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# ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORTING – 2015

## CATHOLIC EDUCATION, ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE

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### Principal's Foreword

#### Introduction

Holy Spirit School, through its Christian values and Catholic tradition, provides a happy, caring, safe and supportive learning community in which all children are encouraged to grow and achieve to their full potential. We welcome new families to our school and provide a safe and secure learning environment.

### School Profile

Holy Spirit 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 597 Girls 293 Boys 304

## Characteristics of the student body

The students are drawn from a catchment area which includes Lawnton, Bray Park, Strathpine, Warner and surrounding suburbs.

The school currently has enrolled 35 students with disabilities and programs are provided to support these students in a classroom setting. There are also a number of students who are identified as English as Second Language students and approximately 20 students of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage. The students are very committed to their learning and participate enthusiastically in all aspects of the curriculum.

## Our distinctive curriculum offerings

Specialist Subjects include -

Music, PE, and Visual arts to all students

Dance to all year levels

Italian language taught to all year levels

ICT available to all year levels, including a 1-1 iPad program for all students

Gymnastics taught to P-2

Australian Curriculum taught to all students.

## Extra curricula activities

School Musicals, Astronomy Nights, Inter-school Sport for years 4-6.  
Instrumental Music program available for interested students.

## How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning

Holy Spirit has introduced a 1-1 iPad program in the school. Lap tops are also available for use in the upper grades.

## Social climate inclusive of pastoral care and our response to bullying

Holy Spirit is a happy school where the dignity of each person is recognised and respected. Pastoral care and student welfare are integral parts of what we do at the school.

There are clearly defined behaviour plans which have been approved by BCE. Part of this plan includes a bullying Policy for our school.

Parent, student and teacher satisfaction with the school

Recent surveys affirm strong support for the school and we enjoy a high reputation within our community.

Parent involvement in their child's education

Parents are able to contribute to the school through such activities as :

Parents' and Friends Association

School Board

Volunteer Reading Groups

Parent Class Representative

Parent Forums

Parent Information nights

## Staff Profile

Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff	Non-teaching Staff
Headcounts	44	27
Full-time equivalents	38.05	15.60
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders	1	

Qualifications of all teachers

Highest level of attainment	Number of Teaching Staff (teaching staff includes school leaders)
Doctorate	0
Masters	14
Post Graduate Diploma/Certificate	10
Bachelors Degree	15
Diploma/Certificate	5

## Expenditure on and teacher participation in Professional Learning

The total funds expended on teacher professional learning in 2015 was \$ 58000

The major professional development initiatives were as follows

Literacy Initiative (DELT)

Mathematics

Religious Education

ICT

## School Income by Funding Source

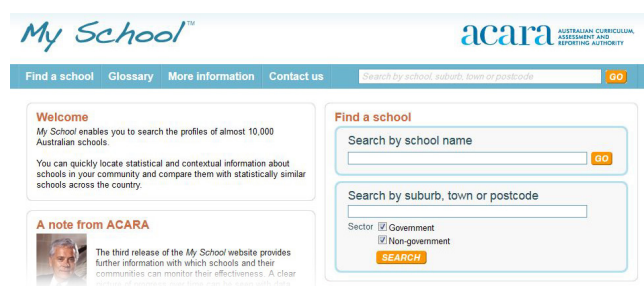
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School financial information is available by selecting 'School finances' in the menu box in the top left corner of the school's entry web page.



## Average staff attendance rate

The staff attendance rate was 96.69 % in 2015.

## Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the 2014 school year, 85.0 % of staff were retained by the school for the 2015 year.

## Key Student Outcomes

Whole School Attendance Rate	94.00 %
Prep Attendance Rate	94.00 %
Year 1 Attendance Rate	94.00 %
Year 2 Attendance Rate	94.00 %
Year 3 Attendance Rate	94.00 %

Year 4 Attendance Rate	94.00 %
Year 5 Attendance Rate	93.00 %
Year 6 Attendance Rate	94.00 %

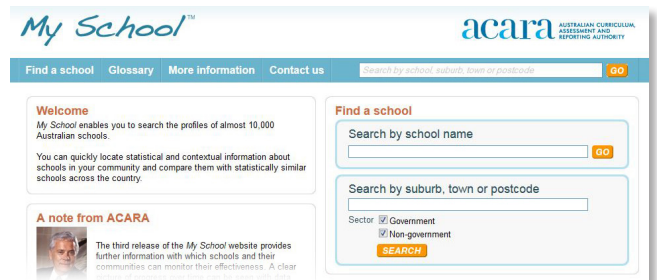
## Policy and practice to manage student attendance

Rolls are marked electronically morning and afternoon. Where we have unexplained absences parents are contacted to ensure the child is accounted for and a reason sought for the absence. Where a pattern of absences is noted, parents are contacted seeking clarification.

## 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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