Strategic Priority:
Mission and Religious Education

Goals:
- Live our Catholic identity through actively engaging in social justice and nurturing and promoting the religious life of the school.
- Deliver an effective Religious Education curriculum that supports the faith and spiritual formation of staff and students within our Catholic and broader Christian traditions.

Achievements for 2014:
- Catching Fire participants graduated from program.
- Term 3 Retreat led by Catching Fire team for all staff.
- Successful trial of regular voluntary staff reflection afternoons and retreats in addition to Term 3 retreat.
- Thuruna St Campus students participating in prayer in the Church.
- Year levels invited to Parish Mass on a Sunday.
- Student Leadership committee driving Social Justice initiatives such as MS Foundation, Caritas, Books for PNG, St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal, Catholic Campaign, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF).
- Teaching and planning units around Social Action and Justice issues.
- Religious Education Vision based on Values for Learning and Teaching developed.
- Use of the new garden area for meditation, reflection and prayer time by students, staff, parents and parish members.
- Increased enrolments of refugee and indigenous students.
- Spirit of Queen of Apostles Award.
- Professional Development on the concept of Three Worlds of the Text for Mandated Scriptures and successful implementation in classroom teaching and learning of Religion.
Achievements for 2014

Strategic Priority: Learning and Teaching

Goals:

- Implement the Australian Curriculum with an emphasis on developing the reflective practice of teachers.
- Identify and implement targeted strategies that identify, monitor and address the diverse needs of learners.
- Develop and successfully implement whole school approaches to improve literacy and numeracy standards.

Achievements for 2014:

- Incorporating increased use of digital technologies for curriculum delivery as evidenced in curriculum planning documents and classroom practice i.e. iPads for CTJ and Early Years learning.
- Increased use of LIFE online learning management system in teaching and learning eg. Year 5 Literacy Block Blog.
- Staff review the results of data collected from whole school testing in order to inform and improve planning and teaching.
- Data is used to identify and support individual and small groups to enhance learning.
- Professional sharing by English Professional Education Team members of effective ways to teach comprehension in alignment with the Australian Curriculum—English.
- Continuation of exploration, implementation and embedding of new curriculum areas as they come online.
- Successfully embedding the use of Learning Intentions and Success Criteria in planning, learning, teaching and assessing.
- Effectively developed a whole school approach to Mathematics through a Vision for Learning and Teaching—Mathematics.
- Successful trial of a number of extension programs.
- Enhanced student understanding in senior classes of literacy and numeracy due to the provision of additional staff.
Achievements for 2014

Strategic Priority: Professional Practice and Collaborative Relationships

Goals:

- Build positive and effective partnerships with parents and a collaborative relationship with the parish.
- Develop a community of professional learning and practice within the school and the wider community.
- Develop a comprehensive approach to the professional growth and engagement of all staff.

Achievements for 2014:

- External Review strongly endorsed the culture of professional practice and collaborative relationships that exist at Queen of Apostles.
- Classes joining the Parish for Sunday Masses.
- The involvement of Father Denis and Sister Josita to enhance teaching and learning of Religion.
- Continued positive partnership with parents through involvement in classroom activities and celebrations.
- Quality and depth of professional discussion about contemporary pedagogical developments in learning and teaching.
- Cyber safety in-services across student, staff and parent body for a consistent understanding.
- Parent Pastoral Care committee sessions with School Pastoral Care Worker.
- Continuation of the use of P & F Meetings for parent education.
- Establishment of Parent Portal and updated School Website.
- Successful inaugural whole school Book Week celebrations held at our Early Years Campus.
Achievements for 2014

Strategic Priority: Strategic Resourcing

Goals:

- Develop and implement collaborative practices that are just and equitable to inform decisions on resourcing.
- Embed sustainable environmental practices into teaching and learning at Queen of Apostles School.
- Enhance our capacity to be good stewards of our financial assets and resources.

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