

Creek Street
Christian College



Annual Report 2022

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Creek Street Christian College Vision, Mission, and Philosophy Statements

College Vision

Creek Street Christian College (hereafter 'the College') is a ministry of the Creek Street Church and has been established to provide Christian education and training to students so that they are equipped to impact their community, our nation, and the world for the Lord Jesus Christ.

College Mission

The College has been established to provide families with a Christian education, within a caring and disciplined environment that will enable students to fully develop their God-given talents and academic abilities, so that they are able to contribute effectively to the changing society of which they are a part.

The College encourages and supports students to develop a positive and wholesome outlook on life, to become self-disciplined people and to be responsible and caring members of the community, both locally and internationally.

College Philosophy

At the College, our approach to learning is holistic in nature. We have a commitment to the development of the whole student in a Christian environment. A Christian education provides unparalleled opportunities for students to discover their passions and nurture their talents. We teach, equip, activate, and release the students with the wisdom which comes from God.

Our four foundation of a true Christian Education are to learn to:

Know and Understand...

Our programs are designed to engage the learners by stimulating wonder and dynamic educational experiences. The students develop a deeper connection to content, understand that learning areas are related to each other and the world beyond the classroom. Our students take risks, become independent thinkers in a rapidly changing world, seeking and acquiring new skills and knowledge at every stage of life.

Apply/do...

Learning is developed through experience, action, and engagement. Through real-life experiential learning students at the College understand how to put their knowledge and skills into action in meaningful and positive ways locally, nationally, and globally. We believe the Bible is God's revelation to man and that it contains the principles and values that show us how to live and do what God has called us to do.

Collaborate...

God created us for relationships. In fact, the greatest commandment – Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, strength and love your neighbour as yourself (Mark 12:30-31) - helps us build, maintain, and expand our relationship with God and others. At the College, much of what we learn is about ourselves in relation to experiences with others. Through this our students develop collaborative, interpersonal, social and language skills to help them develop an appreciation for the wider world and their place within it.

Become...

From Early Learning Centre (ELC) to Year 12, the students begin on a journey of discovering and embracing all God has made them to be and are helped to become their best versions of themselves. Students graduate from the College as open-minded, compassionate, balanced, resilient global citizens.

Principal's Report

Dear Community Members

Although the pandemic has upset the equilibrium regarding community involvement, the College acknowledges that our community is a wonderful resource. They can provide numerous opportunities to complement and extend the curriculum offered at the College.

During 2022, we were not always able to enjoy the regular involvement and plans which include the Annual Community Picnic. We have always encouraged community partnerships, and thankfully we were able to do more of this towards the end of the year.

Outside of the pandemic, examples of the involvement of the College community exist everywhere in the College. Several of our community members attended our compulsory, yearly Parent Induction Sessions for volunteers, which includes Child Safe Standards, Mandatory Reporting, Code of Conduct, and general orientation. More parents were also able to attend face-to-face Parent/Teacher interviews as well as weekly Assemblies and Chapel services.

Fortunately, a few of our fundraising events, such as special lunch days, and the annual book fair were also able to be re-introduced for 2022. Parents were also attending Swimming Carnivals as well as Sports Days. The College is also planning on deliberately creating more opportunities for our parent body to get involved in events in 2023.

It is a true privilege and honour to serve Creek Street Christian College as the Principal. As you will see in this Annual Report; we have a very special school. The people of our community are unequalled in their kindness, generosity, and creativity, and I am delighted to see us harness these qualities at the College.

We invite you to glance at who we are and what we are doing, through this report, and extend the welcome to everyone, who would like to come and immerse themselves deeper into this community.

Blessing

Gerhard van Blommestein
College Principal

Our Values

Helping students *discover* all God made them to be.

