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Introduction

About the Annual School Report

St Anthony's 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 St Anthony's Primary School, Girraween.

Our school provides Christ-centred education for all our students. This education develops the spiritual, academic, emotional, social and physical potential of all our children. Our philosophy is best described through the following beliefs.

We believe students learn best when:
- They are in an environment that nurtures the formation of gospel values throughout the school community and where each individual is affirmed as unique.
- They are immersed in learning that is meaningful, dynamic and challenges each individual in a just and secure environment.
- They are immersed in a learning culture that encourages inquiry, risk taking and embraces the opportunity to explore the ever changing world in a supportive environment.
- They interact and work collaboratively and are encouraged to communicate ideas, clarify their understanding and reflect on their learning.
- They are working within their zone of proximal development and their daily individual data is being used to provide them with feedback and plan their next step for learning.

Our motto, *Word and Deed*, centres us on the needs of the whole child - what we do and what we say, with the realisation that we only achieve our potential when we allow ourselves to be loved by God and the community that surrounds us.

Our school values our partnership with families in continuing to shape a safe, challenging, and nurturing school that is full of life, energy, and productivity. Through modelling openness, understanding, acceptance, sensitivity and forgiveness, we hope to inspire the students to become vibrant members of our diverse, multicultural society.

Parent

The St Anthony's Primary School Community Group (SCG) is a parent body made up of dedicated parents whose desire is that all children and families can come together as a community for the good of the school. This may include fundraising for children's resources and school resources but also the provision of pastoral care for families and social functions.

The SCG met regularly each term throughout 2017. Many events were organised to help build positive relationships and to reach our goals and foster a welcoming and inclusive environment.

The inaugural St Anthony's Christmas Twilight Markets, held in November, demonstrated a great sense of community, family and fun. Over many decades, the St Anthony's community has rallied around supporting the Spring Fair and this year saw a new venture which responded to local needs and wants. The Twilight Markets was a great opportunity for building relationships with the wider community. We hope to continue the markets into 2018.

The SCG promoted celebrations for Shrove Tuesday, Easter, Mothers Day, Fathers Day, Grandparents Day and the annual Christmas breakfast. They also supported the wonderful work of our dedicated teachers by providing them with a special celebration on International Teachers Day.

In 2017, the SCG provided a welcoming dinner for Kindergarten and new families as well as fortnightly coffee and chat mornings after the Monday assembly to greet parents, grandparents and friends of St Anthony's Primary School.

The children were entertained throughout the year with discos, mufti days, raffles and other seasonal celebrations. Groups of parents assisted with sporting carnivals and fundraising events, Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls. Parent volunteers also facilitated student banking as a
Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls. Parent volunteers also facilitated student banking as a service for the students.

Student

All students at St Anthony's Primary School are encouraged to contribute positively to the life of the school and engage in activities that promote the development of the whole student and their enjoyment of school life.

In Year 6 in 2017, students had the opportunity to apply for, and be elected to, student leadership positions. Leaders received a 'School Leader' badge and made a commitment to serve the school community with pride and integrity. All Year 6 students had the opportunity to participate in a team that had different areas of responsibility - media, hospitality, environment, religious, library.

The students participated in a Kindergarten to Year 6 (K-6) Peer Support program to help them build positive, healthy relationships with others. The program delivered a strong anti-bullying message, equipping students with strategies for dealing with conflict and issues that arise in human relationships.

In each grade, an excursion was organised that supported the learning taking place in the classroom. Year 6 students also attended an overnight excursion to Canberra. Students also enjoyed many incursions throughout the year such as Musica Viva, Life Education, a Planetarium and various sporting clinics.

At St Anthony's Primary School the students had many opportunities to participate and represent the school in a range of sporting activities, especially through diocesan sports and gala days. These included swimming, cross country, athletics, soccer, netball, rugby league and cricket and Milo T20.

All students participated in the Dance Fever program in term 2. Kindergarten to Year 2 (K-2) performed a school-based concert for their families, while Years 3 to 6 competed in the Inter-schools Dance Challenge with other schools at Homebush.

Children had opportunities to participate in extra-curricular lunch-time activities such as Mini Vinnies, choir, band and games club.
Who we are

History of the school
The first Catholic school in Toongabbie, known as St Enda's, was opened in January 1950 by the Sisters of Mercy who travelled daily from Parramatta. At that time, the school served part of the then larger parish of Wentworthville. The first classes were taught in the original church in Aurelia St, Toongabbie, which is now the parish hall.

