



## **ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA COLLEGE**

### **ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

#### **Contextual Information**

St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School is a co-educational school that provides excellent educational opportunities for students from Kindy-Year 12. St Mary's has a proud academic history and has been serving the community of Carnarvon for over one hundred and fifteen years. This successful tradition has been built around preparing all students for a meaningful and rewarding future through the pursuit of personal excellence and the provision of a full and broad education based on strong academic and gospel principles. The programs at the school are designed to cater for the intellectual, physical, emotional, social and spiritual aspects of an individual's development, with an emphasis on the whole person. In conjunction with our strong commitment to developing every child to his/her academic potential, the school places great emphasis on pastoral care and the development of strong Christian values. St Mary's has strong links to the Parish and wider communities. Parents are an integral part of the school and it is through this partnership that the school is able to provide students with the best possible education.

#### **Teacher Standards and Qualifications**

Of the 23 part and full-time teaching staff at St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School, three have limited registration to teach for 2022, 18 are four year trained, and two are five year trained.

#### **Workforce Composition**

There are 43 staff employed at St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School in part and full-time positions. There are 23 teaching staff, and 20 non-teaching staff. Seven of those employed are male. There are four Indigenous Australians employed at St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School Carnarvon.

#### **Student Attendance at School**

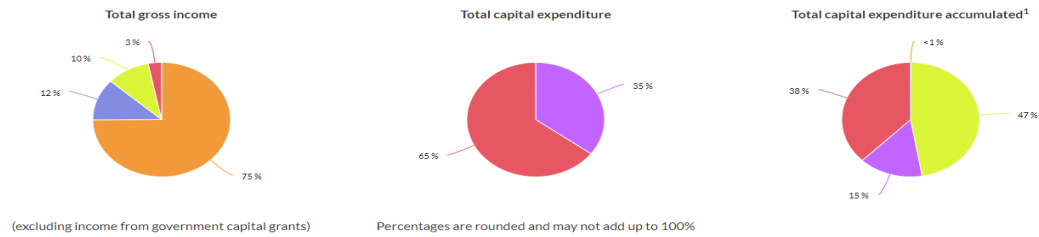
The rate of attendance for students attending St Mary Star of the Sea Catholic School is given below in year groups.

Three Year Old	82.2 %
Kindergarten	85.6 %
Preprimary	86.9 %

Year 1	91.9 %
Year 2	88.1 %
Year 3	89.3 %
Year 4	88.9 %
Year 5	88.3 %
Year 6	88.4 %
Year 7	87.2 %
Year 8	89.2 %
Year 9	86.8 %
Year 10	90.8 %
Year 11	79.4 %
Year 12	82.9 %

The overall attendance rate of students from Three-year-old programme to Year 12 is 87.1 %. Parents are expected to notify the school prior to classes starting that their child is absent. Electronic attendance registers are marked daily by class teachers on SEQTA. Parents of students whose absence has not been explained by 9:15 am are sent a text message advising the family that the student is not at school and the school has not received any notification for their absence. If after two days the school has still not received information from the family regarding the child's absence, a member of staff will make personal contact with the family to ascertain the reason for the non-attendance. All absences must be explained via notes which are kept with the class register. At the end of each term, parents of students whose absence falls below less than 80% are requested an interview to explain the non-attendance of their son/daughter.





## Post School Destinations

Of the five students who completed Year 12 at the end of 2021, two have found employment in Carnarvon, two are attending university courses in Perth, and one relocated to Queensland. Her current status is unknown.

## St Mary Star of the Sea College School Improvement Plan Progress 2022

**Catholic Identity:** The induction programmes for both staff and community committee members were reviewed. The changes were reflected in the staff handbook.

**Education:** Ongoing reflection and consultation to develop a curriculum at enhancing 21<sup>st</sup> century learning competencies.

