Measures of Value added to our educational outcomes through programs, co-curricular activities and overarching ethos of the College in 2009: The spirit of our tradition is captured in our Catholic ethos, faith development and spirituality.

Ms Jo Murphy, Campus Minister, has been involved with a number of projects around the college inspiring students to live out Christian values and be more in touch with their own spirituality. This year, students in each Pastoral Care Class completed small glazed pottery symbols to add to our Mary MacKillop Cross. This cross now forms a central part of our major religious celebrations in the College. As always, we continue to celebrate our Catholic Christian ethos through liturgies, masses and feast day celebrations.

The spirit of excellence – as evidenced through enhanced teaching and learning.

Our Week of Excellence strives to develop a passion for life and learning – by igniting that spirit within. Students were offered numerous activities, taking what they were interested in and then building on the strengths, talents and gifts that they all have through involvement in hands on and experiential classes or workshops.

Students were encouraged to strive for quality and excellence no matter what activities they undertook. Some of the highlights of the week were: responsible behaviours and social awareness (by far the most appreciated activity by students and their parents); visit from a children's author; music and dance workshops, lots of cooking from other cultures; health and sporting activities; excursions to museums, art gallery, theatre, courts and other artistic pursuits. The girls really appreciated being able to choose their activities; that they had fun and enjoyed their selections.

Another achievement in the enhancement of teaching and learning has been the cross-curricular perspective on Literacy and Numeracy. This year saw the continuation of National Literacy and Numeracy testing (NAPLAN); our results showed that we were above the state means for all the Literacy components of: Grammar and Punctuation, Reading, Spelling and Writing; and that we were also above the state mean for the numeracy tests. Senior results from 2009 also indicate that 98% of all senior students received senior certificate and were either OP eligible or had one other Qualification; 63% OP eligible students achieved in the OP1 – 15 range with 17% in the OP 1-5 range; Our two OP1 students demonstrated that students who lead a busy and demanding co-curricular school life can also achieve the most outstanding academic results. This year we handed out 93 Diligence Awards and 5 Medals to year 12 students for Outstanding Diligence over 5 yrs, this is the highest recognition of effort within the College – a testament to hard work.

We congratulate a number of teams of students who have proved that they are excellent, progressing to the State finals in their sections of the Optiminds Challenge.

Spirit of Community - Developing Relationships and Partnerships

We are proud of the fact that we are a fully inclusive and a culturally diverse community. Week of Excellence saw an opportunity for members of our College community to join with us in experiencing different music, dance, cooking, crafts and cultures.

Every year, our student leaders have the opportunity to join with other leaders from Josephite schools throughout Australia at the JJAMM week in Sydney. This 5 day visit to Mary MacKillop Place in Sydney and St Joseph’s Spirituality and Education Centre in Kincumber gave our leaders the opportunity to discover how to apply the models of leadership exemplified by Julian Tenison Woods, St Joseph and Blessed Mary MacKillop in our school settings.

Other ways that we endeavour to enhance our community links are through such events as New Parent’s BBQ; Visitors’ Day and Grandparent’s Day.

Spirit of Community - Caring for our environment as stewards of the future
There has been a whirlwind of activity around the college this year in the maintenance, refurbishment and painting of areas courtesy of federal government BER initiatives. The refurbishment of B-Block over the Christmas period has meant that these classrooms now take their place a premium educational spaces for our students.

I acknowledge and thank the P&F Association who continue to commit financial support to the repayments of D Block and other projects around the college. I would also like to acknowledge the significant achievements of the College Pastoral Board and publicly thank all members of our community who have been involved in assisting with their pursuits.

In all, we are thrilled with our achievements, we are thankful to our dedicated staff, we are appreciative of our parents’ support and that of others in the community; but most of all we are proud of the fine young women who continually strive to do their best, upholding the priorities of tradition, excellence and community. And in the words of Blessed Mary MacKillop....God won’t ask you how others do the work committed to them but will ask you how you have done yours and in what spirit (12 12 .1890)