QUEEN OF APOSTLES SCHOOL
Strategic Renewal Plan
2013

ACTION PLAN FOR 2013

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.

Actions for 2013
- Staff participation in Catching Fire and subsequent sharing of experiences to enhance the spiritual formation of other staff members through the Guiding Lights, Keepers of the Flame and Spirit Fire programs.
- Consistently run Christian Meditation in which all members of the whole school community are involved.
- Year Seven student leaders, as part of the leadership program initiate and support our actions for social justice at significant times in the school year, e.g. Project Compassion and Catholic Mission Week.
- Reflect on the schools’ Social Action and Justice component using the Religious Life of the School document.
- Professional Development for Staff in the new Religious Education Curriculum using the Professional Education Team (PET) structure.
- Implement new Religious Education Curriculum P-7.
- Develop a Religious Education vision based on our Values for Learning and Teaching.
**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 and provide pastorally for the needs of the students.

**Actions for 2013**
- Use professional learning teams (PETS) to support the implementation of Australian Curriculum in English, RE, Geography.
- With the support of an e-learning co-ordinator, teachers will embed ICT capabilities across curriculum areas and increase the good practice of digital citizenship through engagement with ICT.
- Implement the use of ipads in the Early Years to enhance learning and teaching through an AGQTP funded project.
- Use of LIFE learning management system to improve pedagogical practices.
- Reflect upon pedagogical practices in the teaching of phonics and spelling to enhance quality learning and teaching.
- Investigate other *Thinking Skills* models as a vehicle for differentiation for all learners eg. Bloom’s Taxonomy, Thinking Keys.
- Use of Business Intelligence Tool to inform classroom or school decision making.
**Action Plan for 2013**

**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.

**Actions for 2013**
- Develop a School Behaviour Support Plan based on BCE guidelines.
- Reflection on Parent-Teacher interview process to include a student-led approach.
- Provide a school run instrumental music program supported by parents, staff and students.
- Use Parent and Friends meeting as a vehicle for parent education sessions in reading, LIFE and digital citizenship.
- Promote an atmosphere of mentoring between staff by encouraging observation and sharing of good practice.
- Provide opportunities for staff to trial innovative teaching and assessment practices that can be shared with peers.
- Extension of the links between school and parish eg. pastoral care, involvement in parish committees and shared resources.
ACTION PLAN FOR 2013

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.

Actions for 2013

- Provide opportunities to collaborate with staff where the resourcing decisions impact on learning and teaching.
- Enhance the use of student support to minimise our environmental footprint eg. Recycling, energy use.
- Examine the school structure and plan for 2014 in relation to senior classes.
- Improve the opportunities for student play by examining the best use of play areas.