**Community:** The behaviour management plan was reviewed and enhanced, particularly in the secondary years.

The wellbeing committee will continue to enhance and improve the wellbeing of students, staff and parents through various strategies and events throughout the year.

**Stewardship:** The capital development plan for the new classroom, enhanced secondary recreational space and common room upgrade will be completed early 2023.

## **ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA 2022 SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

2022 was another year affected by Covid, and whilst challenging at times, particularly around some of the school's staffing issues, we had much to celebrate over the course of the year.

Our building project was completed over the summer break. The secondary students have a new landscaped recreation space and basketball court to keep them amused at recess and lunch times. Our Year Fives are in their new classroom, and the Religious Education learning area has a new space where the Year Five class were learning. We also have a new Year 11 and 12 common room where the music storeroom was located.

We celebrated the sacraments of Confirmation, Communion and Reconciliation once again, with Fr Steve who left the parish to finally continue his travels to his next parish, another Star of the Sea, that of Dongara. We really appreciated his commitment to the school and his strong pastoral connection to the staff and students.

As well as achieving success in VET for a number of our Year 12s, we had our first students graduate completing their ATAR. We look forward to hearing from all of our leaving students about their future successes.

As usual, our sporting carnivals were once again highlights for our students, and there were some very meritorious efforts in the water, on the track and on the courts and fields. For those champions in their various fields, well done on excelling last year. I would also like to especially mention those students who found these events particularly challenging yet still had a go. We all admire your courage, determination and effort.

We farewelled a number of staff who left St Mary's at the end of 2022. Mr Tim Manser relocated to Karratha to continue his career at St Luke's College, Ms Kate Tutavaha moved to Perth to join the teaching team at Court Grammar School, and Mr Django Ryan accepted the primary physical education teacher's role at St Maria Goretti Primary School, Perth. Our long-standing teaching assistant, Ms Sus Aiken, relocated to Dongara, and Ms Sherie Seow, who taught Year 3 in second semester, relocated overseas. We thank all of the staff who contributed to the learning enterprise at St Mary's and wish them all the best as they continue their careers elsewhere.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Emily Holla who was the Acting Head of Primary during Term 4 last year. She demonstrated excellent leadership skills and support for both the staff, students and other members of the leadership team. I'm sure further leadership opportunities will come her way in the not-too-distant future.

I would also like to thank Mrs Narelle Hotham who was the Acting Head of Secondary for the past 3 years. She has been a very generous leadership team member with her time, effort and skills, and she provided excellent support of the secondary staff and students. In 2023, Mrs Holtham will be taking a year's leave and we wish her all the very best and look forward to her return in 2024.

Thank you.

## **School Advisory Committee Report**

On behalf of the St Mary Star of the Sea College School Advisory Committee I would like to welcome everyone here this evening as we reflect on the activities over the last 12 months.

The committee would like to thank all the school staff for their hard work and dedication ensuring that St Mary Star of the Sea School moves forward. We also congratulate our graduating class of 2022.

We would also like to thank Father Steve Casey and the St Mary's Parish for their support.

We also take this opportunity to thank the P & F for their fundraising efforts throughout the year.

2022 has seen some major improvements to the school.

The Convent was demolished and our new classroom and secondary ground improvements have begun. The storeroom at the back of the music room is being redeveloped also as a Year 11 and 12 common room. This will all occur following the completion of the classroom at the oval end of the primary teaching block. This should all be completed during this year.

There have been numerous information technology upgrades throughout the school involving new laptops and desktops for some teachers, screens and interactive boards in a number of the classrooms, and network upgrades throughout the school.

Due to the number of recent break ins, security screening on many of the rooms has had to be upgraded.

I would also like to encourage and invite new members to nominate in joining our School Advisory Committee for 2023.

Serving on the committee is an opportunity to contribute and create better outcomes for the school, students, staff, parents and community.

The School Advisory Committee welcomes your input and encourage your feedback.

Thank you,

Mr Jim Andrioli

School Advisory Council Chair

