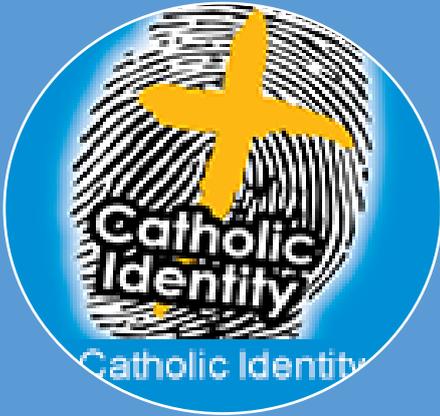




St. Columba's School

Achievements against Goals 2019



Focussing Direction, Cultivating Collaborative Cultures, Deepening Learning, Securing Accountability

Strong Catholic Identity

Goal: To improve the classroom teaching of Religious Education through effective teaching practice, including the monitoring of student progress and enhancing teacher knowledge of the Catholic Story.

Achievements:

- * Education Officer (RE) attended a staff meeting and facilitated a discussion with staff on our moral imperative as educators in a Catholic school with a recontextualised world view
- * APRE facilitated a re-familiarisation of RE portal and resources to assist in RE curriculum planning for improved teaching and learning
- * APRE attended curriculum planning days to explicitly discuss the planning of RE with teaching staff
- * A rise in regular class attendance at Parish Masses has been visible throughout 2019
- * An increased attendance at staff prayer has been noted on Tuesday mornings
- * The scope and sequence RE documents were utilised contextually in line with our Strategic plan

Goal: Introduce the BCE Relationships and Sexuality Education (RSE) guidelines.

Achievements:

- * The school RSE team was established and attended the in-service this year. The team have commenced meeting to look at introducing RSE into the school in 2020

Excellent Learning and Teaching

Goal: See Literacy Targets 2019

Achievements:

- * Literacy targets have been met or exceeded in 2019

Goal: See Numeracy SMART Goal 2019

Achievements:

- * Our Numeracy SMART Goal targets for each year level have been met or exceeded in 2019

Goal: To review and renew the St. Columba's School Mission Statement

Achievements:

- * After community, staff and student consultation, a new school Mission Statement was created and endorsed at the June Pastoral Board Meeting

Goal: To maximise learning by embedding the ICT capability, to support the transformation of pedagogy through the use of digital technologies

Achievements:

- * A twilight was facilitated for staff in-servicing teachers on ICT pedagogical practice and the ICT capabilities
- * During short term cycle planning, teachers embedded ICT capabilities explicitly into their planning, as supported by the PLL (Primary Learning Leader)
- * A new device usage plan was formulated in 2019, and endorsed by the school's pastoral board following community and staff consultation.
- * Assistive technology professional learning has been a regular event throughout 2019, facilitated by Peta Ruwoldt (BCE)

Building a Sustainable Future

Goal: Promoting continued awareness of sustainable practices across all areas of school operations.

Achievements:

- * There has been considerable effort in 2019 to embed sustainable practices throughout St. Columba's, including:
 - * A rubbish audit in Prep
 - * the purchase of new bins (compost, paper and recycling)
 - * St. Columba's 'Green Team' was established and attended the Rochdale Waste Management facility to better understand recycling options for our school
 - * Containers for change project continued and is now an embedded practice
 - * The school tuckshop is now incorporating more sustainable practices with less soft plastics being used
 - * Sustainability messages are frequently shared to staff and students by Green Team or Leadership team via newsletters, assemblies, emails, staff meetings etc...
 - * Significant reduction in energy usage and costs throughout 2019 has been noted
 - * 2019 saw a re-introduction of recycling options within classrooms
 - * Active School travel is an embedded initiative at St. Columba's, with the introduction of a Walking Bus as well as designated Active Travel days
 - * A reduction in the use of paper and photocopying has been a visible improvement in this area in 2019

Goal: By the end of 2019 the school will have a new capital and facilities Master Plan.

Achievements:

- * In consultation with representatives of the school's pastoral board and leadership team, a new capital and facilities Master plan has now been created and endorsed. It reflects the facilities needed for the next 10 years
- * In 2019, a school-funded refurbishment of Our Lady's Building was commenced and completed.