The Parish of Toongabbie was established in 1951 and named in honour of St Anthony of Padua.

To accommodate the growing school, the present site was acquired on Targo Road, Girraween. The school relocated from the parish hall to the Targo Road site in 1956.

The first lay principal was appointed to the school in 1981. Although the Sisters of Mercy no longer work at the school, the staff remain committed to continuing the Mercy tradition and story, and the school works to continue to engage the sisters in the life of the school.

Major capital works were undertaken in 1997, and again in 2010 to provide St Anthony's Primary School with contemporary learning and teaching facilities.

Location/drawing area
Located in Girraween, the school serves the parish of St Anthony's, Toongabbie, and mostly draws on students from Girraween, Toongabbie, Seven Hills, Pendle Hill and Wentworthville. The school is a short walk to the St Anthony's Parish Church.

St Anthony's Primary School is a co-educational systemic school with a population of 375 children. We are a multicultural community with children from different nationalities and languages represented.
## Workforce Composition

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Catholic Identity and Religious Education

Prayer, Liturgical Life and Faith Experiences

As a Catholic school, participation in prayer and liturgical celebrations forms an integral part of life at St Anthony's Primary School.

In 2017 the school celebrated the major feast days and seasons of the church year, such as Lent, Holy Week, Easter, the feast day of St Anthony of Padua, Mercy Day, Advent and Christmas. It also gathered to pray on occasions important in the lives of the students, such as Mothers Day and Fathers Day.

At St Anthony's Primary School, all staff worked with the Religious Education Coordinator to prepare liturgical celebrations. Students were encouraged to participate fully, consciously and actively in liturgical celebrations through thoughtful listening, singing, actions, responding and reflection, appropriate to the students' level of social, intellectual and faith development. Our parishioners, parents and friends were invited to, and included in, our celebrations. On particular occasions during the year, the school participated in masses with the parish community, both during school hours and on Sundays.

Prayer was an important part of our school community, integrating the richness of the gospel with the life of the community. Throughout 2017:

- The school community prayed together and reflected on the Scriptures at Monday morning assembly each week.
- Classes participated in parish masses, celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation and participated in class prayer experiences on a daily basis.
- Staff came together in prayer each week and participated in a Spiritual Formation Day.

Social Justice

As a school founded in the tradition of the Sisters of Mercy, St Anthony's Primary School continued to promote and engage in social justice initiatives as a way of putting faith into practice. Some of the works the school community generously contributed to in 2017 included:

- Caritas Australia’s annual Project Compassion appeal
- Winter and Christmas Appeals of the St Vincent de Paul Society
- Diocesan Works Fund 'Faith at Work' appeal
- Mercy Works
- Catholic Mission
- Mercy Connect
- Immaculata High School in the Philippines

Over the course of the year, grades took responsibility for leading and promoting social justice projects within the school community.

St Anthony's Primary School also had a large number of students who were part of Mini Vinnies. Supported by the St Vincent de Paul Society, Mini Vinnies provided an opportunity for children to engage in the society's work of prayer, identifying social justice needs in the community and responding through practical action. One of the many activities the Mini Vinnies' group led during 2017 was a winter sleep-out, where Mini Vinnies' members gained some understanding of the problem of homelessness, while raising funds for the St Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal.

School home and parish partnerships

Our parish administrator is an integral part of the St Anthony's Primary School community, linking parish and school. Wherever possible, the school and parish work together to provide rich faith experiences for the students and parents. The parish administrator, deacon and pastoral associate participated in, and supported, the life of the school, as well as the faith development...
of students and families.

The process of preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation and Sacrament of Reconciliation in St Anthony's Parish was parish-based and family-centred. The school community supported this process by teaching Religious Education units in class that supported parish preparation programs, by having staff members participate in the celebrations and engaging the school community in supporting the students and families throughout the process.

Our Years 5 and 6 students were invited to train for, and participate in, parish liturgical ministries, which they then engaged in at school and parish liturgical celebrations. The principal was an ex officio member of the parish council and attended meetings and retreats. Parent forums were held to assist in building relationships between parish and school.

The School Community Group had members with the specific role of promoting pastoral care among families in the school community.

The school, particularly through the work of the Religious Education coordinator, supported the parish catechists in state schools in sharing resources for teaching Scripture classes.

