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Introduction

About the Annual School Report

Christ The King Primary School is registered by the New South Wales Education Standards Authority, NESA, as a member of the Catholic system of schools in the Diocese of Parramatta.

The Annual School Report provides parents and the wider school community with fair, accurate and objective information about various aspects of school performance and development. The Report describes achievement of school development priorities in 2017 and gives information about the 2018 priorities.

This Report is a legislative requirement under the Schools Assistance Act, 2008 and the Education Amendment Act 2004.

The information in this Report is complemented by the school website where other school publications and newsletters can be viewed or obtained from the school.
Key Messages

Principal

I am proud to present to you the 2017 Annual School Report for Christ The King Primary School, North Rocks.

The year 2017 was a very successful and busy one for Christ The King Primary School. The school continued to strive for academic excellence and provided many opportunities for students to participate in extra-curricular activities. Our school enjoyed a strong reputation in the local community for academic excellence; the faith development of our children and the strength of the parent teacher partnership in education. This was owing to our positive and enthusiastic student population, our supportive parents, our talented and highly skilled staff and supportive parish priest who all worked together to build our spirit-filled community.

Our school song proclaims that our community is indeed a 'community of love', with Christ as our centre. I am extremely proud of this unique and outstanding community whose members support and work with one another to provide quality Catholic education for the children in our care.

I congratulate our community for providing our children with so many opportunities to excel. We believe at Christ the King Primary School we are a community of learners, and especially that the children see themselves as learners. We are proud of their many sporting achievements, participation in debating and public speaking and especially in the academic gains made this year.

At Christ The King Primary School, our mission is to:
- promote our faith formation
- nurture our students
- provide quality learning and teaching
- grow as a community
- treat and respect each individual person

We thank our Lord for our many blessings received during 2017.

Parent

Parents had a significant involvement in the learning and pastoral life of the school. They were active participants at masses and liturgies. Parents supported learning in all grades by contributing to the children's learning activities through volunteering their time in classroom and sporting activities. Parents were welcomed into the school and had an opportunity to share in their children's learning through our open days and classroom visits throughout the year.

School Event Groups, made up of volunteer parents, continued to work most successfully in 2017. Parents volunteered to take up positions on various event committees to assist the organisation and facilitation of a specific event. The group's main role focused on hospitality at such events as Catholic Schools Week, Mothers Day, Grandparents Day and Fathers Day.

Parents supported the school through volunteering their time within the learning spaces. They were rostered on to listen to the children reading, accompany students on class excursions and/or help out when a special project was undertaken.

Year 6 parents organised events throughout the year to ensure that the children, in their final year of school, left with positive memories of their primary schooling.

Student

Our student leaders were selected to positions of responsibility and leadership by their peers and teachers to have a specific role at Christ The King Primary School. Their leadership responsibilities included organising and running the morning assemblies; Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus; flag raising; special ambassadors to important events; leading student teams and taking on various tasks as requested by the principal.
These leadership positions included: two student captains, eight student prefects and eight sport colour house captains. All Year 6 students had a special role in showing leadership, good examples and responsibility to the rest of the student population. They took this role very seriously and lived up to the high expectations asked of them.

Our students had wonderful facilities, playing spaces, learning spaces and technological resources to assist them with their learning and leisure.

They were given a great deal of responsibility in organising and participating in masses, acting as tour guides in Catholic Schools Week, and assisting with celebrations like Grandparents Day, sport carnivals and other activities.

Students were encouraged to develop their skills to become responsible and pro-active members of our school community through our student management approach.

Our students participated in many events throughout the year such as sporting events, public speaking, creative arts and a variety of excursions which were linked to the curriculum. We took pride in our students being Christ The King Primary School ambassadors whenever they were representing our school on excursions, at sporting events or being members of our local community.
Who we are

History of the school

In 1969 a new school was planned for the area and the Holy Faith Sisters were invited to lead and work in the school. They began teaching children from Kindergarten to Year 2 in St Gerard’s Hall in Carlingford in 1973 until the first school building was completed in 1974 at North Rocks.

The staff aimed to provide an environment that strived for excellence in education and to instil Catholic values in every student who attended the school. They wanted our learning to be Christ-centred and as our school song highlights, ‘within a community of love’.

