

SAINT MARY MACKILLOP **COLLEGE ALBURY LTD**

2011 ANNUAL REPORT

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1. Message from key school bodies

School Board.

We recognise that parents are the primary educators of their children, with a right to choose schools for their children.

Saint Mary MacKillop College Albury aims to provide a choice of schooling to all those seeking both a Catholic Education and academic excellence for their children.

The school is a community whose mission is to provide holistic education that takes place in an environment formed by the authentic teachings and values of the Catholic Church.

Saint Mary MacKillop College Albury is open to all who are willing to commit to support the philosophy, values and aims of Catholic schooling.

2. Contextual Information about the school

<http://www.myschool.edu.au>

3. Student performance in national and state-wide tests and examinations

<http://www.myschool.edu.au>

4. Senior Secondary Outcomes

Year 12 not applicable to our school in 2011

5. Professional learning and teacher standards

- A) The school has 8 teaching staff with teacher education qualifications from higher education institutions within Australia.
- B) The school has two teachers who have bachelor degrees from higher education institutions within Australia and these teachers are currently completing a formal teacher education qualification.
- C) The school has no teaching staff who do not have qualifications described in (a) and (b) above.

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<http://www.myschool.edu.com>

Professional Learning Activities

- Child Protection Policy
- Critical Incident Policy
- Discipline Policy
- First Aid Training
- School Leadership Inservice
- ICT Training – Electronic whiteboard, Google Docs, PowerPoint Presentations

6. Workforce Composition including Indigenous

The staff at Saint Mary MacKillop College is made up of 2 male and 8 female teaching staff, 1 female administration officer and 1 female cleaner.

<http://myschool.edu.au>

7. Student Attendance and retention rates in secondary schools

Average attendance for each school grade:

Whole School	94%
Kinder	89%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	93%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	95%
Year 7	93%
Year 8	95%
Year 9	94%
Year 10	92%

School Attendance Policy and Procedure

Attendance at school is compulsory. All absences should be explained by written note, dated and signed by the parent/guardian. If the child is likely to be absent for more than one week the school is to be advised as to the extent of the reason for the prolonged absence. Student's punctuality is expected, as late arrivals are treated as partial absence and also require a signed note from parent/guardian.

8. Post school destinations (secondary schools only)

Three students finished Year 10/ School Certificate at SMMC in 2011. All three students went on to Year 11 studies at other Independent Schools as Year 11 is not offered at SMMC.

9. Enrolment policies and characteristics of the student body

Enrolment Policy

As an independent school with a Catholic ethos, Saint Mary MacKillop College Albury has an evangelising mission. A distinguishing feature of Catholic education is that it is open to all, especially to the poor and weakest in society. The School exists primarily to assist parents in their duty to instil the Catholic faith in their children.

Saint Mary MacKillop College Albury aims to provide a choice of schooling to all those seeking a Catholic education for their children. However, enrolment of a student into the school cannot be guaranteed.

Saint Mary MacKillop College Albury has a particular responsibility to welcome, accept and support those who are poor, marginalised and in most need. Our conviction is that no student will be refused enrolment or be disadvantaged because of an inability on the part of parents/guardians to meet financial requirements.

Description of the Student Population

In 2011 the Student Body was:

Boys: 34

Girls: 29

LOTE: 0

Total: 63

Classes are mixed ability and gender with some separate gender classes for Maths in years 9 and 10.

For further details see the school's website: <http://www.myschool.edu.au>

10. School policies

Student Welfare

In accord with the principles of the Gospel and of the teachings of the Catholic Church, our school regards the safety of its students – not just physically and emotionally, but spiritually and morally – as integral to their full development as children of God and members of Christ's body.

Student Discipline

The College does not sanction the administering of corporal punishment by non-school persons, including parents, to enforce discipline at the school.

Saint Mary MacKillop College recognises that self-discipline is intrinsic to the Christian life, and that the true order willed for us by God can only be achieved when our lives are ruled by reason enlightened by Faith. To this end, we guide and assist our students to understand the meaning of true freedom and goodness and to strive for it individually and collectively.

Complaints And Grievances

The School aims to provide an environment for student and parents conducive to open and honest communication. It is our desire to facilitate an atmosphere of trust and co-operation.

Nonetheless, sometimes it is inevitable that conflicts arise. In order to prevent escalation the parties concerned are encouraged to approach the persons involved directly in order to resolve the problem informally, speedily and constructively on a low level.

A person is not to be disadvantaged or discriminated against in any way for filing a complaint. All complaints will be treated confidentially. All parties are expected to respect this. As a matter of principle, anonymously filed complaints will not be processed.

www.bmmc.nsw.edu.au for full text of school policies.

11. School determined improvement targets

The improvement of literacy outcomes for students identified as needing additional learning support.

Indicators of success in literacy outcomes for these students are gauged by NAPLAN literacy results and standardized tests.

The improvement of numeracy outcomes for students identified as needing additional support as gauged by NAPLAN and teacher assessments in class.

The improvement of teaching expertise in computing through teacher in-servicing was a goal of the school during 2011.

Teacher in-servicing was addressed according to each teacher's individual professional development needs.

12. Initiatives promoting respect and responsibility

The school promoted respect and responsibility amongst students by their participation in:

Regular visits to The Grange Age Care facility.

Students assigned specific duties for school garden and school playground.

Students assigned individual roles & responsibilities for the College fete.

Student presentations and leadership roles for whole school assemblies.

School Drama performances.

Weekly School Mass.

ANZAC Day Commemoration Service.

Attendance at College Presentation Night.

13. Parent, student and teacher satisfaction

At the conclusion of 2011 the Saint Mary MacKillop College Albury had 63 full time students enrolled.

Our school community was made up of 26 families and 10 teaching staff including part-time and full-time.

The students were asked to rate their school in the following 5 categories:

- Educational experience at school
- Social enjoyment at school
- Support of teaching staff
- Educational progress at school
- School facilities

All students responded with Satisfied, Very Satisfied or Extremely Satisfied to all categories.

Parents rated their satisfaction of the school in 5 categories:

- Rating the experience of enrolling your child at our school
- Their child's educational development
- Approachability of teaching staff
- Their child's emotional enjoyment at school
- Rating the facilities of the school.

All parents rated these categories as Satisfied or Very Satisfied.

Teaching staff rated their work environment in the following 5 categories:

- Experience of working at the school
- Staff morale
- Approachability of the teaching staff
- Professional development available
- School facilities

All teachers rated these categories as Extremely Satisfied, Very Satisfied or Satisfied.

14. Summary financial information

Financial data entered onto SSP and available on www.myschool.edu.nsw.au