**Religious Education**

Religious Education is based on the Parramatta Diocesan Religious Education curriculum, *Sharing Our Story*. This document provides a developmental course of studies in Religious Education from Kindergarten to Year 12.

The Religious Education program strove to deepen students' understanding of the Catholic faith by connecting church teaching and the Scriptures with students' life experiences. In this way, students could see how their faith is a constant and integral part of their lives. The Religious Education program was complemented by prayer, liturgy, social justice and faith formation initiatives that contributed to the faith formation of students.

A key focus for learning in Religious Education in 2017 was on deepening students' understanding of God texts rather than at just the literal level. New strategies for learning were implemented to support this focus.

The St Anthony's Primary School school-based scope and sequence of learning in Religious Education demonstrated the adaptations and variations teachers had made to the units of work to meet students' learning needs; support the parish Sacramental process; and integrate learning in Religious Education with learning in other Key Learning Areas.

**Professional Learning of staff in Religious Education**

Professional learning in Religious Education consisted mostly of breaking apart Scriptures to focus on what the text tells us about God. This was further broken down to move away from just the literal to a deeper understanding. This process looked at Scripture using three senses.

Most professional learning was delivered in staff and stage meetings as well as in grade planning sessions where the Religious Education coordinator REC met and planned with the teachers on each particular grade. Instructional walks and feedback conversations also contributed to the way the learning was carried out.
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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This year we celebrated some very pleasing results for Year 3 in all areas. In grammar, writing, spelling and Numeracy we had no students below the national minimum standards in these areas. This was well above the Australian standard. We also had around 15% more students in the top three bands across all the areas of NAPLAN. Our Year 5 cohort also performed strongly.
with no student falling below the national minimum standard. We also had more than 10% more students in the top three bands for Year 5 in 2017.

School curriculum

Our school curriculum strives to meet the needs of all our students by differentiating the curriculum to enable all students to achieve success in their learning. We have specialised literacy and numeracy lead teachers and educators who work with teachers to build their capacity to deliver high quality instruction.

In 2017, we provided specific interventions to meet the learning needs of our students. These included:

- Reading Recovery
- Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) both for the early and middle years
- R3 Reading Intervention for Stage 3 - Years 5 and 6

Other programs that complemented our curriculum included:

- Diocesan Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition
- Premier’s Reading Challenge
- Executive Director’s Reading Challenge
- school choir, Captivate choir and school band
- Dance Fever
- musical Instrument lessons offered to students at break times and after school, two days per week
- Life Education
- Musica Viva
- Maths Olympiad
- Kid’s Lit Quiz
- Environmental Team
- extra-curricula activities - lunch-time games club, dance and cooking

Initiatives to promote respect and responsibility

Our school motto, to live in *Word and Deed*, along with our school rules of respect for ourselves, respect for others and respect for our environment are the basis of our school beliefs around respect and responsibility.

Our school engaged in programs for Kindergarten to Year 6 that promoted respect and responsibility. These were explicitly taught and gave students the opportunity to practise these skills. These programs included:

- Weekly Social Skills program presented at assembly where teachers implemented a small lesson each week reinforcing the skill - also articulated in our school newsletter
- Peer Support program focused on anti-bullying and resilience
- Buddy system
- opportunities for senior students to develop their leadership skills
- Games Club - social skills group at lunchtime

Our *Wellbeing* policy is directed towards encouraging our students to become effective, responsible and resilient members of society.

Professional Learning

Professional learning opportunities for staff were delivered at weekly staff meetings, fortnightly
Professional learning in 2017 included:
- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), anaphylaxis and asthma
- multiplication and division understanding intervention training
- implementing strategies for deepening understanding of Scripture texts in Religious Education
- Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) Year 1 and middle years
- Numeracy lead teacher re-connector workshops
- Diversity is the Norm - (differentiation of learning)
- Kindergarten to Year 2 (K-2) writing
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) road safety course
- Catholic values across the curriculum - Science, English, History
- Inquiry days
- Running records training
- Early Years Assessment (EYA)
- Religious Literacy Assessment (RLA)
- Safeguarding children
- Workplace harassment, bullying and discrimination
- NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) Teacher Accreditation workshops
- Managing challenging behaviours
- Work Health and Safety (WHS)
- FACES (diocesan student data management system) training
- ALEA conference and workshops
## School Improvement