The parish priest named the parish and our school ‘Christ The King’. He saw that Christ was the shepherd who served His people. He wanted us to serve each other as Christ has served us.

It is the vision that continues today. We continue to build our community, working together for the common good, so that our school continues to grow into a just and safe place where our school rules, based on gospel values, are instilled and practised by all members within our school environment.

Location/drawing area

Christ The King Primary School is located on Statham Avenue, North Rocks and draws on students from North Rocks and parts of Oatlands, Carlingford and Baulkham Hills. It serves the Parish of Christ The King, North Rocks, and has been situated on this site since 1973. We are situated in close proximity to St Monica’s Primary School, North Parramatta and nearby North Rocks Public school. We are a feeder school to St Patricks High School in Dundas; Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta; and Oakhill College.

We are situated close to North Rocks shopping centre and serviced by local buses. Students walk to school but the majority of the children use our drive through system.

In December 2017, there were 369 students enrolled at Christ the King Primary School. There are currently 14 class groups from Kindergarten to Year 6.
## Workforce Composition

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Catholic Identity and Religious Education

Prayer, Liturgical Life and Faith Experiences

Liturgy and prayer are integral components of school life both in the classroom and in the school community.

In 2017 children participated in prayer at a class and school level. Each grade began the day with their class prayer. Student liturgy leaders led prayer in each of the learning spaces once per fortnight and at the weekly assemblies. Opportunities existed for staff to reflect and grow spiritually through weekly staff prayer as well as special staff prayer sessions on staff development days. Liturgical and prayer experiences were vibrant, meaningful and inclusive of the whole school community.

Throughout the year the students at the school were provided with regular faith experiences. We celebrated many special occasions and feast days, with class, grade and whole-school liturgies. As part of our Catholic Schools Week liturgy, we had special liturgies and celebrations, including a whole-school mass. For significant feast days and liturgical experiences, the school celebrated as a whole school or grade.

On the feast day of Christ the King in November the whole school was involved in a day of activities ranging from liturgy to the history of the school and parish, school trivia competitions and sessions around what the feast day means to our school and parish community.

During 2017 there was a focus on deepening the development of students' faith through daily shared readings and reflections from Matthew's Gospel and the praying of the Angelus.

Social Justice

The school maintained strong links within its own community and the wider community in responding to the welfare of others. During Lent, students raised funds for Caritas' Project Compassion. The school also supported the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal by collecting clothing, blankets and much needed winter essentials to be donated to those less fortunate in our wider community. Students also learnt of ways in which the Parramatta Diocese is supporting schools in the Pacific regions which is an initiative of Catholic life and mission with the teachers from these countries. Food hampers were also collected for the St Vincent de Paul Society for their annual Christmas Appeal. Throughout 2017, outreach fundraising was targeted to support those less fortunate.

School home and parish partnerships

The school actively sought ways in which to build the school and parish community by encouraging participation in a wide variety of activities. The school participated in a Sunday Christ The King Parish Mass which was celebrated together with the school and parish. In 2017 teachers supported the parish-led Sacramental program by attending workshops, practices and ceremonies.

There were effective means of communication between the school and parish. Home, school and parish were linked in a collaborative partnership. The school was actively involved in the organisation of the parish Sacramental program from attendance at meetings to practices and preparation at each celebration. The wider community was always invited and welcomed to all of our whole-school and grade masses. Events such as Grandparents Day, Mothers Day, Catholic Schools Week and Fathers Day were extremely well attended.

The principal, as a member of the parish council, attended regular meetings. The Religious Education coordinator (REC) liaised with the parish altar servers' coordinator regarding rosters and meetings. The school newsletter was also displayed on the church noticeboard each week. The parish and school combined to celebrate significant events in the life of the parish priest.

The school supported the family-centred, parish-based Sacramental programs by linking these, where possible, with our Religious Education lessons. The children were acknowledged at school assemblies and teachers were always present at Sacramental celebrations (such as First Eucharist and Confirmation) and parish preparation days. Parish events were highlighted in school newsletters and families were encouraged to attend.
Parents were involved in many aspects of school life. These included event days, assisting students with classroom learning, assisting at sports carnivals and on school excursions; hosting and facilitating Sacramental groups, and attending school liturgies.

