

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2017



**GOOD SHEPHERD**  
**CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**  
*Nurturing Firm Foundations*

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## Principal's Foreword:

It is with pleasure that I present the Annual Report to our school community. The following report provides information and data on a range of key indicators within the school and serves a dual role in meeting State and Federal legislation regarding statutory requirements, as well as providing the wider school community with a snapshot of our school achievements in 2016.

The school was established in 1983 as a result of a vision from Pastor Hunter and as a ministry of Good Shepherd Baptist Church to provide quality Christian education to the wider community of Albany Creek and surrounding suburbs. The school officially started in 1983 with approximately 45 students and has steadily grown in both size and influence since that time and has earned a reputation as a quality education provider within the wider community. The governance of Good Shepherd Christian School is seamlessly aligned with our church, with the Senior Pastor holding the position of Chairman of the Board and each Board representative being required to be a member of Good Shepherd Baptist Church.

At Good Shepherd Christian School, we promote a vision to provide education which inspires character and leadership, and we strive to lead the students along a pathway of values-based experiences in their learning. This approach has been instrumental in creating a rich learning environment where values, character traits and leadership attributes are promoted amongst students and staff. The school mission statement of providing quality Christian education through partnership with local churches, parents, teachers and students which recognises the Lordship of Christ and the integrity of the Scriptures and prepare students for life in the world and eternity is applied to all facets of the school. Good Shepherd Christian School is proud of its well-equipped classrooms, technological resources, landscaped grounds and integrated curriculum across three sub-schools; Primary, Middle and Senior School.

The school seeks to develop the whole child; physically, spiritually, emotionally, academically and socially. Successful sporting programs and a range of subject are available for all students across the sub-schools.

We are thankful for the achievements, celebrations and accomplishments that made 2016 such a successful year within the life of the school and are pleased to share some of these with you through this report.

Rhonda Davis



Principal

# Good Shepherd Christian School Annual Report 2017 (Based on 2016 data)

## Descriptive Information

### School Sector:

Independent

### School's Address:

185 Old Northern Road, Albany Creek, Queensland 4035

Phone: (07) 3264 2655 Fax: (07) 3264 5189

### Total Enrolments:

105

### Year Levels Offered:

Pre Prep to Year 12

### Co-educational or Single Sex:

Co-educational

### Characteristics of the Student Body:

Total enrolments	105
Girls	46
Boys	59
Full-time equivalent enrolments	105
Indigenous students	6%
Language background other than English	4%

### **Distinctive Curriculum Offerings and Extra-curricular Activities:**

Good Shepherd Christian School provides a range of curriculum offerings from Pre Prep to Year 12 in accordance with the requirements specified by State and Commonwealth requirements.

Our Pre Prep curriculum aligns with the Early Years Framework and National Quality Framework. The Prep to Year 10 curriculum is organised around the Australian Curriculum and Years 11-12 courses are offered in accordance with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority syllabi.

The school offers of extra-curricular activities such as Christian Living, Scripture Program, Leadership and Sport.

The School Executive, Senior Leadership and Heads of Department regularly review and analyse the learning outcomes and academic achievements of all students against State and National benchmarks, to ensure that our standards of learning are developing commensurate with comparable ages and cohorts of students. The school also provides annual analysis with summarised five year trend data on NAPLAN results to assist with remediation and improved standards of achievement throughout the school.

### **Enrichment Program:**

The philosophy and aims of learning intervention support students with learning difficulties and disability. Our aim is to involve everyone in the school community to work together in supporting each student and helping them to reach their individual potential. Inclusive practices are promoted for all students at GSCS.

School based management requires flexibility and responsiveness to the educational needs of every student. By identifying the educational needs and support requirements for a whole range of students in a school, management then assists in the promotion of best practice in the teaching of students with learning challenges.

Staff at GSCS were offered ongoing professional development in best practices for inclusion, planning for all learners and differentiation.

### **Social Climate:**

Good Shepherd Christian School is renowned for a vibrant, engaging and highly relational school culture. This unique culture has been intentionally nurtured by the school board and the GSCS pastoral team since its inception. GSCS pastoral team supports families both in and out of school, particularly focusing on families who require additional support.

Good Shepherd Christian School has an anti-bullying and harassment policy which seeks to develop a positive school culture through spiritual and character development, leadership training, and behavioural boundaries.

## Parental Involvement:

Good Shepherd Christian School recognises that parental involvement in a students' education increases student academic achievement. Parents are welcomed into the school for all events and open two-way communication is encouraged between parents, teachers and the school management team. Each student is assigned a Pastoral Care teacher. The Pastoral Care teacher contacts parents on a regular basis to update them on overall social, personal and academic progress of their children. Parents meet formally with teachers twice a year at Student-Parent-Teacher learning conversations; however they are encouraged to discuss their child's progress with teachers on an ongoing basis via formal and informal meetings, email and student diary entries. Parents are also formally involved in the P&C Association which is an active group promoting and fundraising for the school.

