Descriptive Information

Distinctive Curriculum Offerings

Junior Curriculum

Students are given the opportunity to study the following subjects:

Year 8

Religious Education
English
Mathematics
Studies of Society and Environment (SOSE)
Science
Business Principles
Information Technology
Home Economics
Health and Physical Education
Music
Visual Art
LOTE - Japanese
Years 9 and 10

Religious Education
English
Mathematics
Studies of Society and Environment (SOSE)
Science
Drama
Business Principles
Information Technology
Home Economics
Health and Physical Education
Music
Visual Art
LOTE - Japanese

Senior Curriculum

Students are given the opportunity to study the following subjects:

Years 11 and 12

Accounting
Biology
Business Communications and Technologies (BCT)
Chemistry
Creative Arts - Visual Art Studies
Creative Arts - Music Studies
Drama
Early Childcare Studies
English
English Communication
English Extension (Year 12 only)
Health
Home Economics
Japanese
Legal Studies
Mathematics A
Mathematics B
Mathematics C
Modern History
Music
Physical Education
Physics
Prevocational Mathematics
Religious Education
Study of Religion
Visual Art

Some of Prevocational Courses that the college offers can include (depending on numbers):

Certificate I in Hospitality
Certificate I in Business
Certificate II in Hospitality (Operations)
Certificate II in Business Administration
Extra-Curricula Activities

Extra-Curricular Activities

Our Lady's students are offered a wide selection of sporting activities in both social and competitive sports areas. Teams complete in organised competitions in such sports as tennis, netball, swimming, track and field etc.

A wide range of extra-curricular activities is conducted to provide the girls with ample opportunity to broaden their experiences and education. Girls may choose to become involved in clubs such as:

Amnesty International
Bands and Ensembles
Cheer Squad
Choir
Dance Squad
Debating
Environment Committee
Future Problem Solving
Gardening
Homework Centre
Liturgy
Magazine
Peer Support
Photography
Polynesian Dancing
Public Speaking
Recycling
Spanish Dancing
St Vincent de Paul
Student Representative Council
Tournament of Minds

Staff Development Priorities for the Year


Broad Strategic Goal #1 - Strengthen Catholic Identity
1. Religious Education Inservice – Josephite Spirituality Day

Broad Strategic Goal #2 - Enhance Learning and Teaching
1. Program Development & Subject Specific Planning
2. Verification/Moderation – QSA
3. Consistency of Teacher Judgement
4. Curriculum Inservice – Analysis of Year 12 Results - over past 10 years
5. Effective Teaching and Learning
6. Common Curriculum Elements

Broad Strategic Goal #3 - Develop Relationships, Community & Partnerships
1. Autistic Spectrum Disorder
2. Understanding the Y Generation
3. Adapting Pedagogy to meet the needs of Adolescent Girls.

Broad Strategic Goal #4 - Maintain Effective College Governance
1. Queensland College of Teachers - Standards
2. National and State Trends in Education
Social Climate of the School

The faith community of students, parents, teachers and friends of Our Lady’s College seeks to uphold the ideals of Mary MacKillop (foundress of the Josephite Order) and values excellence as embodied in the College motto, "Ad Altiora Ever Higher". Within the wider context of the universal Catholic Church, we believe in the importance of the family and respect the dignity of each person.

Our vision is to create reflective, self-directed young women who live out Christ's mission, contributing positively to our changing world. We value tradition, excellence and community.

In the realisation of this vision, our students are encouraged to support individuals and communities through service, performance and public works. Central to these activities is a recognition of the value of prayer and our links with the Josephite tradition.

At times, staff and students are given the opportunity to further links within our local community and feeder schools.

Strategies used for involving Parents in their Child's Education

Our Lady’s College welcomes the involvement of parents in their daughter's education as we honour the parent's role as primary educators for their children. Parents are encouraged to become involved in the Parents and Friends' Association and the College Pastoral Board.

Parents are encouraged to become involved at various levels with the important decisions regarding the selection of appropriate courses of study at Our Lady's College. Primarily, contact is via the Pastoral Care Teacher and Year Coordinator, but contact through any member of staff is always welcomed.

Parents are an important part of our College community and we look forward to their attendance and participation in events such as year level bar-b-ques, Arts Evenings, displays and performances, Information and Parent-Teacher-Student evenings, and other College presentations. Also, parents are encouraged to assist with Canteen supervision, Week of Excellence activities and Working Bees.

During a student's time in Years 10 to 12, parental involvement with the SET Plan process is crucial to the outcome of an appropriate and manageable education plan for our students.