Devotion	“Till I come, devote yourself to reading, to exhortation and to teaching and instilling doctrine.” 1 Timothy 4:13 AMP
Integrity	“Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord.” Psalm 119:1 NLT
Service	“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” 1 Peter 4:10 NLT
Compassion	“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” Colossians 3:13 NIV
Optimism	“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13 NKJV
Vision	“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he.” Proverbs 29:18 KJV
Excellence	“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritances for you serve the Lord Christ.” Colossians 3:23-24 NKJV
Respect	“Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honour the king.” 1 Peter 2:17 NIV

Strategic Planning and Development

The College has a Strategic planning mechanism which involves 8 key development areas.

These are:

- Student Well-being
- Staff Well-being
- Faith
- Teaching and Learning
- Community
- Environment and Infrastructure
- Leadership
- Governance

Based on these eight areas a “Strategic Plan 2023-2028” has been created consisting of the following three priorities:

- Enhance the learning environment informed by a Biblical-World view while ensuring the unique culture of Creek Street Christian College is preserved (Student well-being, Leadership and Teaching and Learning)
- Foster partnerships and relationships with Creek Street Church, the College community as well as the community locally, nationally and internationally (Community, Environment and Infrastructure and Governance)
- Recruit, retain and develop quality Christian staff as per our statement of doctrines and beliefs (Staff Well-being, Leadership and Faith)

Governance

The College is governed by the College Council, selected by the Church Board members. The College Council meets regularly to discuss and consider future development and the financial prudence of the College.

College Council



Tim Maxwell
College Council Chair



Joshua Barter
College Council Deputy Chair



Gerhard van Blommestein
Principal



Coral Maxwell
College Council member



Brooke Ball
College Council Member



Nathan Hulls
College Council Member



Felicity Barker
College Council Member



Peter Rotherham
Business Manager

Management

Senior Management Team



Gerhard van
Blommestein
College Principal



Lynne Hall
Assistant Principal:
Student Wellbeing



Marie Boulanger
Assistant Principal:
Teaching and Learning



Peter Rotherham
Business Manager

Leadership Team



Gerhard van
Blommestein
College Principal



Marie Boulanger
Assistant Principal:
Teaching and Learning /
Senior College
Coordinator



Lynne Hall
Assistant Principal:
Student Well-being



Peter Rotherham
Business Manager



Louise Nott
ELC Lead Educator



Luis Alvarez
Junior College
Coordinator



James Dunstan
Middle College
Coordinator



Celia van Blommestein
Student Services
Coordinator



Jenni Caldwell
Office Manager



Tim Schofield
Daily Operations Manager

Staff

Professional Values

Learning	“Let the wise listen and add to their learning.” Proverbs 1:5 NIV
Communication	“Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.” Colossians 4:6 NLT
Reliability	“Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.” 1 Corinthians 4:2 NIV
Integrity	“We intend to do what is right, not only in the sight of the Lord, but also in the sight of people.” 2 Corinthians 8:21 ISV

Character Values

Love	“Do everything in love.” 1 Corinthians 16:14 NKJ
Service	“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people.” Ephesians 6:7 NIV
Honour	“Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other.” Romans 12:10 NLT
Encouragement	“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 ESV

Opinion Survey results

Staff at Creek Street Christian College showed an overall mean satisfaction level of 94.1% (mean of key areas), which is 20% higher than 2021.





Professional Learning

There were limited face-to-face opportunities during the year, but there was a greatly increased occurrence of teachers working collaboratively and supporting one another in their teaching and transition to on-line delivery. Staff training included:

- Level 2 First Aid
- Learning Management System upskilling- Compass
- Linewize (student safety platform)
- Anaphylaxis and Asthma specific training
- Child Safe Code of Conduct Policy
- Inquiry Based Learning PD and workshops.

Attendance Rate

The staff attendance rate was 94.4%.

Students

Student numbers

314 full time students commenced at our College in January, 2022, including 35 who were enrolled into our Early Learning Centre.

