

Queen of Apostles School, Riverton

School Performance

Information



Report for the 2023 Academic Year

School Vision Statement

Queen of Apostles School is a vibrant and inclusive Catholic community. The school follows the example of our founders, the Schoenstatt Sisters and our Patron, Mary, the mother of Jesus and their call to be agents of love, unity and peace. Assisting parents as the first educators of their children, our vision is:

'To inspire a passion for life-long learning in an environment of faith, love and care for others.'

School Mission Statement

Queen of Apostles is a Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6 co-educational school. Our mission is to empower our students to:

- BE** passionate and curious learners
- BE** confident and creative individuals
- BE** faith-filled and active in their care for others

Introduction

This report provides the Queen of Apostles school community with information about the school's activities and performance for the 2023 academic year. It highlights our school results and outcomes and helps set targets for improvement during 2024.

The report should be read alongside other school documentation including the Principal's Annual Report to the School Community. The school's website contains many relevant documents that will provide information for parents.

SCHOOL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

1. CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

Queen of Apostles School is a single stream school with approximately 260 students. We offer classes from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6, providing a learning environment that promotes a sense of self-worth within each child.

Queen of Apostles is a well-resourced school offering a nurturing, inclusive and safe environment which celebrates each individual's unique talents and qualities. Our school encourages a passion for lifelong learning and prepares today's children for their place in tomorrow's society.

In addition to core curriculum, there is explicit and successful teaching of literacy and numeracy in all classes. We also develop higher order thinking skills and problem-solving with our students through the Future-Focused Learning program.

Future-Focused Learning prepares our students across all curriculum areas and learning stages with skills and capabilities to thrive in a rapidly changing and interconnected world. It connects our students and engages their sense of curiosity, helping them to make meaning of our world. Students collaborate and use critical and creative thinking to solve problems, growing as active and informed global citizens.

Our Catholic faith is taught in every class according to the Religious Educational Guidelines for Western Australia Catholic Schools. Underpinning all we do at Queen of Apostles are our values of ***Respect, Resilience, Faith, Excellence and Compassion***.

Queen of Apostles offers specialist teachers in Mandarin, Science, Physical Education, Visual Art and Music. Enrichment is offered to our more capable students and a comprehensive Learning Support Program is effective across all classes. An active extra-curricular program is in place across the areas of performing arts, community giving, sports and sustainability.

Facilities include playgrounds, oval, courts, a well-resourced library, a dedicated Science and Mandarin Room and well-equipped classrooms that are brought to life through the work of the children and by using the latest Apple technology to help facilitate effective learning from our Pre-Kindy through to Year 6 classes.

Our Parents' and Friends' Association is an active element of our school culture, supporting the school in its endeavours by funding resources, building community and empowering parents.

2. TEACHER STANDARDS & QUALIFICATIONS

QUALIFICATIONS OF TEACHING STAFF AT QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL	
Qualifications	Number of Staff
Master of Education	3
Master of Teaching	1
Diploma of Teaching	4
Bachelor of Education	9
Bachelor of Science	2
Bachelor of Arts	1
Graduate Diploma of Education	2
Bachelor of Health Science	1
Certificate Instructional Leadership	1

3. WORKFORCE COMPOSITION 2023

Principal	Mark Ryan
Assistant Principal	Jennifer Anderson
Finance Officer	Caroline Hunneybun
Administration Officers	Terri Healy/ Kathy Duncanson
Pre-Kindy	Ann Fanto
Kindergarten	Ann Fanto
Pre-Primary	Emma Ashworth
Year 1	Robyn Salvia
Year 2	Simone Gordon & Maddi Kuhn
Year 3	Gabrielle Lesque (Semester One)
	Tanya Pavlovic (Semester Two)
Year 4	Brianna Joiner
Year 5	Jessica Jenzen
Year 6	Valencia Maloney
Learning Support	Marika Beacher
Sport & Science	Ross Bridgeman
Mandarin	Ivy Wang
Music & Visual Art	Sheryl Perry
Education Assistants	Mara McGinty
	Pam Johansen
	Tracie Spadaro
	Liz Kingston
	Tracy Watkins
	Dawn O'Brien
	Deborah Radice
	Lee-Ann Oliver
	Farah Gul

Library Officer
Social Worker
Canteen Manager
Grounds

Susan Peach
Tracy Small
Sharon Fernandez e Soares
John Boley

Staff	Female		Male	
	Indigenous	Non Indigenous	Indigenous	Non Indigenous
Full Time Teaching	0	8	0	2
Part Time Teaching	0	5	0	0
Full Time Non-Teaching	0	0	0	0
Part Time Non-Teaching	0	15	0	1

4. STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The average attendance rate for the 2023 gazetted school year was: 91.35%. This was broken down into the following class groupings:

Year Group	Attendance Rate
Pre Kindy	88.89%
Kindy	90.07%
Pre-Primary	87.93%
1	93.82%
2	88.84%
3	93.89%
4	93.18%
5	92.76%
6	92.73%

Parents of children who are absent from school are asked to clarify the reason for non-attendance. An absentee slip is required to be completed upon the child's return. For lengthier absences during term time, which are not health related, an approval of extended leave form needs to be completed.