### Annual school priorities

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<th>That all students would demonstrate a deeper understanding of the key concepts focusing on God</th>
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<td>This goal was a continuation and refinement of the 2016 Formation goal based on our Religious Literacy Assessment and anecdotal information as well as instructional walk data.</td>
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| **Steps taken to achieve priority 1** | Teachers focused on:  
- Key Lenten/Easter, and Advent/Christmas Scripture from the syllabus which were examined collaboratively  
- Modelling the language of SEE, THINK, DO in regard to the Word of God and used this as a scaffold for teaching the 'three levels of learning'  
- Developing learning intentions and success criteria  
- Devising and utilising more meaningful methods of assessment |
| **Status of priority 1** | Achieved |

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<th>Priority 2</th>
<th>To improve spelling in the context of writing</th>
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| **Reason for priority 2** | We want our students to continue to develop as writers with an understanding of the meaning, structural and visual features of their texts. In 2016 we tracked students on aspects of the Department of Education and Communities continuum and worked on creating an agreed practice on what good writers do.  
In 2017 we wished to examine our practices relating to spelling in the context of writing. We believed that spelling must have a practical context. |
| **Steps taken to achieve priority 2** | We focused on:  
- Developing learning intentions and success criteria around our Good Writer’s framework  
- Creating a scope and sequence of spelling skills and strategies from the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority’s (ACARA) Spelling continuum  
- Unpacking the text, *Spelling it Out*  
- Creating strategies to develop vocabulary  
- ‘Front-loading’ talking opportunities for students prior to writing  
- Developing a tracking process for spelling |
<p>| <strong>Status of priority 2</strong> | Ongoing |</p>
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<th>For all students to achieve appropriate ‘on the way’ growth points for multiplication and division</th>
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<td>Reason for priority 3</td>
<td>Our 2017 goal in numeracy was a refinement and consolidation of the 2016 focus on multiplication and division. The previous year was a successful beginning for teachers who enriched their understanding and in turn impacted on their classroom practice. But to improve student understanding teachers felt the need to refine, practise and deepen this learning with a greater focus on division, assessment and the development of rich tasks.</td>
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| Steps taken to achieve priority 3 | Teachers focused on:  
- analysing mathematical assessment data  
- engaging in data conversations and setting individual learning goals for students  
- developing a continuum to unpack the skills and strategies to be used when planning and analysing data  
- refining and devising assessment tools to collect data more effectively to inform our teaching  
- participating in the Multiplicative Thinking course for Year 5 and 6 teachers |
| Status of priority 3 | Ongoing |
### Projected school priorities

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<th>All students will make greater connections to Sacraments in the Scriptures and the lived experience of Catholics.</th>
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<td>Reason for Priority 1</td>
<td>End of year school data and teacher feedback indicates that there is still a need to continue the work of understanding Scripture texts at a spiritual level. Teacher feedback is that there is a need to build capacity to make more effective connections to Sacraments in teaching.</td>
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| Steps to be taken to achieve Priority 1 | Teachers will focus on:  
- analysing whole-school assessment data around student understanding of Sacrament  
- understanding key concepts of Sacraments in *Sharing our Story*  
- making connections between key concepts and Scripture texts  
- drawing out specific learning about Sacraments in class assessment related to unit, measuring and reflecting on data  
- providing a range of learning experiences and resources to deepen understanding about Sacrament key concepts |

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<th>Priority 2</th>
<th>For all students to improve comprehension when reading and responding to a variety of texts</th>
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<td>Recent NAPLAN and Progressive Achievement Tests in Reading (PAT-R) data has indicated that, although many students can decode when reading, their comprehension is not as strong as it could be. Comprehension is not about using strategies in isolation but rather the use of a variety of strategies, and school data is showing that students are not consistently integrating strategies but rather seeing them as single acts.</td>
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| Steps to be taken to achieve Priority 2 | Teachers will focus on:  
- deeper examination of 2017 NAPLAN and PAT-R data to understand implications at student and grade level  
- developing learning progressions around comprehension strategies, critical thinking and accountable talk  
- better assessment of students in order to plan for individual learning goals |
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<th>To utilise student data in place value to create mathematical tasks that will CHALLENGE all students</th>
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<td><strong>Reason for Priority 3</strong></td>
<td>Our 2018 goal is a continuation of previous numeracy goals but with a greater focus on challenge for all students. We will use expert research, pedagogy and resources to guide professional learning in the area of student voice, mindset and perseverance when faced with challenge. The content focus based on our Mathematics Assessment Interview (MAI) and NAPLAN data will be on place value and deepening teacher knowledge and practice around the area of challenge in this area.</td>
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| **Steps to be taken to achieve Priority 3** | Teachers will focus on:  
- analysing 2018 Mathematical Assessment data, especially around place value to develop individual action plans for students  
- identifying Working Mathematically outcomes to allow students to choose strategies that work for them and experiment with what they see as efficient  
- professional learning about developing challenging rich tasks |
Community Satisfaction