Other activities parents have been involved in are as follows:

- Library assistance
- Coaching of sport
- Reading and assistance in classrooms
- Events assistance
- Fundraising events
- Sporting events
- Camping events

## Parent, Teacher and Student Satisfaction with the School

The school used both formal and informal surveys and feedback from staff, students and teachers regarding their satisfaction with the school to assist in the schools development of a strategic planning and school improvement planning. The following table highlights overall satisfaction across five key areas:

Satisfaction Data	Satisfied/Highly Satisfied (1-5) Results
Mission and Values	5
Student Outcomes	4
Student Welfare	4
School Leadership	5
Communication	4

## Contact Person for Further Information:

Title: Principal

## Staffing Information

### Staff Composition, Including Indigenous Staff:

	Full Time	Indigenous %	Part-Time	Indigenous %
<b>Teaching Staff</b>				
Male	0	0	0	0
Female	7	0	6	0
<b>Non-Teaching Staff</b>				
Male	0	0	3	3%
Female	1	0	2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3%</b>

### Qualifications of all Teachers:

Qualification	Based on the highest qualification held, number of classroom teachers and school leaders who hold this qualification.
Doctorate or higher	0
Masters	2
Bachelor Degree	11
Diploma	0
Certificate	0

### Expenditure on and Teacher Participation in Professional Development:

#### a) Teacher Participation in Professional Development

Description of PD activity	Number of teachers participating in activity
First Aid	100%
Leadership	100%
Curriculum & Pedagogy	100%
Christian Education	100%
Total number of teachers participating in at least one activity in the program year	13

#### b) Expenditure on Professional Development

Total Number of Teachers	Total expenditure on teacher PD (as recorded in Financial Questionnaire)	Average expenditure on PD per teacher (FTE)
13	\$2,878.66	\$277

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2016	\$6,000
The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2016	100%
The major professional development initiatives were as follows: Professional learning was facilitated through Good Shepherd Christian School, Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ), Christian Schools Australia (CSA), and Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority (QCAA)	

**Average staff attendance for the school, based on unplanned absences of sick and emergency leave periods of up to 5 days:**

Number of Staff	Number of School Days	Total Days Staff Absences	Average Staff Attendance Rate
20	3900	25	99%
For permanent and temporary classroom teachers and school leaders the average staff attendance rate was 100% in 2016			

**Proportion of teaching staff retained from the previous year:**

Number of permanent teaching staff at end of previous year	Number of these staff retained in the following year (the program year)	% retention rate
13	12	92%
From the end of 2015 92% of staff were retained for the entire 2016 school year		

## Key Student Outcomes

### Average student attendance rate (%) for the whole school:

The average attendance rate for the whole school as a percentage in 2016 was 96 %

### Average student attendance rate for each year level:

Year levels	Average attendance rate for each year level as a percentage in 2016
Year Prep	97%
Year 1	94%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	94%
Year 6	94%
Year 7	96%
Year 8	95%
Year 9	92%
Year 10	92%
Year 11	95%
Year 12	97%

### A description of how non-attendance is managed by the school:

Absenteeism is managed in accordance with Good Shepherd Christian School Policies on Absenteeism, Pastoral Care and Behavior Management. Student absences are monitored daily and managed by the Heads of Departments. Parents are contacted to discuss irregular or persistence absences. Formal procedures are actioned for unauthorized absences.



## NAPLAN results for Years 3, 5 and 7 and 9 in 2016

### Benchmark Data for Year

For a detailed analysis of NAPLAN results please refer to *My School* website, [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au)

<b>Reading</b>		
Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)
Year 3 (2016)	410	426
Year 5 (2016)	494	502
Year 7 (2016)	533	541
Year 9 (2016)	592	581
<b>Writing</b>		
Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)
Year 3 (2016)	401	421
Year 5 (2016)	474	476
Year 7 (2016)	504	515
Year 9 (2016)	573	549
<b>Spelling</b>		
Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)
Year 3 (2016)	423	420
Year 5 (2016)	504	493
Year 7 (2016)	528	543
Year 9 (2016)	613	580
<b>Grammar and Punctuation</b>		
Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)
Year 3 (2016)	491	436
Year 5 (2016)	515	505
Year 7 (2016)	540	540
Year 9 (2016)	568	569
<b>Numeracy</b>		
Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (National)
Year 3 (2016)	377	402
Year 5 (2016)	531	493
Year 7 (2016)	542	550
Year 9 (2016)	579	589

**Apparent Retention Rate Year 10 to 12:**

	Year 10 Base	Year 12	Apparent Retention Rate %
Number of Students	2	1	50%

Year 12 student enrolment as a percentage of the Year 10 cohort is 50%

**Year 12 Outcomes:**

Outcomes for our Year 12 cohort 2016	
Number of students awarded a Senior Education Profile	0
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement	0
Number of students who received an Overall Position (OP)	0
Number of students or are completing or completed a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SAT)	1
Number of students awarded one or more Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications	1
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education at the end of Year 12	0
Number of students awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD)	0
Percentage of Year 12 students who received an OP1-15 or an IBD	0
Percentage of Year 12 students who are completing or completed a SAT or were awarded one or more of the following: QCE, IBD, VET qualification	100%
Percentage of Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) applicants receiving a tertiary offer	0

**Background information on how the Next Steps survey was conducted:**

Background information:

The survey was conducted by interviewing the graduate.

**School Response Rate to the Survey**

Number of Year 12 students in 2016	Number of responses received from students	Percentage response rate
1	1	100%

## Definitions of main destinations

### Summary of findings in relation to main destinations of students

School Year 2016	Number of Students in each category	Percentage of Students in each category
University (degree)	0	0%
VET total (Cert IV+ III, I-II, apprenticeship, traineeship)	0	0%
Working full-time	1	100%
Working part-time/casual	0	0%
Seeking work	0	0%
Not studying or in the labour force	0	0%
Total Year 12 students	1	