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ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

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Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School

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About this report

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School (the 'School') is registered by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and managed by Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB). CSBB as the 'approved authority' for the diocesan registration system formed under Section 39 of the NSW Education Act (1990), is responsible for monitoring the compliance of member schools in the manner that has been approved by the Minister of Education.

The Annual School Report (the 'Report') demonstrates accountability to regulatory bodies and CSBB. Additionally, the Report complements and is supplementary to other forms of regular communication to the School community regarding initiatives, activities and programs which support the learning and wellbeing of its students.

The Report provides parents and the wider community with fair, reliable and objective information about educational and financial performance measures as well as School and system policies. This information includes summary contextual data, an overview of student performance in state and national assessments, a description of the achievement of priorities in the previous year and areas for improvement. Detailed information about the School's improvement journey is documented at local school level and is developed, implemented and evaluated in consultation with key stakeholders.

Further information about the contents of this Report may be obtained by contacting the School directly or by visiting the School's website. Information can also be obtained from the [My School website](#).

Message from key groups in our community

Principal's Message

Our Lady of Dolours (OLD) School is a welcoming, hope-filled and inclusive community providing outstanding Catholic Education.

An awareness and deep respect of 'difference' is embedded in the inclusive culture of our school where our students, parents and staff enjoy a very strong sense of belonging.

This sense of belonging is strengthened by the consistent support and encouragement that exists within our community.

Our school vision is: "To Ignite, Innovate and Include in a spirit of Mercy".

This vision inspires us to:

'Ignite' the students' desires and their imaginations to keenly learn and improve in all aspects of school and community life. This is best achieved within a culture of exciting 'challenge' where learning is meaningful, relatable and connected. Importantly too, OLD School and Parish strive to ignite and inspire the faith journey of our students, teachers and parents.

'Innovate' within a 'Culture of Thinking', where a community of learners are natural problem solvers and creative thinkers in school, home and community life.

'Include in a spirit of Mercy': OLD School was originally established by the religious order, 'The Sisters of Mercy', in 1896. A spirit of 'Mercy' (care, compassion, kindness and understanding) authentically prevails today in all areas of school and community life. The responsibility for ensuring an inclusive spirit of Mercy flourishes at OLD School rests with all staff, students and parents working together in partnership.

Parent Body Message

With COVID restrictions greatly reducing, staff, parents and students took advantage of the chance to resume more typical school routines. The school community welcomed new staff and families and relished the opportunity to come together and get to know each other better.

We saw initiatives such as parent nights out, year-group picnics in the park and class Masses at Our Lady of Dolours parish. This helped form a sense of community and belonging.

The school community celebrated significant occasions together throughout the year. These included Mother's Day, Father's Day, Christmas Festa and the year 6 students' Graduation. A

highlight was all the students' captivating performance of Singing in the

School Features

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary

Student Profile

Student Enrolment

Students attending the School come from a variety of backgrounds and nationalities. The following information describes the student profile for 2022. Additional information can be found on the [My School website](#).

Girls	Boys	LBOTE*	Total Students
181	157	273	338

* Language Background Other than English

Enrolment Policy

The [Enrolment Principles](#) temporarily supersede The Enrolment Policy for Diocesan Systemic Schools (2013) and are being followed by the School for enrolments for 2023. As inclusive and evangelising communities, we welcome every family who would like a Catholic education for their children. Catholic Schools Broken Bay (CSBB) strives to respond to the needs of all students, within the constraints of our available resources. We believe all students should have access to our schools which offer educational opportunities that nurture the Catholic faith, expand life choices, cater for the disadvantaged, and challenge all students to reach their full potential. Our schools are explicitly evangelical, catechetical and address (with the support of our parishes and agencies), the faith formation of our school communities. Copies of these principles and other policies in this Report may be obtained from the [CSBB website](#) or by contacting CSBB.

Student Attendance Rates

The average student attendance rate for the School in 2022 was 91.10%. Attendance rates disaggregated by Year group are shown in the following table.

Attendance rates by Year group						
Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.30	90.40	90.80	92.50	92.60	91.10	89.80

Managing Student Non-Attendance

In order for students to reach their full potential it is of paramount importance that they attend school regularly. While it is the parents' legal responsibility under the NSW Education Act (1990) to ensure that their children attend school regularly, our staff as part of their duty of care, monitor all absences and work in partnership with parents to support and promote the regular attendance of students. In doing so, the School, under the leadership of the principal:

- provides a caring environment which fosters a sense of wellbeing and belonging in students
- maintains accurate records of student attendance
- implements policies and procedures to monitor student attendance and to address non-attendance issues as and when they arise
- communicates to parents and students, the School's expectations with regard to student attendance and the consequences of not meeting these expectations
- recognises and rewards excellent and improved student attendance.