**Religious Education**

At Christ the King Primary School our classroom practice and Religious Education policy reflected the Parramatta Diocesan syllabus, *Sharing Our Story*. This syllabus was studied throughout the grades. Teachers’ programs were regularly modified to suit the students’ needs, using a whole-school programming proforma.

Our Catholic values underpinned our words and actions. The students were encouraged to live their lives according to the gospel values, which are embedded in how we view the world and how we behave towards others within our community.

Our vision was to make Christ the King Primary School a Christ-centred community where Catholic values, the nurturing of the whole person, and a commitment to quality learning and teaching, were part of our everyday life.

Liturgy and prayer were integral components of school life both in the classroom and in the school community. Children participated in prayer as a class and school level. Each grade began the day with their class prayer and each whole-school assembly began with prayer. Opportunities existed for staff to reflect and grow spiritually through fortnightly staff prayer, as well as special staff prayer sessions on staff development days. Liturgical and prayer experiences were vibrant, meaningful and inclusive of the whole school community.

Throughout 2017, we celebrated many special occasions and feast days as both grades and whole-school. As part of our Catholic Schools Week liturgy, we celebrated a liturgy inviting the wider community to be part of our celebrations. The students at the school were provided with regular faith experiences. For significant feast days and liturgical experiences, the school celebrated as a whole-school or a grade.

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**Professional Learning of staff in Religious Education**

Professional learning in 2017 included:

- Lenten program
- focus on the scriptural writings of St Matthew
- *Sharing Our Story* unit writing sessions in professional learning community workshops
- development of the three senses of scriptural understanding - *Literal, Spiritual and Application*
- assessment in Religious Education
- developing rich learning tasks in Religious Education
- Learning Intentions and Success Criteria in the teaching of Religious Education
- project based learning strategies/pedagogy in the teaching of Religious Education
Learning and Teaching

National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

Students in Year 3, Year 5, Year 7 and Year 9 across Australia participated in National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in May 2017. The purpose of this test is to provide information to parents and teachers about the achievements of students in aspects of Literacy and Numeracy. The test provides a measure of the student’s performance against established standards and against other students in Australia. Each year the results are analysed by the school to inform teaching and learning with a view to improving student performance.

The Commonwealth Government sets minimum acceptable standards for literacy, numeracy, reading, writing, grammar, punctuation and spelling at particular ages. These are referred to as national minimum standards. Student performance in NAPLAN in our school is compared to these standards. The percentages of students achieving at or above these national minimum standards, and the percentages of students in the top three bands are reported in the table below.

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Numeracy results showed:
- growth in questions involving visual reasoning to solve the problem
- increase in results through visualisation in geometry and space

Christ The King Primary School, North Rocks
the need for a focus on higher order thinking in addition and subtraction - to be reflected in the 2018 Christ The King Primary School's numeracy goal

- steady growth in identifying and interpreting graph data
- improved data and growth in regards to multi-step multiplication problem solving
- growth across both Years 3 and 5 in areas of place value, probability data and statistics, time money and fraction

Literacy results showed:

- good use of directional language
- both Years 3 and 5 well above the state and diocesan averages
- both Year 3 and 5 conventions of language, spelling, grammar and punctuation above state and diocesan averages
- steady results in the correct use of speech in a text
- growth in the comprehension of persuasive texts
- student growth in the correct use and composition of complex sentences

Overall the results showed:

- seventy percent and above of our students in Year 5 in the top three bands for both Numeracy and Literacy
- seventy eight percent and above of our students in Year 3 in the top three bands for both Numeracy and Literacy
- a majority of students in Year 5 making significant gains in growth from Years 3 to 5 in all aspects of Numeracy and Literacy
- the lower cohort in Year 5 with good growth in reading and grammar/punctuation
- continual growth in Year 5 spelling since 2013, sustaining our school's position above state and Catholic Education Commission (CEC) schools
- locating stated information in simple persuasive texts to be a strength

School curriculum

Knowing one's students well is fundamental to teachers at Christ The King Primary School and allowed us to activate, inspire and extend their learning. This was driven by a focus on assessment to gain student data, knowing that students’ learning needs are essential for quality teaching. Teachers continued to make good use of learning data to give direction for future teaching and decision making. The school valued the importance of all the gifts the children had been given and used these gifts to help inspire our learners. Students were engaged in activities with clear learning goals and success criteria that enabled them to identify and master the intended learning. The use of learning intentions and success criteria contributed to the learning success. Teachers participated in ongoing professional learning to improve student-learning outcomes.

