AQUINAS COLLEGE

ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST SCHOOL GOALS

2010 has been a year during which Aquinas College has focused on Life Long Learning. In all aspects of College life this focus has been pursued.

Goal
To successfully implement the 1 to 1 Computer Program into Aquinas College.

Achievements
The introduction of a 1 to 1 Laptop Program in Year 9 2010 ensures that our students are fully equipped for future learning. This Laptop deployment will continue to expand as we move into 2011.

Goal
To fully utilize the new Aquinas College Arts Precinct.

Achievements
Aquinas College was the recipient of the Gold Coast Master Builders’ Association Award in the Health and Education Division which validates the excellent state of the art facilities available for our students.

Once again Aquinas College presented quality entertainment at the ‘2010 Aquinas Showcase’ presented at the Southport Sharks Club. The inaugural production of the Aquinas ‘Night on the Edge’ presented by the Visual Arts & Film & Television Department.

Goal
For Aquinas College to become even more internationally aware.

Achievements
2010 will go down as the year of international travel for Aquinas students. The Aquinas Ski Trip saw students on the mountains of New Zealand displaying their many acrobatic skills. The Japanese language students experienced both the culture and language of Japan during their tour and exchange programs to Japan. The Year 12 Ancient History class were offered the opportunity to experience first hand the wonders of Egypt as they set off on their two week journey. The visited Ancient Egyptian sites, pyramids, Alexandria, the Nile River, Abu Simbel and the pyramids of Giza.

The two visits of Year 11 students to Indonesia and the subsequent visit of Yos Sudarso students and teachers to Aquinas College were life changing experiences for all involved. The Yos Program is an authentic experience of life-long learning.
**Goal**
To be involved in the Brisbane Catholic Education Catching Fire program as well as to continue and promote our Social Justice Program.

**Achievements**
The religious life of the College certainly offers an enormous array of spiritual opportunities. The retreats and reflection days were once again highly popular and significant. Other liturgical services included class and assembly prayer, staff prayer, meditation, class masses, college masses and parish masses. The Canonisation of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop brought a special focus to the religious life of the College this year. Social Justice visits to DePaul Villa, OzCare – Parkwood Gardens, Angels Kitchen and Rosies along with fundraising and goods collections for Rosies, St Vincent de Paul, Caritas, Catholic Mission and Pakistan once again showed our generosity and concern for others in need of our help.

**Goal**
To continue to improve the academic successes of Aquinas College.

**Achievements**
Aquinas College students achieved excellent academic success throughout this year. Aquinas takes pride in providing broad curriculum options for students at all year levels. This year the College has worked to ensure that we are prepared and ready to embrace the changes ahead due to the implementation of the national Curriculum.

**Goal**
To continue to provide quality Catholic Education which ensures the development of the whole person.

**Achievements**
The effort of both students and staff must be acknowledged in so many activities which have occurred throughout this year. In particular:
- The Confraternity Team both Netball and Rugby League
- The Gold Coast Bulletin Photographic Competition
- Participation in the Gold Coast Debating Competition
- The Aquinas Dance Troupe achieving 2nd place in the Gold Coast Eisteddfod
- Excellent results in the Griffith University Science and Engineering Challenge
- The Human Powered 24 hour race in which Aquinas now holds the title ‘State Champion’ in the tandem division.