



# 2011 Annual Report

## St Francis de Sales, Clifton

*A Catholic co-educational school of the Diocese of Toowoomba*

*"Do All for the Glory of God"*

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<b>Vacation Care</b>	No	<b>After School Care</b>	No

### Our Mission

St Francis de Sales Clifton is a Catholic School dedicated to the total education of each child in an atmosphere created through Christian values.

### Distinctive Curriculum Offerings

- Specialist Music and Physical Education
- "You Can Do It!" Program
- Integration of ICT across the curriculum
- CLC Networks
- Curriculum support of QSA and ACARA guidelines and Toowoomba Catholic Education Office guidelines and practice
- The school commenced preparation of the ACARA Maths, Science and English curriculum during 2011.

### Use of Computers

The school's computers are networked with each classroom currently having a minimum of four computers. Students have access to the computers for ICT skill development as well as to enhance other areas of learning. Each classroom has an interactive whiteboard. These have become a valuable tool in lesson presentations. The school also has a bank of 30 laptops which are available to all classrooms.



## **Extra-Curricular Activities**

- School / Parish liturgies
- Mission Week activities
- School / Interschool athletics, swimming, cross country, rugby league, soccer, netball, basketball & touch football
- Entertain residents of senior citizen's hostel
- School choir – “Sing Out”
- Under 8's week activities
- School / Parish concerts
- Book Week activities
- Involvement in community events such as the Clifton Show & Anzac Day March

## **Social Climate**

St Francis de Sales is proud of its welcoming and inclusive nature. The school strives to care for every individual in the school community. Students, parents and staff all participate in a partnership by supporting each other in various ways. We help and support others by listening, talking, offering assistance and guidance.

The aim of St Francis de Sales school is to develop a mutual respect and understanding for all people through an open and honest partnership of caring for others. Each class teacher implements the You Can Do It Program. Students are recognised for their efforts in building community through this program at assemblies held each Monday. The school has a Behaviour Management and Safe School Policy endorsed by the school parent community through which any consequences of bullying are managed.

## **Parental Involvement and Satisfaction**

The involvement of parents in their child's school life is vital. We believe parents are their children's first educators. At St Francis de Sales, parental involvement is encouraged as a partnership in the education of our young people.

The parent group manages the school tuckshop. Parents are actively encouraged to be involved in classroom assistance, sports training at times and covering books in the library.

The Parents & Friends Association at St Francis de Sales is actively involved in the decision making process especially the establishment of goals and policy through a process of discernment.

Open lines of communication are viewed as being an important part of the school community. Good communication is facilitated in a variety of formal and informal situations such as Parent/ Teacher Interviews, school newsletter, progress reports, letters home, P & F meetings and Open Days as well as during a range of school events and functions.

Parent satisfaction is gauged through input received through P&F Meetings. Parental input into the operation of the school is always welcome. More detailed parental input is sought every five years as part of the school renewal process. The community of St Francis de Sales will go through the renewal process in 2014. This will be a great opportunity for parent involvement with the opportunity for all community members to be actively involved in strategic planning for the future.

## School Financial Information

The information on net recurrent income including:

- Federal Government recurrent funding
- Queensland Government recurrent funding
- Fee, charges and parent contributions
- Other private resources

Is available from: [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au)

## Staff Composition

Workforce Composition	Total Teaching Staff	Total Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	6	8	0
Full-time equivalents	0	2.9	0

## Teacher Qualifications

Qualification	% of Teaching Staff
Doctoral / Post Doctoral	
Masters	17%
Bachelor Degree	83%
Diploma	
Certificate	

## Professional Development

The school budget allocated \$555.00 for professional learning in 2011. Further professional development is supported by Toowoomba Catholic Education.

## Average Staff Attendance

95.29%

## Staff Retention

100%

## Average Student Attendance Rate

The average attendance rate for the whole school as a percentage in 2011 was 93.8%.

## Student Attendance for Each Year Level

Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
93.8	94.3	91.4	94.5	94.6	95	93.8	93.2

## Description of How Non-Attendance is Managed by the School

The roll is marked at 9.00 am every day. If a child is not present, the teacher informs the School Officer:Administration. The parents are phoned. If a child is to be absent, the parents are requested to phone the school or make contact with the child's class teacher. Children who leave during the day for whatever reason, are signed out by their parent/guardian. This information is then entered into the roll. Parents are requested to sign their child/children in when a child is a late arrival.

## National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) Results

Year 3 Test Results (2011)				
	OUR SCHOOL AVERAGE	NATIONAL AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE	Percentage of Students at or above the National Benchmark
Reading	371	415.7	400	86
Writing	397	415.9	404	100
Spelling	384	405.9	388	100
Grammar and Punctuation	385	421.2	407	100
Numeracy	384	398.1	385	100

Year 5 Test Results (2011)				
	OUR SCHOOL AVERAGE	NATIONAL AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE	Percentage of Students at or above the National Benchmark
Reading	505	488.1	470	100
Writing	448	482.6	471	91
Spelling	504	484.1	466	100
Grammar and Punctuation	504	499.1	485	100
Numeracy	493	487.8	470	100



Year 7 Test Results (2011)				
	OUR SCHOOL AVERAGE	NATIONAL AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE	Percentage of Students at or above the National Benchmark
Reading	557	540.2	534	100
Writing	563	529.1	533	83
Spelling	551	537.7	529	83
Grammar and Punctuation	538	532.4	525	83
Numeracy	558	544.6	539	100

### Value Added

St Francis de Sales has a strong community focus and a caring, dedicated staff. The emphasis on the teaching of Christian values has seen the school attract more enrolments over the last few years. The school's specialist music and PE lessons offer considerable value to parents and students

***A hardcopy of this report is available by request from the Principal.***