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Principal’s Foreword
Introduction

Our Lady of the Angels’ is a co-educational primary school on the north-side of Brisbane with a current enrolment of 577 from Prep to Year 7. Our school offers a contemporary approach to teaching and learning, an enviable standard of integrated technology, many extra curricula activities and the benefits of being a high quality inclusive Catholic school. Our Lady of the Angels’ promotes a rounded education that encourages personal growth based on Christian values. We assist students to develop a knowledge of other cultures, languages, environmental awareness and social considerations. Students are encouraged to participate as fully as they can in the life of the school.

As our mission statement proclaims, our community seeks to empower and celebrate all as lifelong learners and leaders who are inspired by the lives of Nano Nagle and St Francis. As a Catholic school, we also strive to deepen an understanding of, and nurture a relationship with our God, through an extensive Religious Education program and community worship opportunities based on Catholic traditions. Our students are encouraged to shine with life, learn with love and grow with God.

School Profile

Our Lady of the Angels is a Catholic school administered through Catholic Education, Archdiocese of Brisbane.

Coeducational ✓    or Single Sex  ☐

Year levels offered: Primary ✓    Secondary ☐    P-12 ☐

Total student enrolments for this school 577

Total Enrolment 577  Girls 297  Boys 280
Characteristics of the student body

The community of Our Lady of the Angels' school prides itself in being welcoming and inclusive. Our families students come from a wide variety of different cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. The diversity of our community enriches as school as we encourage our students to be tolerant, just and compassionate towards others.

Our distinctive curriculum offerings

During 2013, our school consisted of multi-age classes in Senior Primary (Years 5 and 6). This allowed for multi-level teaching and learning with an inquiry based approach. Our curriculum framework provides for the development of connected curriculum units based on relevant, authentic concepts focusing on the roles of the life-long learner, differentiated for the individual needs of each learner. During this year, the teaching staff continued the process of familiarisation and implementation of the Australian Curriculum within the contemporary approach to learning that we utilize. The teaching staff also focused on Brisbane Catholic Education's new Religious Education Curriculum as part of a two-year implementation phase. Finally, a Kidsmatter committee to enhance student well-being was established and our peer mediator program extended.
Extra curricula activities

At Our Lady of the Angels' school, we offer a wide variety of extra-curricula activities both during and after school. These activities provide an opportunity for students of all abilities to participate.

* Choral Singing with three different choirs.
* Public speaking, debating and Speech and Communication programs.
* Afterschool sporting skills sessions - Brisbane Roar Soccer, AFL Auskick programs and Rock Climbing.
* Instrumental music program - strings, band, percussion, piano and guitar.
* Digital Art and animation programs.
* Chess club.
* Optiminds - Gifted and Talented Competition.
* Swimming, cross country, athletics, rugby league, touch football, netball.
* Sport Representation in City Districts, Metropolitan North School and Zone 6 Teams.
* Development Cup (rugby league) and Queensland Catholic Schools Cup (netball).

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning

Information and Communication technologies are used to assist learning in a variety of ways at Our Lady of the Angels'. Computers (including ipads, MacBook Airs and iMacs), digital cameras, video cameras, and interactive whiteboards, are used by teaching staff as tools to engage students in creating and designing. Teachers embed ICLT in their learning pedagogy. Our staff have continued the process of engaging with the learning management tool, LIFE, where students and staff are able to utilise digital technologies to design and create blogs, wikis, iMovies and podcasts to enhance the learning process. ICLT is fully integrated into our everyday learning.

Social climate inclusive of pastoral care and our response to bullying

Our Lady of the Angels' seeks to be responsive to the needs of the children, staff, their families and the wider community. Our school strives to create the optimal educational environment. Recognising the uniqueness of individuals and their God-given talents, we endeavour to enhance the self-concept of each child and to provide a stimulating environment, which nurtures an on-going love of learning. Within this environment, we reflect Gospel values by responding to the pastoral needs of our community. Our Year 6 and 7 leaders are an integral part of the Leadership Program of the school and are linked to a class each term. At Our Lady of the Angels' we recognise that all children have a right to be safe and to learn while at school. Bullying in any form is not tolerated. Our school's anti-bullying policy, positive behaviour focus, whole school reward system, peer mediator program, established communication procedures and strong partnership between home and school, provide an effective framework for dealing with any instances of bullying that may arise.
Parent, student and teacher satisfaction with the school

Our Lady of the Angels' has an extremely active parent/caregiver, staff and student body, who are all continually involved in school life. With a renowned Parish and school community; little turnover of our highly regarded staff; successful whole school behaviour support program; designated leadership program for students across Years 6 and Year 7; thriving Parents and Friends Association; active School Board; extensive waiting lists, particularly large numbers of enrolment applications for Prep each year and positive survey responses collected as part of our internal school renewal process, it is reasonable to assert that students, staff, parents and caregiver satisfaction with Our Lady of the Angels' is of a very high level.

Parent involvement in their child's education

Parents and Caregivers are involved in their child's education in a multitude of ways at Our Lady of the Angels. These include:-
1. In the classroom (for reading groups, literacy and numeracy rotations, or art classes, ETC)
2. Assisting in the library (by covering new books, shelving and Book Club)
3. "Support a Reader" program. Parents and caregivers involved in this program assist students with their reading. They have been trained by staff in using a variety of strategies to promote reading development.
4. Involvement in helping teachers in implementing the Early Years Perceptual Motor Program.
5. Involvement in the various aspects of running school athletic, swimming and cross-country carnivals. A number of parents assist with coaching various sports such as rugby league and netball.
6. Our very active P & F and School Board raise funds, co-ordinate activities and social events and facilitate our Art Exhibition and biennial OLA Carnival.

Staff Profile

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Qualifications of all teachers

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Expenditure on and teacher participation in Professional Learning

The total funds expended on teacher professional learning in 2013 was $18542.90

The major professional development initiatives were as follows:

1. Continued familiarisation and unpacking of the Australian Curriculum with all staff.
2. Professional engagement by the Leadership team, Curriculum Support Teacher and Teaching Teams in further learning and engagement with the Learning Management System, LIFE.
3. Continuing to collaboratively engage with our Curriculum Support Teacher, Leadership Team and other teaching staff in an on-going process to inform the teaching, learning and planning cycle.
4. Further professional development provided in the lead up to the implementation of the new Religious Education Curriculum.

School Income by Funding Source

School income broken down by funding source is available via the My School website at http://www.myschool.edu.au/.

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School financial information is available by selecting ‘School finances’ in the menu box in the top left corner of the school’s entry web page.

Average staff attendance rate

The staff attendance rate was 97.28% in 2013.

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the 2012 school year, 96% of staff were retained by the school for the 2013 year.

Key Student Outcomes

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Policy and practice to manage student attendance

Teaching staff are required to mark an electronic roll twice each day-once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Parents are required to either verbally inform the school either by phone or in person, or by writing either an email or letter that their child/ren will be absent. Teaching and Administration staff make these notes in our School and Student Data System. Children who have been away for more than three days, without any communication, are contacted by class teachers and Administration staff are also informed.

Student Achievement – NAPLAN for Years 3, 5, 7

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results – our reading writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the relevant years.

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