



St Thomas'
A heart for mind and spirit

2018 ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

SCHOOL BOARD AGM

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STRONG CATHOLIC IDENTITY

2018 Goal 1

Deepening our collective understanding of the charism of the Good Samaritan and Benedictine traditions.

Achievements

- 1) Rewording of the School Vision to better reflect the Good Samaritan and Benedictine charisms.*
- 2) The launch of the St Thomas' School Prayer*
- 3) Staff Formation through exposure to presenters sharing the Good Samaritan story.*

Highlights

- 1) The visit of Archbishop Mark Coleridge to the school and parish in July.*
- 2) The connection between the school and the parish under the leadership of Fr Christopher*
- 3) The ongoing generous support of the community to Catholic outreach organisations (Caritas, Orange Sky Laundry, The Mary MacKillop Foundation, Catholic Missions and St Vincent de Paul).*





EXCELLENT LEARNING & TEACHING

2018 Goal 2

By the end of 2018 there will be a school wide, consistent pedagogical approach to the teaching of reading and writing through the implementation of the Expected and Effective Practices in Literacy.

Achievements

We are on track to achieve the aspirational reading and writing targets for 2018:

- 1) 95% of Prep students and 90% of Year 1 and 2 students will achieve the target PM Benchmark levels*
- 2) 75% of students in Year 3 and 4, and 95 % of students in Years 5 and 6 will achieve the BCE target of 20 – 24 in the writing monitoring tool.*

NAPLAN

*Year 3 Reading (73.7% of students Upper 2 Bands) Year 3 Writing (58.6% students in Upper 2 Bands)
Year 5 Reading (52.9% of students Upper 2 Bands) Year 5 Writing (35.3% students in Upper 2 Bands)*

EXCELLENT LEARNING & TEACHING CONT.



2018 Goal 3

By the end of 2018, the Active Learner dispositions will be used consistently across the community as a language for learning to foster a Growth Mindset.

2018 Goal 4

By the end of 2018, the Assess Yourself Framework will be used as a reflective tool for learners to measure their growth and progress.

Achievements

1) The Active Learner Dispositions and the Assess Yourself Framework were formally introduced to the community in 2018. The 'Active Learner' is made up of six learner dispositions that forms the common language used across the school community to describe learning.

2) Students are using the Assess Yourself Framework to measure their progress towards achieving learning goals.

3) As a school, we formally celebrate learner growth and achievement at weekly Whole School Assemblies where Active Learner awards are given.

BUILDING A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

Achievements & Acknowledgements

1. Parent Engagement

The parent community continues to play an active role in the achievements of the St Thomas' community. The two official school parent bodies, the P and F and the School Board, contribute significantly to the life of our community. Whether that be through policy development, fundraising or community building events and activities, both groups are very active in providing tremendous support. A special acknowledgement and congratulations must go to the team of P and F representatives who coordinated this year's School Fete, who raised an incredible \$60,434.43 for the school community!

We take this opportunity to thank the P & F Executive Team for their efforts throughout the 2018 school year. In particular, we acknowledge outgoing P & F President, Mrs Allannah Traill, for her enormous contributions in the role for the past three years!

2. Thank-you Mrs Lorraine Walker and Mrs Pattie Linning

At the mid-point of the school year the school farewelled Principal Lorraine Walker, after 8 years as Principal of St Thomas'. Lorraine will be remembered for the many rich contributions she made to the community in this time.

The school also farewelled Mrs Pattie Linning after a long association with the school. Pattie commenced working at St Thomas' on the 18th April 1994 and has held many roles in her time with us, including Front Desk Secretary, Finance Secretary, First Aid Officer, Uniform Shop Coordinator, Workplace Health & Safety Officer and in more recent years Administration Support to the school's Leadership Team.

Travel gently,

Mike Armstrong (Principal)



SCHOOL PRAYER

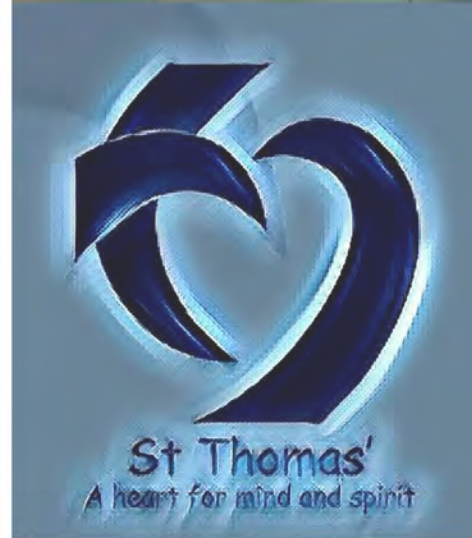
*God Our Creator,
Open our eyes to see you,
Open our minds to know you,
Open our ears,
So we may listen with the ear of our
hearts.*

*As we walk in your ways,
Give us an understanding of justice,
Give us compassion and
Give us faith.*

*As we walk in your ways,
May we reach out with justice, to be
good neighbours,
May we be compassionate, showing care
and concern,
May we be faithful to Christ's message.*

*As we walk in your ways
May we live, love, learn and celebrate
together.
St Thomas pray for us.*

Amen



The logo of St Thomas' Catholic Primary School is a large, light purple graphic consisting of three overlapping, curved shapes that form a stylized heart or a circular emblem. The text is centered over this graphic.

*Thank-you to the staff, students, parents and friends
of St Thomas' Catholic Primary School community
for your contributions towards our 2018
achievements!*

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