Guardian Angels’ School
Strategic Renewal Plan 2006-2011

ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2010

….Wynnum’s Catholic learning community
## VISION, MISSION AND PURPOSE
This key area encompasses our Vision and Mission, Religious teaching, the spiritual development of each person, the importance of prayer and celebration, religious atmosphere and practices, sacramental program, parent involvement and peace and justice education.

### Goal for 2010
We intend:
- To continue to provide faith development and formation opportunities for staff and students

### Achievements for 2010
- Regular celebrations of class Reconciliation and Eucharist
- Several staff members attended Pray 2010 and provided feedback to whole staff at a staff meeting. This has led to significant changes to practices related to classroom prayer and assembly.
- All staff undertook a day’s PD on the Enneagram to foster a deeper understanding of ways of relating to other staff members and students.
- Members of the RE Team from the South Service Centre spent a day in our school facilitating different forms of Meditative Prayer in the classroom context and during a staff meeting.
- Our Yrs 6/7 students actively participated in a Leadership Day held at Coochie Mudlo early in the school year.
- Reflection days for Yr 6 and Yr 7 students were held during November.
- As part of our commitment to the Catching Fire Program staff members have been involved in 3 programs (SpiritFire, Guiding Lights and Keepers of the Flame). A consequence of this action has been the reinvigoration of our weekly staff prayer.
- The relocation of Sacred Singing to our parish church has highlighted the sacred dimension of this activity.
- Our Feast Day celebrations were the culmination of our study of Mary MacKillop and her canonisation.
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RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMUNITY
This key area embraces the whole area of relationships including parent participation, pastoral care, behaviour management, parent organisations, classroom co-ordinators, affirmation of children and community building activities generally.

Goals for 2010

We intend:
- To provide a forum in which all members of our community have an opportunity to share their wisdom and insights
- To develop a school Anti-bullying Policy

Achievements for 2010

- All teachers conducted a Parent Information evening early in the school year.
- Each class presented a Celebration of Learning to which parents and caregivers are invited.
- Parent Coffee and Chat sessions initiated (once or twice a term). These provided parents with an informal forum for raising questions and issues of interest. These resulted in a review of tuckshop offerings, the establishment of a vegetable garden on each campus and the establishment of a Chess Club and a Jogging group.
- The school continued to provide support to the P&F in their fundraising and community building initiatives.
- Pastoral care extended to families in crisis.
- Personal Development evenings offered to students and families
- Issues of cyberbullying proactively addressed by the provision of staff, student and parent workshops (“Cybersmart”)
- An incursion presented to students and staff to address the role of the bystander in issues of bullying (The Power of One)
- Our Anti-Bullying Policy was formulated, published and ratified by the School Board.
- Prep Open mornings, Orientation Day, Mothers Day Retreat and Carols evening fostered positive relationships between school and families.
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TEACHING AND LEARNING
This key area includes all areas of the Curriculum and embraces our commitment to life-long learning for all individuals.

Goals for 2010
We intend:
- To familiarise staff with the first four KLAs (Maths, English, Science, History) of the Australian Curriculum
- To highlight the importance of oral language development as a critical component of literacy and numeracy for all children
- To implement an Enrichment Program
- To be a trial school implementing recommendations of the Shaddock Report

Achievements for 2010
- An initial attempt was made to develop a proposed plan for the implementation of the National Curriculum from 2011-2013. Government strategies have resulted in a delay in the release of final curriculum documents, thus requiring us to review our implementation plan.
- All staff were encouraged to familiarise themselves with relevant sections of the Australian Curriculum and provided feedback to curriculum writers to inform future direction.
- All classroom teachers were provided with a laptop to facilitate access to online curriculum documents.
- Michelle Young (BCE Curriculum Officer) facilitated a PD day for teachers leading us through a process of discernment relating to what teachers do, and how and why they do it.
- The draft History syllabus was outlined to staff at a workshop on Consistency of Teacher Judgment Day.
- BCE Staff provided inservice to staff on Oral language Development in the Early Years. This was followed by a parent information session on the topic at an evening workshop. This will be an ongoing program throughout 2011.
- An Enrichment Teacher was employed to provide for the needs of more able students. Through this program a team was entered into the Tournament of Minds
- The trial of a more flexible approach to providing services to students (Shaddock project) was a success. This project will be implemented across all Catholic schools in 2011.
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SCHOOL MANAGEMENT
This key area includes all the organisational aspects of school management including our commitment to policies and practices that are based on integrity, respect, responsibility and accountability.

Goals for 2010

We intend:
- To undertake the school’s external Cyclical Review
- To enhance the built environment of facilities at Guardian Angels’ School

Achievements for 2010

- A very successful Cyclical Review was undertaken in October. This affirmed all aspects of school operation at Guardian Angels’ school.
- The intended implementation of an Energy Savings Plan as identified by the Energy Audit conducted in 2009 has been delayed whilst we await government funding.
- An extensive building program under the terms of the Federal Government’s Building the Education Revolution Program is currently underway. Expected completion March 3 (revised).
- Our school has purchased a sizeable block of land adjacent to our school grounds from the Sisters of Mercy. This will allow us to develop much-needed play space for students.
- In collaboration with our P&F Association, we have begun the process of planning to erect a shade structure over the waiting area on Guardian Angels’ Campus.