In term 1 the school conducted the Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI). This was a 30 minute teacher/student interview that allowed the children to demonstrate their understanding of number concepts through hands on and mental computation assessment tasks, with a strong emphasis on children articulating their reasoning for a response. Once the data had been gathered from the MAI, the teachers were able to use this information to set goals for the school, for the teachers and for the students. As a result, the staff engaged in professional learning to refine teaching practices in numeracy and develop ways to target the learning needs of each student.

At Christ The King Primary School, students requiring assistance in their learning were supported by the grade teachers, specialist teachers and our team of support staff. In 2017 we held regular case management meetings to ensure that all our children received the optimal support.
Throughout 2017 all the children at our school attended incursions and excursions that were linked to the curriculum and extended their learning experiences.

**Initiatives to promote respect and responsibility**

The teaching and fostering of respect and responsibility are values that are integrated into the whole curriculum (keeping the integrity of all Key Learning Areas) as identified in the National Framework for Values Education for Australian Schools. The nine values for Australian schooling are all underpinned by our Catholic gospel values.

Our work in this area was in partnership with parents and carers. Whole-school activities to promote respect and responsibility were based on: having regard for yourself and others; lawful and just authority and diversity within Australian society; respecting another's point of view; resolving differences in constructive, non-violent and peaceful ways; being accountable for individuals' and community's actions; and taking care of the environment.

Through our whole-school Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) program we, as a community, focused on: care for self, care for others, care of the environment. The staff at Christ The King Primary School explicitly taught the students the positive behaviours that needed to be instilled and displayed in order for our school community to be able to live by the school rules successfully. We worked closely with the parents to ensure a common approach to behaviour management in our school was followed and that all our children were supported in a positive and caring environment.

**Professional Learning**

Professional learning continued to be provided, encouraged and promoted at Christ the King Primary School. In 2017 staff attended literacy workshops and numeracy training days.

Staff attended in-house professional development days around numeracy, literacy, spiritual formation, and project based learning.

During 2017 we continued:
- to deepen our understanding and knowledge of the teaching and learning of numeracy and the structure of the numeracy block incorporating the use of learning intentions and success criteria within our school
- to refine our use of the flexible learning spaces to ensure optimal learning took place in our school
- to refine our behaviour management approach utilising the Positive Behaviour for Learning system to ensure our children learnt in a positive, safe and caring environment
- to share our insights in all aspects of our collaborative approach to teaching and learning
- to reflect continually on our classroom practice and pedagogical beliefs and understandings

Religious Education and formation included:
- staff development workshops focused on Scripture and the levels of understanding of Scripture
- staff meetings focused on Scripture, assessment and interpreting student data
- a staff development day focused on the Year of Matthew's Gospel

Literacy included:
- a staff development day focused on analysing writing samples using the NAPLAN writing guide and the literacy continuum
- staff meetings focused on NAPLAN data analysis and Progressive Achievement Tests in
Reading (PAT-R)

Numeracy included:
- a staff development day focused on analysing and interpreting Mathematical Assessment Interviews for visualisation
- staff meetings focused on analysing and interpreting Mathematical Assessment Interviews for number, Progressive Achievement Tests in Mathematics (PAT-M) data and NAPLAN data.
## School Improvement