5. NAPLAN INFORMATION

In March of 2023, National Literacy and Numeracy Assessments were administered to students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. The assessments in Literacy covered: Reading, Writing, Language Conventions, Spelling and Grammar & Punctuation. This year all assessments except for Year 3 writing were done online.

Individual and detailed reports are provided to the parents of children who undertook the national assessments. Furthermore, school receives detailed evaluation of the whole school and class cohorts, which allows for ongoing school improvement. The data provided to school also allows teachers to examine individual and class performance on each of the questions. It is important to remember that the national assessments are only one source of

evidence of student achievement, gained on one particular day. Similarly, comparisons from one cohort to another can be remarkably different. The summary data for Year Three and Year Five for our school is as follows:

<u>YEAR 3</u>	<u>QOA Mean</u>	<u>CEWA Mean</u>	<u>National Mean</u>
<u>Reading</u>	437	400	405
<u>Writing</u>	436	413	416
<u>Spelling</u>	416	401	404
<u>Grammar & Punctuation</u>	437	403	411
<u>Numeracy</u>	441	401	407

<u>YEAR 5</u>	<u>QOA Mean</u>	<u>CEWA Mean</u>	<u>National Mean</u>
<u>Reading</u>	527	495	496
<u>Writing</u>	514	484	483
<u>Spelling</u>	512	491	489
<u>Grammar & Punctuation</u>	515	490	497
<u>Numeracy</u>	524	483	488

6. SATISFACTION SURVEYS

Parent Satisfaction

There is a high level of parent satisfaction based on the following:

- Welcoming staff and atmosphere
- Transparent Communication Channels
- Strong level of involvement and support of the education program
- Strong attendance levels for information evenings and open nights
- High level of volunteers for sporting carnivals and excursions
- High level of pastoral care is demonstrated within the community
- Prospective parents are seeking places based on recommendations of members of the school community

Student Satisfaction

Student satisfaction levels are strong based on the following:

- Rule Clarity
- Support for Learning
- Level of cooperation with the staff
- The inclusive nature of the school
- Connectedness to School
- Teacher Support

Staff Satisfaction

Staff satisfaction levels are strong based on the following:

- There is a high expectation of success
- Collegiality
- The inclusive nature of the school
- Minimal behaviour incidents among students
- Providing individual support
- Encouragement of improvement of practice

The staff of Queen of Apostles are very professional and support the school in all its endeavours.

7. SCHOOL INCOME

At the Annual School Community Meeting in November 2023, the School Advisory Council Treasurer (Marnie Selten) presented the School Fee Schedule and Initial Budget (Recurrent and Capital) for the forthcoming year.

The My School website can be accessed to view the school's breakdown of income. The link to the website is:

<https://www.myschool.edu.au/school/48944/finances>

8. SENIOR SECONDARY OUTCOMES

N/A

9. POST SCHOOL DESTINATIONS

In 2023 Year Six graduating student school destinations were as follows:

School	Number of Students
St Norbert College	7
Rossmoyne Senior High	3
Corpus Christi College	5
Lynwood Senior High School	1
Como Secondary College	1
Kennedy Baptist College	5
Canning Vale College	1
Lumen Christi College	2
Mercedes College	1
Willetton Senior High School	1
Penrhos College	1
Ursula Frayne College	1
Kelmscott Senior High School	1

10. ANNUAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

2023 Focus Areas	Success Indicators
Integration of Catholic faith, life and culture by creating a prayerful and inclusive environment which includes opportunities for students and families to express their faith in prayer, liturgy and masses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacred spaces present in classrooms and around the school. • Integration of Aboriginal art/songs into the Mass. • Different prayer forms used in classrooms and at Staff Meetings.
Develop a collective approach to student thinking, learning and teaching which includes critical and creative thinking skills and processes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teacher planning to reflect deliberate incorporation of General Capability skills across curricula. • Evidence of Future Focussed Learning template for programming. • Teachers sharing their practice in ICT against the Digital and Design Curriculum.
Forming and developing cohesive and collaborative approaches to Early Years philosophies through the <i>Being, Belonging, Becoming</i> framework from Pre-Kindy to Year 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Early Years cluster meetings. • Reference to <i>Being, Belonging, Becoming</i> in teaching & learning programs.

<p>Engage in ongoing wellbeing education to support a holistic approach to student and staff wellbeing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellness Week honoured by staff, students and parents. • Student Code of Conduct prominently displayed in all classes.
<p>Improve student well-being through quality relationships between teachers and students by providing a learning environment that enables both staff and students to flourish.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastoral Care of students an ongoing agenda item at staff meetings. • Survey to gauge student's anxiety levels.
<p>Plan for the consistent maintenance of classroom, playground and staff facilities ensuring spaces are contemporary, attractive and conducive to flexible learning opportunities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New perimeter fencing around the school. • Re-asphalting of area from hall to library. • Creation of a workroom for staff at the back of the library.