SCHOOL OF THE NATIVITY

REPORT 2013

SCHOOL PROFILE

The School of the Nativity is a Catholic co-educational school from Reception to Year 7, situated in the southern foothills of Adelaide. Our school shares the facilities of the Aberfoyle Park Primary School Campus with Thiele School (Government) and Pilgrim School (Independent). We are committed to providing high quality education in an environment where families live, love and learn together.

As part of the Aberfoyle Park Catholic Parish, our mission is to be a faith filled community with Jesus at the centre. We seek to enhance the dignity of each person as a call to service and social justice, characterised by a tangible culture of love. The Religious Education Programme is based on the Crossways Curriculum and students have the opportunity to be a part of the Sacramental programme through the Aberfoyle Park Catholic Parish.

There is a strong emphasis on Literacy and Numeracy and on the social side of schooling. Every classroom is fitted with an interactive whiteboard and the students have access to desktop computers and notebooks. The importance of the Early Years is highly valued where there is strong focus upon play development in the Junior Primary. In 2012 an Early Years programme commenced where students enrolled have the opportunity to be involved in quality learning activities as 4 year olds to promote a successful transition into the school.

We opened our doors in 1982 as a part of unique educational situation where schools from the three systems of education are located on the one campus. The current enrolment for School of the Nativity is 192 students with 705 students on the Campus. The vision for the Campus centres on innovation in education. The three schools work together in co-operation and collaboration, yet maintain the individual identity of each school. We have access to spacious grounds with three ovals, a full size gymnasium and a large Resource Centre with a computer facility. A number of educational programmed involve all three schools. The excellent facilities have been further enhanced with the construction of a Performing Arts and Media Centre. As part of the $10.5 million dollar upgrade of facilities, the Campus was awarded a $2.5 million grant through the Commonwealth's Local Schools Working Together programme, to support the emphasis on the Arts curricula and to introduce ICT into the Music programme. The Campus has a strong focus on student well-being programmes where school leadership and Restorative Justice give students the opportunity to have strong voice.
School of the Nativity is a member of the South West Region of Catholic Schools that provides a pathway for Catholic schooling from Reception to Year 12/13 and includes Marymount College (Year 6-9 girls), Sacred Heart Middle School (Year 6-9 boys), Sacred Heart Senior (Year 10-12/13 co-ed) and Cabra Dominican College (Year 6-12/13 co-ed) There is also a pre-school located on the Campus with a strong emphasis on transition into each of the Campus schools.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT NUMBERS (as at Oct 13)

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Included in the above enrolments:
1) 14 students meet the criteria to be funded as Special Education students
2) There are no indigenous students enrolled
3) 16 students have a language background other than English
4) The School Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) 1085

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

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WORKFORCE DEMOGRAPHIC

School of the Nativity has 30 staff, 18 are teachers with 12 working in support roles, including administration, classroom support and maintenance. The male to female teacher ratio is 1:6.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our school attendance rate is 95%.
## NAPLAN (National Assessment Programme Literacy and Numeracy) RESULTS

### Average Scores for Nativity in Comparison to All Australian Schools

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### Percentage of Students who achieved the National Minimum Standards

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Please Note - No students were withdrawn from the testing

## FINANCIAL DETAILS

### Recurrent Income

- Australian Government: 1,245,421
- State Government: 316,577
- Fees, charges & parent contributions: 392,842
- Other private sources: 286,238

**TOTAL** 2,241,078

### Capital Income

- Australian Government: 0
- State Government: 0
- School Building Fund: 49,676

**TOTAL CAPITAL INCOME** 49,676
VALUED ADDED SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Community and Liturgical celebrations- End of Year School Concert, Mission Days, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day celebrations including breakfasts, Grandparent’s Day, Morning Teas, Parent Representative Programme, Class Dinners, Weekly Class Assemblies, Mother’s Wine Tour, Dad’s Golf Day, Family Picnic, Quiz Night, New Parents Supper, Weekly Masses and Special Liturgical celebrations

Campus Activities- Anzac Day & Remembrance Day celebration, Instrumental Nights, Campus Student Leadership Team, Sports Programme( involving football, netball, basketball and soccer), Active After Schools Programme, Out of School Hours Care, Sports, Pedal Prix, Campus Movie Night Music Performance, Campus Disco, Playgroups in Schools Programme, Campus Café, Campus Assemblies each term, SAPSASA participation & Southern Schools Music programme

Students Activities- Student Leadership Teams, Sporting Carnivals (Netball, Cross Country Athletics, Swimming, Touch Football), Camps for Yr 3-5 , Canberra excursion for the Yr 6/7, Social Justice Fundraiser activities to support Catholic Charities and the St Vincent De Paul Society.

Curriculum-Rainbow Reading, Resource Based Learning, Fun’n’Games, Coordination Programme, Fine Motor Skills Programme, Swimming Programme, involvement in University NSW Competitions, Quicksmart Numeracy programme, Footsteps Dance programme for Year 6 & 7, Pre-School Transition Programmes

SURVEY

As part of the School Improvement Planning process, parents were invited to provide feedback on a recently updated Mission, Values and Vision Statement and the 5 Strategic directions for future planning.

The responses below are a summary of the comments received from the parents.

PARENT RESPONSES TO MISSION, VALUES AND VISION STATEMENT

- Importance placed on family, community and safety as they are the solid foundation for happy and healthy children
- The values identified are important and should be encouraged
- Environmental impact is missing from the statement
- Would like to see the values given a high priority
- It’ s everything that I believe Nativity already has in place
- We agree with the statement and feel that it appropriately reflects the school
- Liked the strategic direction
- Vision statement is a little long
- Happy with the statement
- Good representation of the school
- Like the connection with the Catholic ethos
- Liked the reference to being affordable but halving the discounts of school fees families is in conflict with the vision
- The statement emphasises the catholic/religious aspect of the school which is the reason why we chose Nativity for our children
- Covers everything
PARENT RESPONSES TO FUTURE PLANNING/ STRATEGIC DIRECTION

- The 5 areas cover where the focus should be
- Would like to see different language options available to students
- Extend the Science Programme
- Bridging the gap to the Middle schools so students are more prepared
- Marketing programme to grow the student population
- Maintaining significant discounts for families with 3 or more children
- Continue to grow school/parish relationship
- Raising the school profile
- Stronger focus on the environment and sustainability
- Better nutrition at the canteen
- Keeping up with technology and continuing to build the focus on Literacy
- Introduce fundraising for future facility upgrading
- Unsure
- Keep working on school identity and name change
- More involvement with the local community
- Bring back Parents & Friends
- Build presence in the local community to maintain numbers especially in the upper year levels.
- Greater expectation for parental involvement/engagement with the school
- Introduce a dance programme as part of the Performing arts
- More focus on the 3Rs. Sometimes there is too much focus on extra curricula activities and the basics to a degree are being left behind
- Bring back the 2nd hand uniform shop
- Pay people to help out with the Sport programme.