### Annual school priorities

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<th>For all students to have a deeper understanding of sacred Scripture and its implications for Catholic life, as evidenced by an improvement in classroom assessment data</th>
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<td><strong>Reason for priority 1</strong></td>
<td>This priority has deepened the understanding of teachers and students in learning how to understand, interpret and respond to Scripture passages at the three levels: literal, spiritual and application. Understanding Scripture involves an individual having a literal understanding of the text examined, a spiritual understanding of how the Sacraments and the love of God applies in our life from the passage and, finally, an understanding of how we apply the Scripture’s message in our daily lives.</td>
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| **Steps taken to achieve priority 1** | These were to:  
- emphasise professional learning at staff meetings and staff development day  
- work with Religious Education (RE) teaching educator  
- encourage professional learning, focused on religious literacy requirements, theological background of units of work, and main concepts of each strand of the RE syllabus, *Sharing Our Story*  
- articulate learning intentions and success criteria for all RE lessons  
- assist understanding Scripture passages at the three levels: literal, spiritual and application |
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<th>For 95% of students to reach expected benchmarks in writing as measured by the NSW literacy continuum and the NAPLAN writing criteria</th>
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<td>Reason for priority 2</td>
<td>NAPLAN and class writing data indicated that student data was not meeting the writing outcomes of specific Stages and the appropriate clusters of the NSW Department of Education and Training (DET) literacy/writing continuum. Such conventions as spelling, punctuation and grammar were several of the writing aspects focused on to achieve our goal. It was decided that a greater focus on modelled, shared, guided and independent writing on a daily basis was required for all grades.</td>
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| Steps taken to achieve priority 2 | These included:  
- analysis of student data including NAPLAN  
- professional learning - focus on the writing continuum  
- student feedback and feed forward in relation to their writing samples  
- continuation of case management and instructional walks  
- professional feedback to staff  
- continuation of guided reading groups  
- co-constructed learning intentions and success criteria  
- teacher constructed writing anchor charts  
- class displays of successful student writing  
- collaboration with teacher educator  
- student goal setting |
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<td>Reason for priority 3</td>
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| Steps taken to achieve priority 3 | These included:  
- professional learning on multiplicative thinking for teachers  
- analysis of student data: Mathematical Assessment Interviews in number and visualisation and NAPLAN  
- continued work with Year 1 and Year 3 Extending Mathematical Understanding intervention  
- consolidation of success criteria with a focus on formative assessment practices and learning intentions  
- continuation of case management and instructional walks  
- professional feedback to staff  
- collaboration with teacher educator |
| Status of priority 3 | Achieved. |
### Projected school priorities

| Priority 1 | For all students to have a deeper understanding of Scripture, in particular the spiritual and application sense, as evident by an improvement in classroom assessment data |
| Reason for Priority 1 | Student classroom assessment data indicates the need to develop a more meaningful response to Scripture by applying the students’ knowledge of the key concepts. As a result of teacher feedback, students’ responses and work samples, we are continuing to focus on the development of student knowledge, with an emphasis on the spiritual and application sense. |
| Steps to be taken to achieve Priority 1 | Students will:  
- learn how to understand, interpret and respond to Scripture passages with a focus on the spiritual and application sense  
- build their knowledge and demonstrate deep understanding of Scripture by exploring the three sense of Scripture evident in discussions, work samples and assessment.  
- identify and link the Catholic social teachings within Scripture and then apply this to everyday situations  
- display work samples identifying the three senses of understanding |
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<th>Priority 2</th>
<th>All students will develop as highly effective writers, achieving expected growth in NAPLAN and the school writing continuum, with accelerated growth for vulnerable students and 30% of students in the top 2 NAPLAN bands.</th>
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| Reason for Priority 2                                                   | - Previous years' data show an average of 24% of students in the top two bands.  
- Comparative data from Years 3, 5, and 7 indicates the need to extend students’ vocabulary in writing.  
- We are aware of the need to focus on S2 writing as suggested by NAPLAN writing result.  
- Several other areas in literacy, such as reading growth from Years 5 to 7 are also flagged, and the reciprocity of reading and writing, in particular: purpose, audience and vocabulary will be addressed through rich literature. |
| Steps to be taken to achieve Priority 2                                  | Students will be engaged as writers through:  
- writing competitions, events and stimulus activities  
- many opportunities to have their writing read by a variety of audiences, such as website, newsletter, author showcase  
- journals, writing club, mentor texts  
- author visits  
- choice of purpose and audience  
- students being able to name the purpose and audience for each text  
- student writing for a clear purpose through Project Based Learning and current events  
- composition of multimodal and digital texts |
| **Priority 3** | By the end of 2018 all students will improve their basic, derived and intuitive strategies in addition and subtraction through applying and extending problem solving skills. This will be measured by at least one year's growth in MAI. |
| **Reason for Priority 3** | Standardised testing, NAPLAN, PAT-MATHS, and MAI, indicates the majority of questions answered incorrectly by students involve addition and subtraction operations. Many of these questions are written word problems. While Christ The King Primary School has made noticeable progress in the 2017 visualisation goal, this will still be embedded through problem solving. |
| **Steps to be taken to achieve Priority 3** | Students will:  
- participate in addition and subtraction activities and explain the task and their thinking out loud and to a teacher  
- begin to track their learning and growth through learning intentions and success criteria  
- visualise tasks before using materials and equipment to answer  
- apply a range of strategies to solve word problems  
- understand the relationship by explaining their thinking using a variety of strategies |
Community Satisfaction

