

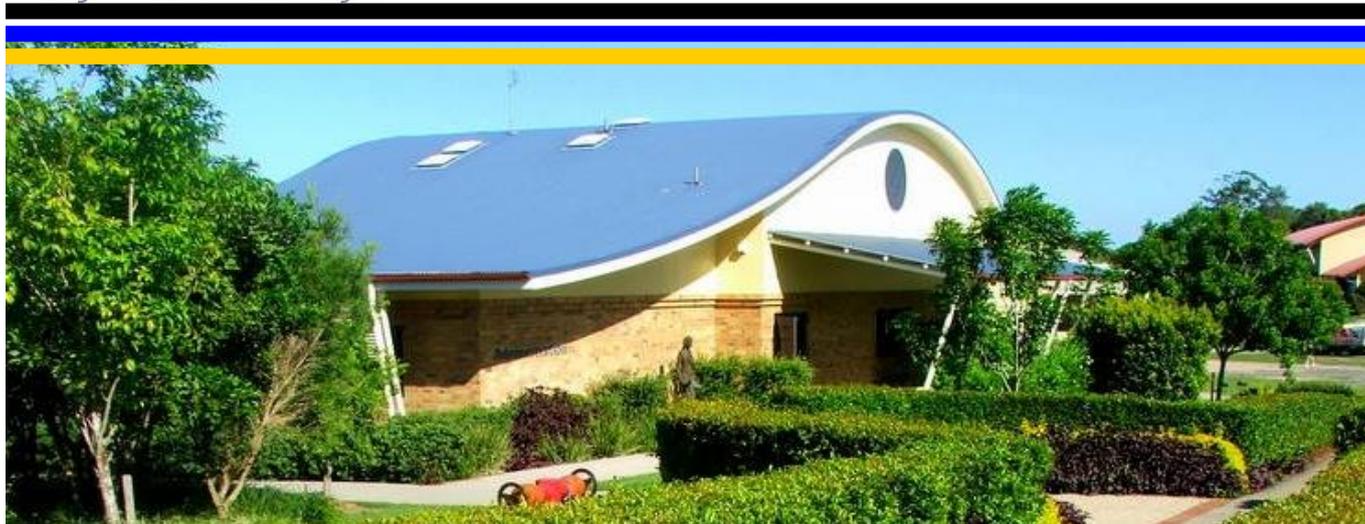


Siena

Catholic Primary School

58 Sippy Downs Drive

Sippy Downs



2008 ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

MANDATORY REPORTING

The Education Act 2006 requires all schools in Queensland to provide a formal report on the school's activities each year. This information provides parents, staff, children and the community with meaningful information about the school's activities from the previous year. Our 2008 Siena Catholic Primary Annual School Report complies with government requirements with the following headings.

Siena Catholic Primary School is an Archdiocesan co-educational P-7 school. It is administered by Brisbane Catholic Education and shares a common site with Siena Catholic College located in the urban corridor behind the Sunshine Coastal strip next to the University of the Sunshine Coast. School details are:

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DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

ENROLMENTS

School population for 2008 was 602 full time students with enrolments in these classes:

Class	PREP	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	TOTAL
Numbers	75	61	83	80	90	90	61	60	602
Streams	3	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	22

DISTINCTIVE CURRICULUM OFFERINGS

Siena Catholic Primary School implements an outcomes based approach to the key curriculum areas following the Queensland Studies Authority syllabus documents. Our emphasis on learning as a school is firstly on ensuring all children enjoy coming to school before cognitive learning is able to be established. Developing the basic fundamentals of Literacy and Numeracy is at the core of developing a solid platform for establishing success with early learning.

Curriculum across the school is organised into these areas:

- Religious Education
- English
- Mathematics
- Connected Units (The Arts, Science, SOSE, Technology and Health)
- Music
- Physical Education
- Italian



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Additional curricular activities provide a diverse range of rich learning opportunities for children to engage in areas of interest. The following activities are offered in the school or as after school activities:

1. **Cultural Activities:** Art Classes, School Choir, RAW Art, Piano, Guitar, Brass and Wind, Violin, Arts Council, Musica Viva and Eisteddfod.
2. **Sporting Activities:** Rugby, Soccer, Tennis, Netball, Swimming, Surf Skills, Cross Country, Aus Kick and Year 7 Dancing.
3. **Academic Activities:** Reader's Cup, Life Education, Book Week Activities, Class Camp, Voices on the Coast, Excursions, Culminating Activities, Chess Club, Robotics, TOM, Maths Enrichment and Maths Solve It Activities.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

Staff Development priorities in 2008 focused on needs collaboratively identified by staff. There were 372 days spent releasing teachers to work on school projects, planning curriculum programs for the teaching each term and learning to improve on our current educational practices. Our priorities for 2008 were on:

- Catholic Identity
- Using Technology to track PM Benchmark Student Performances
- Developing Prep Reports
- Inducting New Staff
- Becoming Familiar with Existing Software
- Building Effective Relationships within Year Level Teams
- Creating a School Mathematics Program
- Understanding Speaking and Listening components of First Steps
- Emphasising greater awareness of using hands on Maths equipment.