Parent satisfaction

In 2017, Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta engaged Insight SRC to conduct the Quality Catholic Schooling (QCS) survey to provide feedback from parents, students and staff about our school. Survey responses indicated support and satisfaction in most areas of school life.

Parents:
- felt they had greater input into school life, that staff were approachable and that the school was focused on improvement
- recognised the opportunity for children to participate in extra-curricular activities
- saw improvements in their children's engagement and social skill development
- felt children were more engaged, connected to peers, motivated in their school work and enjoyed coming to school
- saw the importance of belonging to a Catholic community and they valued participating in prayer, ministry and liturgy
- felt partnership connections between the school and parish were highly valued
- felt that the behaviour of students was consistent with Catholic values and practices
- recognised the social justice programs implemented at school and acknowledged opportunities at school to display acts of compassion and service

Student satisfaction

Student surveys showed that students:
- had high morale and felt enthusiasm, pride and connectedness towards their school
- showed motivation to do well in their learning and felt that their learning was stimulating in a classroom environment that facilitated learning
- saw the importance of belonging to a Catholic community and valued opportunities to participate in prayer, ministry and liturgy
- highly valued partnership connections between the school and parish
- valued the social justice programs implemented at St Anthony’s Primary School and recognised the presence of acts of compassion within their school community

Teacher satisfaction

Staff surveys showed that staff:
- valued the importance of, and opportunities provided for, working collaboratively with their colleagues and that there was a positive tone and energy in the school
- were collectively motivated towards the goals of the school and engaged in professional learning at both a personal and school level
- acknowledged the importance of belonging to a Catholic community and valued participating in prayer, ministry and liturgy in St Anthony’s Parish
- valued highly partnership connections between the school and parish
- felt that the behaviour of staff was consistent with Catholic values and practices
- saw the school to have greater empathy and engagement

There was an evident focus on the need to work constantly towards school improvement and to provide an effective learning environment for students.
Student Profile

Enrolment Policy
St Anthony's 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>2017</td>
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Student attendance rates
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Characteristics of the student body
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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

St Anthony's Primary School follows a Student Behaviour Management policy which is reviewed annually. The Wellbeing policy was reviewed in 2017 by staff. At the beginning of each year and term the teachers reinforce the school behaviour expectations and identify the acceptable behaviours accordingly that are necessary for St Anthony’s Primary School to be a safe, happy and secure environment for all students.

The Wellbeing policy was developed so that the children might grow in their love and respect for themselves, for others and for the environment.

Through this policy we aimed to:
- promote the three school rules: respect self, respect others and respect the environment
- direct and guide the children towards responsible decision making and self-control
- ensure that all members of the community are accepted, respected and valued
- promote justice, equity, honesty, compassion and consistency
- provide a safe environment where all understand their rights and responsibilities
- develop an awareness in students that all behaviour choices have a consequence

The school had an articulated set of agreements that recognised that each student had rights and responsibilities. These were displayed throughout the classrooms and promoted through daily interactions with students.

A behaviour management committee of teachers continued to operate in 2017 to discuss and respond to the most current patterns of classroom and playground behaviour. The aim of this committee was to monitor and review our behaviour management strategies ensuring consistency and alignment between teacher practice, with our wellbeing and behaviour policies.

The full text of the Wellbeing policy and related statements can be obtained via the school website: http://www.stanthonysgirraween.catholic.edu.au

Complaints and grievances policy

At St Anthony's Primary School, all complaints and grievances are taken seriously and responded to according to current policies and procedures.

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 school policy is available from the school office or is available on the CEDP website http://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/policy-central.

The school's Complaints and Grievances Procedures were reviewed in 2017 and are available on the school website http://www.stanthonysgirraween.catholic.edu.au.
Section Eleven: Financial Statement

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.