Professional Engagement
Teacher Qualifications

Deputy Principal - Mrs Shelley Hamilton - Dip. Teach, M.Ed., M.Ed. Lead.
Assistant to the Principal (Administration) - Mr Anthony Stevens - B. Ed., Dip Teach, Cert (Rel Ed), Grad. Dip. (RE)
Assistant to the Principal (Religious Education) - Mrs Kay Gleeson - B. App Sc., Grad Dip T. (Sec.), Cert. II Hospitality (Operations), Cert III Tourism (International Retail Sales).

Academic Co-ordinators
Ms Celeste Amos - B. Ed. (Sec), Cert IV Workplace Training & Assessment
Mrs Paula Black - Ass. Dip. FA., Dip. T.
Mr Neil Daly - B. Sc., B. Ed.
Ms Deanne Frischkorn-
Ms Paula Geraghty - Dip. T. (Sec.), Cert. Legal Studies
Ms Mary Green - B. Ed., Teacher Librarianship
Mrs Naomi Humphreys - B. Ed. (Sec)
Ms Dianne Kelly
Ms Erin Kennedy - B.A., Grad. Dip. Ed. (Sec), Grad. Cert. RE
Mr James King - B. Ed. (Sec.)
Mrs Suzanne Kubert - Dip. T. (Sec.), Cert. II Hospitality (Operations)
Mr Robert Oakley - Tech. Cert., B. Sc. (Hons)
Mrs Karen Melloy - B. Ed., Dip. T., L.S.D.A.
Mr Phillip Parkinson - Dip. Ed. (Drama), Grad. Dip. Learning Support
Mr Geoff Pritzler - B. Ed., Dip. Ed. (Sec), Grad. Dip. Educational Studies (Pastoral Guidance)
Mr Phillip Parkinson - Dip. Ed. (Drama), Grad. Dip. Learning Support
Mr Gordon Stacey - Dip. Ed. (Sec.), Cert. IV Workplace Training & Assessment
Ms Stephanie Unger
Counsellor: Mrs Elizabeth Millar
ESL: Mrs Donna Martin - Dip. T. (Hec/Eng), Grad. Dip. Ed. (TESOL), M. Ed. TESOL.
Expenditure on and Teacher Participation in Professional Learning

Staff Professional Development 2008

Teacher Participation in Professional Learning 2008
Average Teacher participation in Professional Learning in 2008
Formal Program (7 days) + Average "other" PD days (2 days) = 9 days

Professional Development – Formal Program (7 days)
All staff are involved in a formal, structured Professional Development program that occurs on 7 student-free days throughout the year.

Whole School Professional Development Days 2008
Wed 23rd Jan
Thurs 24th Jan
Fri 25th Jan
Tue 29th Jan
Mon 14th Apr
Mon 14th Jul
Mon 20th Oct

Focus for Professional Development Days
1. Rel Ed Inservice – Josephite Spirituality Day
3. Program Development & Subject Specific Planning
4. Verification/Moderation – QSA
5. Consistency of Teacher Judgement
6. Curriculum Inservice – Analysis of Year 12 Results - over past 10 years
7. Autistic Spectrum Disorder
8. QCOT - Standards
9. Effective Teaching & Learning
10. Common Curriculum Elements
11. National & State Trends in Education
12. Understanding the Y Generation
13. Adapting Pedagogy to meet the needs of Adolescent Girls.

Expenditure on Prof Dev. - $4,900.00

Professional Development – Religious Education
All staff (100%) have completed 20 hrs of Professional Learning in Rel Ed over 4 years and are therefore qualified to teach in a Catholic School.

60% of staff have completed an additional 20 hrs of Professional Learning in Rel Ed over 4 years and are therefore qualified to teach Religion in a Catholic School.

Professional Development – Other
Percentage of "other" Professional Development in different fields
Rel Ed 20%
Curriculum 30%
Pastoral Care 19%
Leadership 21%
Extra - Curricula 10%

Expenditure on Professional Development – Other $11,288.00 (This does not incorporate the cost of teacher replacement or the Professional Development – Formal Program).
Proportion of Teaching Staff Retained From the Previous School Year?

Staff Retention 2008

The table below represents the average retention for staff in 2007 and 2008.