Parent satisfaction
In 2017 the parents of Christ the King participated in the annual Quality Catholic Schools Project. This survey instrument provides parents with an opportunity to provide feedback on a variety of aspects pertaining to the school and its management.

The QCS data collected and reported showed that the parents at Christ the King Primary School found that the school was working towards continual improvement and the staff were approachable. Parents appreciated that learning was high on the agenda and were confident in the school's behaviour management approach to student management. The parents felt highly connected with the school and saw that the teachers were enthusiastic and passionate. The parents also saw that the children enjoyed their learning experiences at Christ the King Primary School. The extra-curricular activities available for students in the areas of sport, creative arts, chess, writing and the numeracy clubs were well received and appreciated by parents. Parents were encouraged to provide feedback, ideas, opinions and suggestions on any aspect of their child's learning. Open parent forums, held once a term, allowed parents to discuss pertinent school matters.

Student satisfaction
In 2017 the students of Christ the King Primary School participated in the annual Quality Catholic Schools Project. This survey instrument provides students in Stages 2 and 3 with an opportunity to provide feedback on a variety of aspects pertaining to the school and its management.

The QCS data showed that students had a high degree of pride in, and love of, their school. Students experienced positive emotions at school and felt connected with a sense of belonging to the school. Students saw their learning as being purposeful and stimulating and felt teacher empathy. Students were motivated and confident as they were encouraged to take responsibility for their learning. The student leaders were encouraged to model desired behaviours to the younger students and were willing to support the infant children through the Buddy Mentoring program. Students also provided feedback, suggestions and ideas through the student leadership team. Members of the leadership team were also assigned to each grade and then reported back at scheduled meetings. Students felt they had a voice in the school and felt safe in this positive and encouraging environment.

Teacher satisfaction
The QCS data showed that teachers had a high degree of pride in their work in contributing to the successful teaching and learning at Christ the King Primary School. Teachers experienced positive emotions at school: they felt connected, with a sense of belonging to the school and valued as key partners in every student's educational partnership.

Teachers proved empathetic towards their students and were well aware of their needs, providing a differentiated curriculum for all levels of learning. They were motivated and confident in their roles as they were constantly encouraged to be accountable and take responsibility for their students' learning. In their relationships with their students, teachers were encouraged to model desired behaviours and values conducive to a Catholic school environment.

Staff agreed that there was a collaborative and positive culture permeating the school community which contributed to an innovative and Christ-centred workplace. Staff also commented that they were well supported through professional learning, collaborative work practices, and consistent feedback pertaining to their roles as educators in a Catholic community.
Student Profile

Enrolment Policy

Christ The King Primary School follows the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP) Enrolment Policy and Procedures. This document can be obtained from the school office or can be accessed on the CEDP website http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/policy-central

Current and previous years’ student enrolment

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<td>207</td>
<td>176</td>
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<td>2016</td>
<td>196</td>
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<td>2017</td>
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Enrolments in the last two year have declined slightly. This has been owing to alternate years where Kindergarten enrolments have been between 45 and 50 instead of the usual 55-60. Kindergarten enrolments. In the last three years our enrolments have been impacted by large Year 6 groups graduating in the same years as lower [45-50 students] than expected enrolments in Kindergarten were accepted. In recent years the number of children at the end of Stage 2 [Year 4] leaving has increased with an average of four to five students departing for private schools for Years 5 and 6. It is anticipated, however, that in the next few years enrolments should again increase with the increase of median density housing within our catchment area.

Student attendance rates

The table below shows the percentage of student attendance by Year level and school average.

