



SACRED HEART CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ANNUAL REPORT 2018

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Introduction

This year our school celebrates its 106th year. It is a time to celebrate our special Faith Story and our great history established by the Presentation sister in 1912 that has continued and developed for many years as we continue our commitment to education of future generations of not only Goomalling, but now many surrounding areas as we have become a school of choice.

In 2018, we have been able to maintain our student enrolments, maintain 4 teaching classes and relevant staffing, provide specialist support programs and provide our students with programs in Science, Art, Music, Indonesian and PE. This on its own is a celebration and recognition of the work and dedication of the Sacred Heart Family and Team. We commenced the 2019 year with 66 enrolments and for the very first time, are now the largest education provider in Goomalling.

SCHOOL AND PARISH RELATIONSHIPS

I value the schools cooperative relationship with Fr Patrick and I take this opportunity to acknowledge the work Father does in our community. Fr Patrick is very much committed to working with the school, but also outside with many agencies and people. To compliment the faith formation Father leads, we have continued with the Making Jesus Real Program offering way to enhance the spiritual development of the children promoting the Spirit of Jesus.

TEACHING & LEARNING

Our curriculum focus in 2018 was to implement a new writing program across the school to improve writing skills. After investigation, 'The Big Write' was introduced across the school with an additional program 'Talk for Writing' implemented in the ECE area. All staff were in serviced with new staff to be in serviced in 2019. We have also embraced an improvement cycle in Mental Maths, as speed and accuracy in mental computation clearly enhances student achievement across all areas of maths. In complimenting these two focus areas, staff have continued to embrace a culture of continuous improvement in all learning areas.

In 2019, we will continue individual and small group tuition in the Reading Tutor Program and Minilit literacy program run by Tanya Forward and Cherie Broadhurst, as well as still providing extra support for children requiring differentiation in all classes.

Teachers implement the pedagogical strategy of Visible Learning, making learning intentions and success criteria very explicit to students. This aids in understanding the purpose of each lesson and what students need to need to demonstrate for success.

The Sporting arena has had many highlight in 2018. The students participated enthusiastically in swimming, cross-country, athletics and cricket interschool carnivals. For a second year, Sacred Heart took home a VPSSA Shield. Also very recently, Sacred Heart were the winners of the Dowerin T20 Cricket Cup. We thank Loretta Kerse for her work in this area. We congratulate and acknowledge the collective talent of our students in the sporting domain and look forward to their development in 2019.

STAFFING

I acknowledge the contributions of all our staff during 2018, both teaching and non-teaching. The dedication and commitment to our students and school are very much noted.

In 2018, we farewelled Bronwyn Smith who took a part time position in Mundaring and Alison Jones who will be focusing here time on her grandchildren. We thank both Alison and Bronwyn for their contribution to our school.

SCHOOL BOARD & P&F

Our School Board plays a pivotal role in the development of our school and I extend my sincerest gratitude and appreciation to the School Board members, led by Chairperson Travis Robert. This year, Kara Romero will be stepping down from the school board after 4 years of service. With this, I would also like to thank the members of our board for their commitment and also for their support, knowledge and understanding of the school context in which we work in.

I would formally like to acknowledge the 2018 P and F Association. Your contributions to the school, through community building events and fund raising have been fantastic. From cake stalls to catering and organising key events. We sincerely thank Marcia Haywood, Jacquie Edwards, Jaimee Robert and Nicole Bailey for their dedication to our P & F.

OUR STUDENTS & PARENTS

John Hattie is the world leaders in educational research and he identifies the biggest contributing factor to student achievement is quality teachers. As a principal I am extremely proud and fortunate to have such dedicated and hard working Teachers and support staff. I sincerely thank all our staff for all they have done for our students in 2018.

We farewelled 7 of our graduating students and three families at the end of 2018 and we wish them every success as they continue with their education. We sincerely hope that the values instilled in them at Sacred Heart will continue to provide the benchmark for their interactions with others into the future.

I look forward to working with the parents, staff and students of Sacred Heart School to continue providing the very best we can for our children in 2019 and beyond.

Thank you.