School attendance records also contain information regarding student absences including reasons for absence and documentation to substantiate reasons for absences. Teachers are required to monitor non-attendance diligently on a student by student basis and to bring to the attention of the Principal immediately any unexplained absences, non-attendance of a chronic nature, or reasons for non-attendance that cause concern. Matters of concern are referred to the Principal, CSBB and the relevant Department of Education officer where appropriate.

Where a student

Staffing Profile

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The following information describes the staffing profile for 2022:

Total number of staff	35
Number of full time teaching staff	15
Number of part time teaching staff	10
Number of non-teaching staff	10

Total number of teaching staff by NESA category

All teachers employed by the School are qualified to teach in NSW. Additionally, all teachers at this School who are responsible for delivering the curriculum are accredited with NESA and hold a Working with Children Check.

Teachers at this School are either accredited as conditional, provisional, proficient or highly accomplished as defined by the NSW Teacher Accreditation Act 2004. Accreditation at the levels of Highly Accomplished and Lead teacher are voluntary. The number of teachers within

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Catholic Identity and Mission

As a Catholic community, the School shares in the mission of the local Church. The [Diocesan Mission Statement](#) is

Curriculum, Learning and Teaching

The School provides an educational program based on, and taught in accordance with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabuses for primary education. The Key Learning Areas (KLAs) are English, Mathematics, Science and Technology (S&T), Human Society and its Environment (HSIE), Creative Arts (CA) and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE). In addition to this, the School implements the Diocesan Religious Education syllabus. Staff members are committed to continuous improvement of teaching and learning in all facets of the curriculum.

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integrated across all key learning areas. Staff continued to provide deep learning experiences and innovative ways of navigating innovative ICLT strategies and pedagogies to heighten engagement, provide challenge and promote critical and creative thinking throughout 2022.



Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing

Pastoral Care Policy

The School's pastoral care and student wellbeing policies guidelines and procedures are informed by the [Pastoral Care Policy for Diocesan Systemic Schools](#). This policy is underpinned by the guiding principles from the National Safe Schools Framework (2013) (NSSF) that represent fundamental beliefs about safe, supportive and respectful school communities. These guiding principles emphasise the importance of student safety and wellbeing as a prerequisite for effective learning in all Catholic school settings. The Pastoral Care and Wellbeing Framework for Learning for the Diocese of Broken Bay Schools System (the Framework') utilises the NSSF ensuring that diocesan systemic schools meet the objectives of the NSSF at the same time as meeting the diocesan vision for pastoral care and wellbeing. Further information about this and other related policies may be obtained from the CSBB website or by contacting CSBB. The policy was revised in 2019 to align with the [Australian Wellbeing Framework \(2018\)](#) for implementation in 2020.

Behaviour Management and Student Discipline Policy

The School's policies and procedures for the management of student behaviour are aligned to the [Behaviour Support Policy for Diocesan Systemic Schools](#). Policies operate within a context that all members of the school community share responsibility to foster, encourage and promote positive behaviour and respectful relationships. The policy aims to promote a safe and supportive learning environment to maximise teaching and learning time for all students. It supports the development of students' pro-social behaviour based on respectful relationships and clear behavioural expectations. The dignity and responsibility of each person is promoted at all times along with positive student behaviours while ensuring the respect for the rights of all students and staff. Further information about this and other related policies may be obtained from the CSBB website or by contacting CSBB. There were no changes made to this policy in 2022.

Anti-Bullying Policy

The School's Anti-Bullying guidelines and procedures are based on and informed by the [Anti-Bullying Policy for Diocesan Systemic Schools](#) and is aligned to the Pastoral Care Policy for Diocesan Systemic Schools and other related wellbeing policies and guidelines. All students, their families and employees within Catholic education have a right to a learning and work environment that is free from bullying and harassment.

this and other related policies may be obtained from the [CSBB website](#) or by contacting CSBB. There were no changes made to this policy in 2022.

