

RIVER CITY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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THE SCHOOL

River City Christian College is located in the historic river port town of Echuca in northern Victoria. It caters for students from Prep to Year 10 in a caring Christian environment. The school was established 40 years ago to support parents in providing a Biblically based Christ focussed education for their children and that's what we continue to do today.

The students attending the school come from Echuca and the surrounding region, supported by our own and Government buses. Class compositions are varied to meet the emerging needs of the children and currently are a P-1 class, 2/3/4 class, 5-6 class, 7-8 class and 9-10 class. We continue to work on imbedding the Victorian Curriculum into the life of the school in a manner that reflects our Christian faith. A playgroup continues to be a vibrant adjunct to the school and although connections were maintained where possible, for much of 2020 they were unable to meet due to Covid-19 restrictions.

As through our history, and now through the various periods of 2020, we continue to hold to our vision that our students will grow in Godly character, wisdom and discernment so that they will be equipped to serve the local community, our nation and the world for the Lord Jesus Christ. We faced many extra challenges in this regard during 2020 due to Covid-19 and the need for two extended periods of remote learning. We are therefore extra grateful for the faithful and hard work of all our staff and volunteers who have contributed so much by persevering through this and still be ready to face the future God is calling us to.

The report that follows is a brief review of just some aspects of the College's life and operation, primarily focussed on fulfilling one of the school's obligations to government regulations. River City Christian College is more fully described by the holistic development of our students as we encourage them academically, spiritually, socially and physically. At the same time we are developing as a staff team and as a learning community in gratitude to our creator God. We welcome people to come amongst us to experience this and to better understand the nurturing community that River City Christian College is.

STAFFING 2020

Through the course of 2020 our staff team consisted of full time, part time and casual teachers registered through the Victorian Institute of Teachers (VIT), learning assistants, a leader of pastoral care, a librarian, administrative and grounds staff plus many wonderful and generous volunteers.

All staff were involved in professional development, particularly our teaching staff, with most of that training delivered by Independent Schools Victoria, Christian Schools Australia and Christian Education National. High staff attendance and retention levels have been maintained. At the close of 2020 there were seven teaching staff, three full-time and four part-time.

The teaching related qualifications held by staff during 2020 included the following:

Master of Education

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Economics

Bachelor of Education / Teaching

Bachelor of Fine Arts

Bachelor of Science

Graduate Diploma of Education

BENCHMARK TESTING

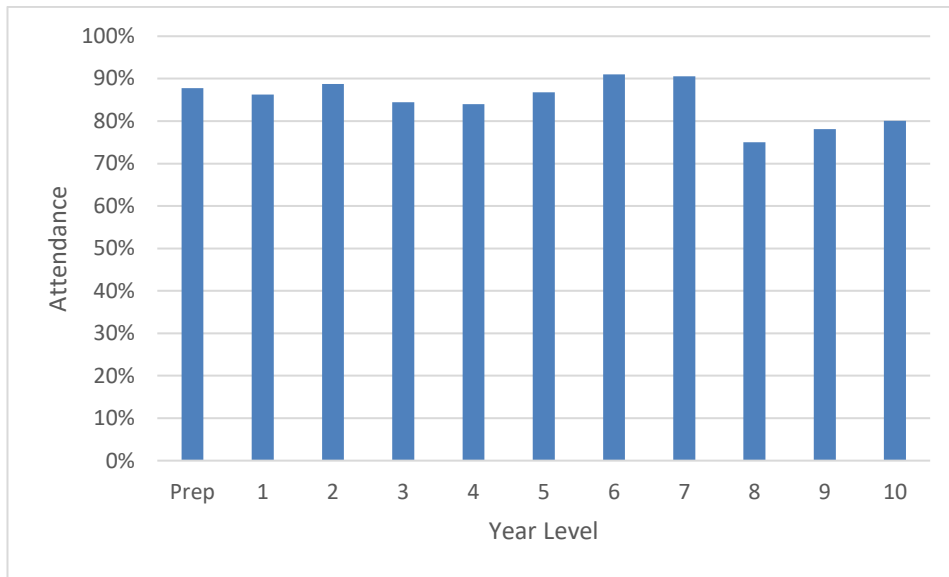
Even though NAPLAN was suspended in 2020 due to Covid-19, the school continues to be committed to the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) alongside continual individual assessment of student learning through a variety of methods as we seek to structure our learning experiences to meet the emerging needs of our students. Due to the current small size of our NAPLAN groups at a number of year levels, the College has not generally published information about students' relative performance. This is because of the lower level of statistical reliability and the risk of identifying individual students.