Enrolments at the time of Census (5th August 2022)

included:

Male - 177

Female - 187

1 indigenous student

29% of non-English speaking background

Student Attendance Rate

96% attendance

Student background

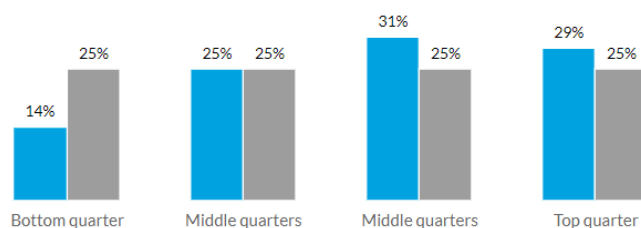
Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA)

School ICSEA value 1063

Average ICSEA value 1000

School ICSEA percentile 75

Distribution of Socio-Educational Advantage (SEA)



■ School distribution ■ Australian distribution

Percentages are rounded and may not add to 100

NAPLAN Results

The table below shows the percentage of students at the College who achieved above average progress, compared to students of a similar background and who had the same starting score on their previous NAPLAN test.

Year 3-5

	2012-2014	2013-2015	2014-2016	2015-2017	2016-2018	2017-2019	2019-2021
Reading	57	48	51	51	47	61	57
Writing	48	60	53	61	55	50	40
Numeracy	45	51	53	52	45	46	48

Year 5-7

	2012-2014	2013-2015	2014-2016	2015-2017	2016-2018	2017-2019	2019-2021
Reading	45	43	54	41	37	49	44
Writing	43	39	43	57	46	59	53
Numeracy	58	69	49	48	56	50	55

Year 7-9

	2012-2014	2013-2015	2014-2016	2015-2017	2016-2018	2017-2019	2019-2021
Reading	42	45	50	44	43	65	51
Writing	55	55	44	59	58	58	63
Numeracy	65	58	64	44	50	65	55

Acknowledgement
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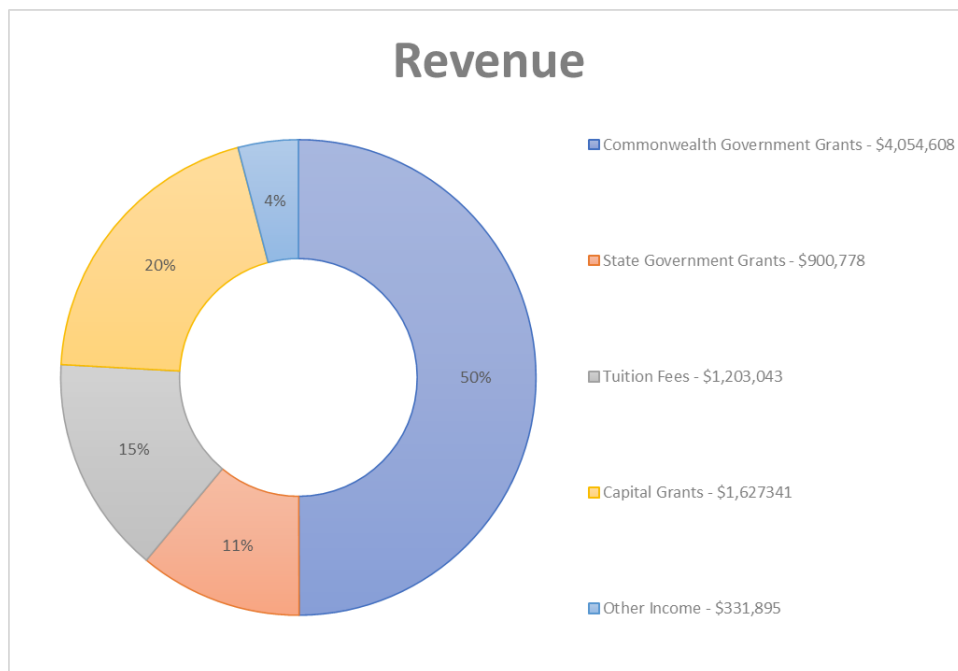
Parents

Parent Opinion Survey results





Finances



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