School Renewal Plan
2010—2011

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To unify and utilise the gifts of the group to fulfil its purpose.

BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL ON FAITH & MISSION

As a ministry of the Church we are committed to the nurturing of Christian beliefs within the Catholic tradition for all members of our St Finbarr’s School community.

Our mission is to spread the Word of God through our actions, witness and practice.

(BCEC Strategic Renewal Framework: Priority 1)

Goals for 2010–2011
We aim to:

- Provide opportunities for involvement in meaningful liturgical gatherings
- Strengthen The Parish–School community
- Provide opportunities for faith-in-action
- Explore the charism of the Sisters of Charity

Goal for 2010
We aim to:

- Re-write the school’s Vision and Mission Statements

Achievements for 2010

- Expanded repertoire of songs used in Religious Education and liturgical celebrations.
- Worked with Jubilee Parish schools and Parish Priest towards the fulfilment of a Jubilee Catholic Community.
- Rewrote school’s Vision and Mission Statements
- Inserviced staff in charism of Sisters of Charity
- Raised community awareness of the Sisters of Charity
- Commissioned writing of school song
- Raised community awareness of the school’s history
- Integrate the charism of the Sisters of Charity SRC into the everyday life of the school community.
BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL ON COMMUNITY, RELATIONSHIPS & PARTNERSHIPS

At St Finbarr’s we foster openness in our communication between the school, the home and the wider community. We develop positive partnerships as we work together for the good of our students. St Finbarr’s is a caring community where the individuality and dignity of each member is valued and respected.

(BCEC Strategic Renewal Framework: Priorities 3, 4 & 5)

Goals for 2010-2011

We aim to:
• Provide for effective communication to all stakeholders within and outside our community
• Enhance our sense of community as a school
• Ensure the children are the centre for all our efforts

Goal for 2010

We aim to:
Raise community awareness of the Sisters of Charity and integrate this charism into the everyday life of the school community.

Achievements for 2010

• Developed an understanding and an appreciation of the charism of the SRC;
• Identified beliefs and values that Mary Aikenhead espoused in her life that are part of the culture of school life;
• Integrated into term planning SRC values;
• Extended invitations to members of the Parish to attend school events;
St Finbarr's is committed to a cycle of reflection, review and renewal of school policy and practices. This is reflected in the on-going effective organisational and administrative procedures within our school. We recognise our call to the stewardship of our environment and are proactive in the resourcing and maintenance of our school and its surroundings.

(BCEC Strategic Renewal Framework: Priorities 6,7 & 8)

Goals for 2010-2011

We aim to:

- Provide contemporary facilities for our school community;
- Promote our school community within the wider community;
- Engage best practice systems in maintaining our school’s financial position;
- Promote and encourage environmental sustainability in policies and practices.

Goal for 2010

We aim to:

- Develop 5 year technology plan for staff and students.

Achievements for 2010

- Provided students further opportunities to engage in sustainable garden practices
- Provided opportunities for upper students to be involved in Special Interest Enhancement Days with other schools.
- Integrated emerging technologies into unit plans
BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL ON CURRICULUM, TEACHING & LEARNING

St Finbarr’s has a contemporary and relevant curriculum which fosters our students as life-long learners.
Our curriculum planning reflects current syllabus content and pedagogies, which focuses our attention on the development of the whole-child.
We believe the educational endeavour is a shared partnership with parents and the wider community.

(BCEC Strategic Renewal Framework: Priorities 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Goals for 2010-2011
We aim to:

• Enhance the student’s’ learning through the supply and use of contemporary educational equipment;

• Enhance the students’ learning by engaging in contemporary “best practice” teaching & learning activities and curriculum content;

• Engage in practices which identify, address and reward each child’s needs & achievements in all aspects of school life;

• Embed ICLT’s in the inquiry learning process;

• Work in partnership with parents in all educational endeavours.

Goal for 2010
We aim to:

• Ensure teachers are proficient in knowledge/understanding of and good practice in relation to the National Curriculum

Achievements for 2010

• Developed teachers’ skills and knowledge of and how to use emerging technologies
• Provided teachers with opportunities to become proficient with inquiry based learning and how technology can be integral to this learning.