student attendance is recorded twice per day through a centralised program. Parents can report absences via the school portal, parent portal, email and via phone. All unexplained absences are followed-up each day through our text messaging service. Non-explained absences of 3 or more consecutive days result in the school phoning the parents.

NAPLAN results

Average NAPLAN results

	Year 3		Year 5	
	School	Aust.	School	Aust.
Reading	445.67	431.30	492.77	505.60
Writing	438.11	413.60	469.34	472.50
Spelling	422.37	416.20	499.73	500.90
Numeracy	415.35	409.40	480.93	493.80

STAFF PROFILE

Workforce composition	Teaching staff	Non-teaching staff
Headcounts	26	20
Full-time equivalents	22.31	10.26
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders	0	

Highest level of attainment	Number of teaching staff (teaching staff includes school leaders)
Doctorate	1
Masters	3
Post Graduate Diploma/ Certificate	0
Bachelor Degree	22
Diploma/Certificate	0

Expenditure on and participation in teacher professional learning

The total funds expended on teacher professional learning in 2017 was $ 36000 .
The major professional development initiatives were as follows:

The teaching of Religion
Reading strategies for early years readers
Effective teacher practice in the area of literacy

Average staff attendance rate The staff attendance rate was 96.12 % in 2017.

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the 2016 school year, 100.0 % of staff were retained by the school for the 2017 year.

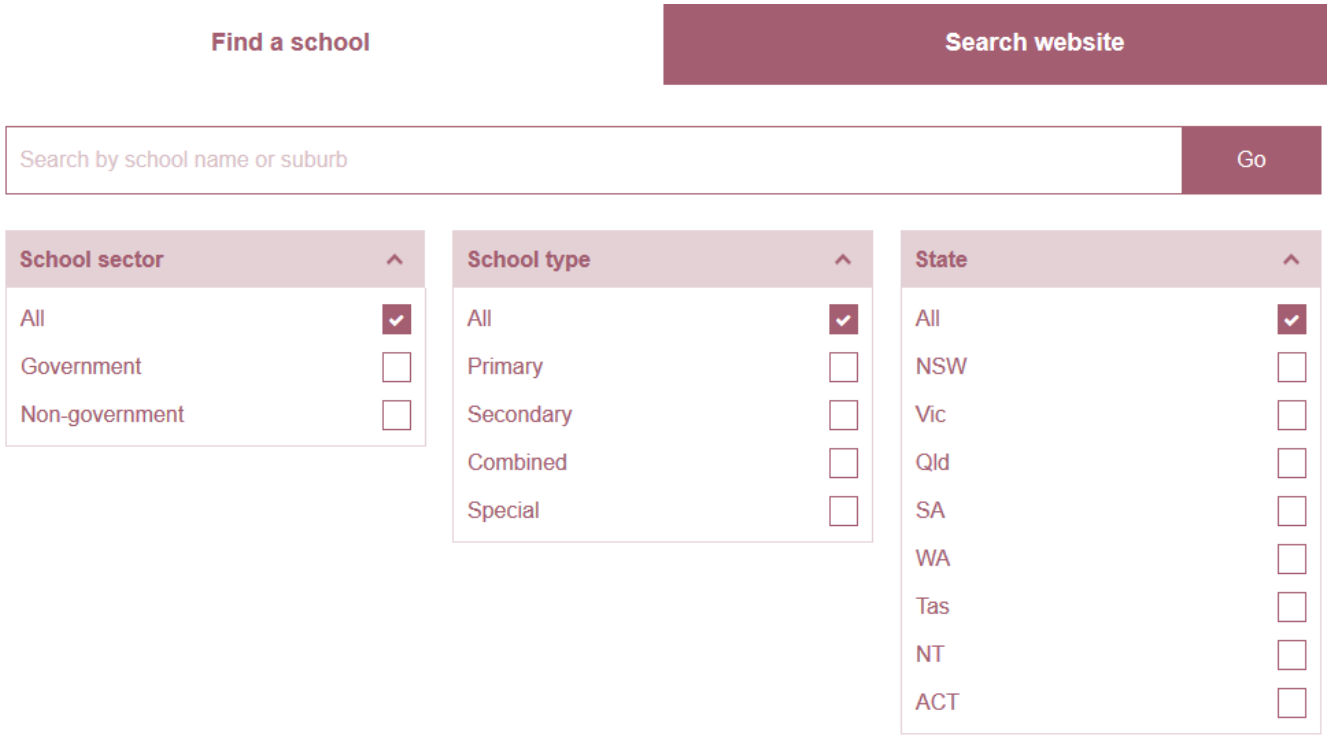
SCHOOL INCOME

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.

Type in the name of the school you wish to view, and select <GO>'.



School financial information is available by selecting 'Finances' on the top menu on the school's entry web page.