Complaints Handling Policy

The School follows the [Complaints Handling Policy and Procedures for Diocesan Systemic Schools](#). A distinctive feature of this policy is to ensure that complaints are addressed in a timely and confidential manner at the lowest appropriate management level in order to prevent minor problems or concerns from escalating. The expectation is that complaints will be brought forward and resolved in a respectful manner, recognising the dignity of each person concerned in the process. The policy recognises that a number of more minor or simple matters can be resolved without recourse to the formal complaint handling process but rather, quickly and simply, by discussion between the appropriate people. Further information about this and other related policies may be obtained from the [CSBB website](#) or by contacting CSBB. There were no changes made to this policy in 2022.

Initiatives promoting respect and responsibility

An initiative that Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Primary School has continued to focus on has been Positive Behaviours for Learning, known as (PBL). This is an evidence-based whole school systems approach that:

- establishes positive social expectations for all in the school community
- provides a framework for the school and its community to collectively support the wellbeing of every student.

Through implementation of the program, positive social expectations have enabled students to understand how to be safe, respectful and

School Improvement

Strategic planning ensures a common purpose and agreed values are established. In Broken Bay systemic schools, this common purpose and agreed values along with goals, targets and key improvement strategies have been captured in the Towards 2025 Strategic Plan.

Key Improvements Achieved

Strategic planning ensures a common purpose and agreed values are established. In Broken Bay systemic schools, this common purpose and agreed values along with goals, targets and key improvement strategies are used as a guide to provide authentic, professional Catholic education allowing all our students to use their talents to be the very best they can be.

Our focus for key improvement was grounded in the Towards 2025 Strategic Plan for all CSBB schools. The structures supported the Learning Improvement Plan for OLD and our strategic themes and priorities such as Evangelisation and Catechesis and Student Achievement were targeted within the following key priorities: To embed 'Towards 2025 as the key strategic vision and purpose for OLD. To continue to develop our vision

Community Satisfaction

The opinions and ideas of parents, students and teachers are valued and sought. Their suggestions are incorporated into planning for and achieving improved outcomes for students. This year, a variety of processes have been used to gain information about the level of satisfaction with the School from parents, students and teachers.

Parent satisfaction

This year parents were provided a number of opportunities to provide feedback to the school and inform the strategic direction of the school. Parent Group meetings and School Advisory Council meetings were well attended, covered a broad range of topics and provided opportunities for the community to gather both in person and online due to the post COVID concerns and the opportunity to offer this online option to ensure inclusivity of all community members.

Parents completed two surveys in 2022, being the Our Lady of Dolours Parish Survey and the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey.

Through survey results, parents communicated high levels of satisfaction in the following areas:

- The welcoming and inclusive aspect of the school
- Clear and timely communication to I
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- Strong values for schooling and learning outcomes
- Teachers are responsive to their needs and encourage independence.

Teacher satisfaction

Staff completed the Tell Them From Me (TTFM) survey in 2022. Staff also contributed in collaboratively reviewing school processes to maximise learning time and professional learning opportunities.

Through survey results teachers communicated high levels of satisfaction in the following areas:

- Collaborative approach to planning to address student needs
- Parental involvement and working in partnership with parents
- Strong understanding of student learning needs informed by collaboration and data analysis
- Opportunities for collaboration with colleagues, particularly to support and increase student engagement
- Their ability to set high expectations for their students and monitor their progress
- How assessment data is used to inform teaching and learning and to monitor student growth
- Guidance provided by the leadership team for monitoring student progress.

Financial Statement

Consistent with the NESAs requirements, financial income and expenditure for the School in 2022 is shown below. More detailed financial data is available on the My School website. Diocesan system financial reporting can be found in the Broken Bay Diocese Annual Report.

Recurrent and Capital Income 2022	
Commonwealth Recurrent Grants ¹	\$2,706,143
Government Capital Grants ²	\$0
State Recurrent Grants ³	\$720,278
Fees and Private Income ⁴	\$1,579,685
Interest Subsidy Grants	\$1,566
Other Capital Income ⁵	\$1,458
Total Income	\$5,009,132

Recurrent and Capital Expenditure 2022	
Capital Expenditure ⁶	\$54,274
Salaries and Related Expenses ⁷	\$3,548,297
Non-Salary Expenses ⁸	\$1,454,516
Total Expenditure	\$5,002,814

Notes

1. Commonwealth Recurrent Grants includes recurrent per capita grants and special purpose grants.
2. Government Capital Grants includes all capital grants received from the Commonwealth and State Governments.
3. State Recurrent Grants includes recurrent grants per capita, special purpose grants and interest subsidy grants.
4. Fees and Private Income include Archdiocesan and school based fees, excursions and
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