SOCIAL CLIMATE OF THE SCHOOL

Siena Catholic Primary School has a strong focus of CARE in developing positive relationships within the school. Care is integral to our school Code of Conduct, which develops responsibilities with:

- Care for OURSELVES
- Care for OTHERS
- Care for OUR LEARNING
- Care for OUR SCHOOL

These expectations become the focus of developing responsible choices with children's behaviour in creating a caring and Christian school environment. Children are exposed to a program called, You Can Do It that promotes Getting Along, Organisation, Confidence, Persistence and Resilience. These qualities are exposed to the children at school assemblies by a masked character who speaks to the children each term on how to implement each of these qualities in the playground.



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Parents have a strong representation in the daily life of the school. This is based on our belief that parents are the first and foremost educators of their children and Catholic schools exist to support parents in the development of their children. Parents regularly contribute to the daily operational activities within the school by assisting with reading, hearing Spelling lists, assisting in the library, attending excursions, general classroom assistance, working in the tuckshop, attending class liturgies and organising parent activities to assist in building community and identity within the school.

Parents also contribute to the organisational aspects of the school with representation on the Siena Schools Board, Siena Parents and Friends, Siena Primary Finance Committee and being a Class Parent Representative. These inclusive structures are created to foster productive partnerships where both school and parents work collaboratively to develop a high quality school learning environment where all children are able to succeed.

Many social activities occur during the school year. Parents have opportunities to meet other parents and to socialise with other families from the school. At the beginning of the year a Welcome Liturgy and BBQ was held to welcome new families. Parents regularly gather on a causal basis to have coffee and to provide support to people experiencing sickness or hardship in their families. The Siena Ball is a major social event for the year along with the Siena Race day, both of which are used as fundraisers and social events.

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

The Siena Catholic Primary School staff are very committed to offering the best approaches that encourage children's *yearning for learning*. As a school we offer a holistic approach to learning that supports their development based on Christian values. All staff contribute to developing an environment that is both caring and nurturing where children's needs are the focus of the teaching and learning provided.

TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

Qualifications	Numbers	Percentage
Doctorate/Post Graduate	1	3%
Masters	6	16%
Bachelor/Graduate Diploma	36	97%
Diploma	26	70%
Certificate	3	8%
Total Teaching Staff	37	



PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPENDITURE

Professional Development for 2008 costed \$51,017 and involved releasing teacher for a total of 372 days to allow for professional learning to happen.

STAFF ATTENDANCE

Staff attendance for 2008 was 96%

STAFF RETENTION

Staff retention for 2008 in relation to 2007 was 100%

STUDENT ATTENDANCE



KEY STUDENT OUTCOMES

NAPLAN RESULTS

The 2008 NAPLAN Test Results compare Siena school averages in Year 3, 5 and 7 Tests with Queensland school averages. The following table also provides Siena percentages at or above the National Minimum Standards in comparisons to Queensland minimum standards.

CLASS	LEARNING AREA	SCHOOL AVERAGE	STATE AVERAGE	SCHOOL NATIONAL MINIMUM STANDARDS	STATE NATIONAL MINIMUM STANDARDS
YEAR 3	NUMERACY	387	368	97%	92%
	READING	413	372	96%	87%
	WRITING	424	391	97%	92%
	SPELLING	391	366	94%	87%
	GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION	398	370	96%	87%
YEAR 5	NUMERACY	464	457	99%	90%
	READING	484	467	93%	87%
	WRITING	490	468	93%	90%
	SPELLING	468	461	93%	88%
	GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION	488	477	92%	89%
YEAR 7	NUMERACY	552	540	98%	95%
	READING	546	529	95%	93%
	WRITING	540	521	97%	99%
	SPELLING	535	527	95%	90%
	GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION	531	519	93%	90%

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

The Christian values and the support with the religious formation is important to our family.

The school has a reputation for having a caring school environment.

Community and family are strong qualities of the school.

The teachers are interested in the children and are very accommodating with parental issues.

School facilities and grounds are always presented well.

Children look happy and enjoy coming to school.

The school is appealing in its lay out and relatively new.

Siena caters for a P –12 education.

Sending our children to Siena is placing them children with like minded children from families with similar values. This is important to us.

STRATEGIC RENEWAL REPORT

A full report of 2008 Goals and Achievements is accessible on the school website www.sienapprimary.qld.edu.au and click on Strategic Renewal.