Mandatory Reporting
Our Lady Help of Christians School Report 2009

This annual report provides information as required by relevant Commonwealth and State legislation.

Distinctive Curriculum Offerings

Our School consists of 8 classes from Prep to Year 7. Our curriculum framework allows for the development of connected curriculum units based on relevant, authentic concepts focusing on the roles of the life-long learner.

Enrolment Numbers for 2009

196 (as at end of 1st Semester)

Extra Curricula Activities

Extra Curricula activities offered at Our Lady Help of Christians are Senior and junior Choir, Art, After-School Kid Sport, Inter-School sport and Drama.

Priorities for the Year

Staff Development priorities for 2009 is focused on the continued development of Spiritual Formation Framework introduced by BCEC in 2007 and the Behaviour Management Program implemented in 2007 in line with Brisbane Catholic Education guidelines. Installation of data projectors in classrooms and promoting student use of laptops will continue to embed information, communication and learning technologies in the teaching and learning processes. In 2009 the physical appearance of school buildings continued to be upgraded with re-painting and replacement of classroom furniture.

Social Climate of the School

Our Lady Help of Christians is a Catholic co-educational primary school which has been providing quality education since 1937. We cater for students from Prep to Year 7 and our school family encompasses both the school community and Our Lady Help of Christians Parish. Our Lady Help of Christians community strives to provide an education for the holistic development of each student towards the full realization of their potential within a value system based on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pastoral Care Program

Our school has the services of a School Pastoral Care Worker and a School Counsellor. These personnel can be accessed through the school. Our school also promotes Virtues and Behavioural programmes.

Strategies used for Involving Parents in their Child’s Education

Parents are involved in their child’s education at school by supporting P & F meetings through attendance and representation on sub committees, working bees and social functions, attending Have-a-Chat mornings with the school administration team, visiting the school for their child’s class and parish masses, assisting with Support a Reader Program, Prep Perceptual Motor Program, classroom reading, art and numeracy activities and attending information sessions on curriculum initiatives.

Qualifications of Teachers

18 Teaching Staff.
Masters 22% of staff;
Bachelor 39% of staff;
Post Graduate Diploma 17% of staff;
Diploma 4% of staff;

2 teachers with a Masters of Education,
1 with a Masters of Music
1 with Masters of Counseling
7 teachers with Bachelor of Education qualifications.
2 teachers with Post Graduate Diploma of Religious Education
1 teacher with Post Graduate Diploma of Educational Leadership
4 teachers with Graduate Diploma of Education
Expenditure on teacher participation in professional learning

For 2009 $21,000 will be spent on Teacher Professional Learning.

Average Staff Attendance for the School (%)

2009 – 98.29% attendance rate.

Proportion of teaching staff retained from the previous school year (%)

100% of teaching staff retained in 2009 from previous year.

Average student attendance rate (%)

2009– 96.2% attendance rate for students.

Naplan Results Comparison 2008-2009 please see Resources below.

National Assessment Plan

Parent, Teacher and Student Satisfaction with the School

- Supportive buddy system
- Excellent, dedicated teaching and support staff
- Positive parish school relationship
- An education which promotes the Gospel values of love and respect
- Information and communication learning technologies integrated into classroom
- Availability of Learning Support Teacher, School Counsellor and Pastoral Care Worker
- The multicultural nature of our school
- Student of the week and Principal’s points reward system
- Religious celebrations and learning programmes
- Specialist Teachers in the Arts, Music, P.E., Lote (Japanese) and ESL
- Commitment to choir and band programmes
- Spacious Grounds with adventure playground and tennis court
- Children feel safe
- Mass as part of regular week activities
- Age specific play equipment and well shaded play areas
- Opportunity for children to develop leadership potential
- Supportive, enthusiastic and committed parents
- Modern classrooms with air-conditioning and refrigerators in each room

Technology in School

At Our Lady Help of Christians we have a data projector mounted in all classes (Prep-Yr 7) which are used extensively. Each class has a bank of desktop computers while banks of laptops are used on a rotational basis throughout the classes. With the 2009 NSP grant a new wireless network, with a fibre-optic backbone, was installed throughout the school. 24 new computers have been purchased for classroom use. Under the 2009 P21 grant, a new library and computer room for classroom and community use will be built.