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<td>Year 1</td>
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<td>Year 5</td>
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<td>School Average</td>
<td>90</td>
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Characteristics of the student body

The table below shows the number of students in each of the categories listed.

| Language background other than English (LBOTE) | 192 |
| Students with disabilities (SWD)             | 9   |
| Indigenous                                   | 0   |

Managing Student Non-attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. Schools in
partnership with parents and guardians, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. The compulsory schooling age is 6-17. Parents and guardians are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, explaining the absences of their children in writing within several days to the school, and taking measures to resolve attendance issues involving their children. School staff as part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

They maintain accurate records of students' attendance, follow up unexplained absences through written and verbal communication, implement programs and practices to address attendance issues when they arise, and provide clear information to students and parents regarding attendance requirements and the consequences of unsatisfactory attendance. The principal or their delegate, may grant permission for late arrival or early departure from school, leave or exemption from attendance only in individual cases, on written request from parents and guardians.

The principal/delegate will undertake all reasonable measures to contact parents promptly if an unexplained absence occurs. If truancy is suspected, the principal will contact the parents/guardians to ascertain the reason for the absence. If a satisfactory response is not received, the matter will be referred to the relevant staff at the Catholic Education Office, Diocese of Parramatta who will follow up unexplained absences as per legislative requirements.
Student wellbeing

Student welfare, discipline and anti-bullying policies and pastoral care

Student welfare, discipline and anti-bullying policies and pastoral care at Christ The King Primary School, are the responsibilities of all members of our school community. We believe that positive behaviour and discipline within the school are essential for children to learn and for teachers to teach effectively.

As a staff, teachers ensured that they created a supportive and harmonious school environment in which the rights and responsibilities of everyone within the school community were understood, valued and upheld.

We were proud of the atmosphere, behaviour and relationships of all members within our school. Our school expectation approach to student management was positive, giving everyone in our school community the right to be respected, the right to be happy, the right to be safe and the right to learn and to teach. The children were well aware that, if someone was removing these rights, they should ask them to stop their behaviour and if they did not, they were expected to inform a teacher.

Each situation which arises is different and is treated sensitively and appropriately. The dignity of each child is paramount and confidentiality regarding student management and/or discipline imposed is always maintained. Communication therefore is critical to this process involving all concerned-teachers, students and parents.

In 2017, we continued implementing the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) approach. Christ The King Primary School’s rules and behavioural expectations outlined appropriate student behaviours that contributed to the functioning of our school as a safe, nurturing and inclusive learning environment. Students at Christ The King Primary School were explicitly taught, encouraged and supported to demonstrate these expected behaviours.

At Christ the King Primary School we follow the Catholic Education Office, Parramatta, Anti-Bullying policy and procedures.

Student welfare, discipline and anti-bullying policies have not been changed in 2017 and can be downloaded from the school website or obtained from the school office.

Complaints and grievances policy

The school has formal written protocols in place to address complaints and grievances. These protocols are in line with the Catholic Education, Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP), Complaint Handling policy. A copy of the policy is available from the office or is available on the CEDP website http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au.

There were no changes to the policy during 2017.
Section Eleven: Financial Statement

Components of Income:
- Commonwealth (63.2%)
- Capital (0%)
- State (18.7%)
- Fees (17.3%)
- Other (0.8%)

Components of Expenditure:
- Capital (1.8%)
- Salary (74.8%)
- Non-Salary (23.4%)

RECURRENT and CAPITAL INCOME

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<td>Other Capital Income⁵</td>
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RECURRENT and CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

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1. **Commonwealth** relates to Commonwealth Recurrent Grants including per capita funding and special purpose grants.
2. **Capital** relates to Government Capital Grants.
3. **State** relates to State Recurrent Grants including per capita funding, interest subsidy and special purpose grants.
4. **Fees** relates to diocesan and school based fees, excursions and other private income from parents.
5. **Other** refers to Other Capital Income including drawdowns from the Diocesan School Building Fund to fund Capital Expenditure.
6. **Capital** refers to Capital Expenditure including School Buildings, Furniture and Equipment.
7. **Salaries** refers to the total of all Salaries, allowances and related expenses such as superannuation, workers compensation and leave.
8. **Non-Salary** refers to all other Non-Salary Recurrent Expenses.