However, the My School website does provide some history in this area of benchmark testing at a national level and this can readily be accessed at www.myschool.edu.au

River City Christian College strives to ensure all students are able to reach their full potential, and we have developed a positive relational environment where this is fostered. Engagement with parents regarding their children's progress is also facilitated by ongoing communication, formal Semester reports in each subject area and structured parent – teacher meetings.

Students who completed their Year 10 studies in 2020 have moved on to further their education and training in the region within different secondary schools, TAFE and training settings.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE 2020



The overall school attendance for 2020 was 84%.

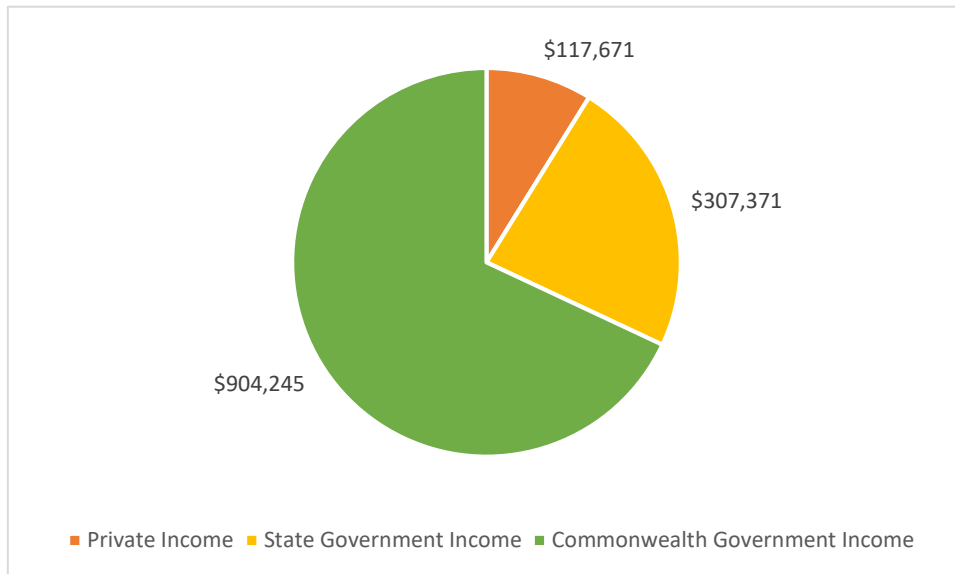
As with other statistics in a small school, one student with an abnormal performance can have a high impact on the results presented.

The school promptly contacts parents if an absence occurs and is unexplained, seeking a reason for each case and seeking to follow through with solutions where unsuitable trends begin to develop.

Absences are recorded on the students' semester reports and the school endeavours to help parents understand the negative impacts of absences on their child's academic development now and on their character into the future.

2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

The 2020 Annual Income is depicted below.



The school's accounts have been audited and adopted at the Annual General Meeting of River City Christian College Inc. (Association number A000483832N), the governing body of the College. The required documents for 2020 will be lodged in a timely manner with the Australian Charities & Not-for-profits Commission and other regulatory and funding bodies as needed.

River City Christian College is extremely grateful to the individuals, families, governments and other organisations who have generously provided the finances and other support needed for the College to operate in the manner it has been able to through 2020 and over its history.

In summary, River City Christian College had a successful year in 2020, adapting to the needs of two extended periods of remote learning and deepening relationships with a number of families in the process. We continue to be alert to improved ways of serving our local community and to develop the ways in which we operate. Encouraging effective communication is a high priority and we seek to develop formal and informal approaches for this. Late in 2020 we surveyed parents and sought to better understand our community's perspectives. Monitoring of the satisfaction and opinions of parents, staff, students and volunteers in a range of areas is ongoing and fundamental to the planning and effectiveness of any improvements.

It is a joy and a privilege to have the opportunity to support families in the nurturing of their children as we work together to see them become all that God created them to be.

Yours faithfully,



Peter Nelson
Principal

The plaque at the foot of the new RCCC cross



River City Christian College **2021**

Forty years on and we continue to labour and strive because of our hope in the living God who seeks to be the Saviour of all.

***Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young,
but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in
love, in faith and in purity.***

1 Timothy 4:12

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