Based on data for all teaching staff in 2007/2008
Total number of teachers in 2007 = 32
Total number of teachers in 2008 = 32.5
Number of staff retained from 2007 to 2008 = 30
Percentage of staff retained from 2006 to 2007 = 93.75%

Based on data for all teaching staff in 2008/2009
Total number of teachers in 2008 = 32.5
Total number of teachers in 2009 = 32.5
Number of staff retained from 2008 to 2009 = 30.5
Percentage of staff retained from 2007 to 2008 = 93.85%

Stability within staff demonstrated by high retention rates indicates a satisfaction with the school.

Average Staff Attendance for the School %

Average Staff Attendance Rate: 98.16%

Key Student Outcomes

Average Student Attendance Rate (%)

Our Lady's College Student Information
Student Attendance
Average student attendance rate (%) is 92.10%.
This is calculated on the basis of student attendance over the last twenty days in May each year (2nd May – 30th May 2008). During this period, on average students were absent for a total of 1.58 days.

*Average number of days absent does not just include days due to sickness. This incorporates all days students were absent from school. This includes prolonged illnesses; family commitments and additional holidays as requested by the parents.

School Reflection on Student Performance in Literacy and Numeracy

Our student's performance in the 2008 NAPLAN tests were very pleasing with all of our (averaged) results being higher than the averages for schools in Brisbane Catholic Education. As well, Our Lady's College students performed better (on average) in all categories as compared to the Queensland averages for schools. In particular, the Writing section of the NAPLAN tests was an area where Our Lady's College performed well above the Queensland, Brisbane Catholic Education and the Australian National averages.

Apparent Retention Rate (%)

Year 10 2006 enrolled 84
Year 12 2008 enrolled 76

Year 10 - 12 Apparent Retention Rate = 90.5%
Value Added

http://www.ourladysscollege.qld.edu.au/dev/admin/docs/Value%20Added%202008.pdf

Parent, Teacher and Student satisfaction with the School

Anecdotal feedback from parents at Parent Teacher and information nights indicate a good sense of satisfaction with the College. Parents in general are very satisfied with the offerings at the College and the ability and dedication of the College staff.

Activities such as "Week of Excellence" are always popular with the students and their response to activities presented in this week have been very positive. Written parent responses to Week of Excellence are very positive and included high praise for the activities and their organisation.

Please refer to Value Added Statements provided in the section above.

(Goals and Strategies) in Relation to School Strategic Renewal Plan Goals for the Year


Schools Progress (achievements) in respect to the strategic renewal plan goals


Post School Information

Background Information on How the Next Step Survey was Conducted

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Number of students who completed Year 12 - 76
Response rate(%) - 84.2%

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Definitions of Main Destinations

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The pathways of Year 12 completers were categorised into ten main destinations. Respondents who were both studying and working were reported as studying for their main destination. A table defining these categories can be found in the statewide report at www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep

Summary of Findings in Relation to Main Destinations of Students

Summary of findings
In 2008, 79.7 per cent of young people who completed their Year 12 at Our Lady's College in 2007 continued in some recognised form of education and training in the year after they left school.

The most common study destination was university (54.7 per cent). The combined VET study destinations accounted for 25.0 per cent of respondents, including 20.3 per cent in campus-based VET programs, with 17.2 per cent of Year 12 completers entering programs at Certificate IV level or higher.

4.7 per cent commenced employment-based training, either as an apprentice (1.6 per cent) or trainee (3.1 per cent).

In addition to the above study destinations, a further 4.7 per cent of respondents from this school deferred a tertiary offer in 2008 (deferrers are shown in Figure 1 in their current destination).

20.3 per cent did not enter post-school education or training, and were either employed (14.1 per cent) or seeking work (6.3 per cent).

Chart Showing Main Destinations of Students

A chart showing the destinations of Our Lady's College Students can be found in the Summary Report found on our College Website http://www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au/dev/admin/docs/NextStep2008_Summary.pdf

Year 12 Outcomes

Number of Students awarded a Senior Statement
74

Number of Students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement
0

Number of Students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education at the end of Year 12
63

Number of students awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD)
0
Number of Students awarded one or More VET qualification(s)
49

Number of students who are completing or completed a School Based Apprenticeship (SAT)
2

Number of Students who have received an Overall Position (OP)
53

Percentage of OP/IBD students who received an OP1-15 or an IBD
66

Percentage of Year 12 Students who are completing or completed a SAT or were awarded one of more of the following: QCE, IBD, VET qualification
91

Percentage of QTAC applicants receiving a tertiary offer
90
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**Average School Scores in Comparison to QLD Average School Scores**

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**Percentage of School Students at or above National Minimum Standard in comparison to QLD**

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