



Annual Report – 2022



1**Contextual information about the school**

St Denis School is a Catholic school within the Joondanna Parish. It was originally opened in 1951 by the Servite Friars, together with the Sisters of Mercy. The school community seeks to foster an environment that integrates love, truth and learning, where each individual strives to become a model of Christian living and is nurtured toward his/her full potential. The school is coeducational with a current enrolment of 263 students from Pre-Kindergarten through Year 6. The school also offers an Outside School Hours Care program.

St Denis offers an educational philosophy based on developmental learning, inclusivity and Christian ethos. The integrated curriculum covers all learning areas. The school promotes literacy and numeracy as a key focus, and has adopted a literacy and numeracy program based on the RAISE Program philosophies. This also includes the provision of a Reading Recovery teacher.

St Denis School has an integrated technology plan, implementing tablet technology in the Kindergarten to Year Three classrooms and a 1:1 iPad/laptop program in the Year Four to Six classrooms.

Educational Assistants are also employed to assist teachers with students requiring support. Students are involved in a variety of extra-curricular activities that enrich their school experience, as well as a range of academic competitions such as Speak Up Awards.

The Making Jesus Real philosophy is central to our school and these values are incorporated into our school policies and teaching programmes and permeates all learning areas.

St Denis has put in place Sustainability practices and strategies endeavouring to care for the environment that has been entrusted to us.

At St Denis we take pride in the diversity of cultures, skills and talents of all students.

2**Teacher standards and qualifications**

All teaching staff are registered with the Teachers Registration Board (TRB).

- 3 Masters of Education
- 9 Bachelor of Education
- 3 Graduate Diploma in Education

3**Workforce Composition**

The composition of staff consisted of 27 females and 3 males.

Workforce Composition

Teaching Staff (full-time)	8
Teaching Staff (part-time)	8
Teacher Assistants (full-time)	3
Teacher Assistants (part-time)	8
Office Administration (part-time)	2
Bursar (0.8)	1
Social Worker (0.2)	1

4**Student Attendance at School**

Average attendance rate for PP – Year 6 students is 93%

YEAR LEVEL	ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE
Kindy	92%
Pre-Primary	92%
Year One	93%
Year Two	92%
Year Three	93%
Year Four	93%
Year Five	94%
Year Six	94%

Parents are required to inform the school if their child is absent on a particular day. Student attendance is recorded in SEQTA. Unexplained absences are followed up by text messages and phone calls to parents from the office by 9.30am daily. Non-attendance is managed by staff who request parents to bring in a written absentee note.

5 Students results in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy & Numeracy) - 2022

NAPLAN Results Summary 2022

	Year 3	Year 5
Spelling	School Mean: 423 All Australian School Mean: 418	School Mean: 521 All Australian School Mean: 505
Grammar & Punctuation	School Mean: 440 All Australian School Mean: 433	School Mean: 515 All Australian School Mean: 499
Writing	School Mean: 429 All Australian School Mean: 422	School Mean: 521 All Australian School Mean: 484
Reading	School Mean: 461 All Australian School Mean: 438	School Mean: 529 All Australian School Mean: 510
Numeracy	School Mean: 402 All Australian School Mean: 400	School Mean: 511 All Australian School Mean: 488

6 Parent, student and teacher satisfaction with the school

During the 2022 school year parent satisfaction has been of a very high level. Parent feedback from P&F meetings, social events, parent teacher interviews and the parent climate survey is largely positive. Families have indicated satisfaction of pastoral care, educational and support programs offered by the school.

At parent sibling interviews for 2022 many parents mentioned that they are made to feel welcome and that all staff are very personable, going above and beyond.

Parent feedback indicates that they are appreciative of with the high number of extra-curricular activities offered by a single stream school. They are also impressed with the generosity of the staff giving of their own time to provide these activities for the students in their care.

In addition, P&F events are well attended which indicates evidence of the school having a strong sense of connectedness to the school community.

Student satisfaction is gauged on student attendance, engagement and participation in the school. The students are always positive and engaged in activities within the school.

7 Post-school destinations

- Servite Catholic College – 13
- Mercedes College – 4
- Newman College – 3
- Aranmore College – 1
- Perth College – 1
- Churchlands Senior High - 1
- Bob Hawke College – 3
- Mount Lawley Senior High School – 1
- Trinity College – 1

8 School income broken down by funding source

Information on this aspect can be found on the My School Website: www.myschool.edu.au

9 Annual School Improvement Plan 2022 – Success Measures

Our Annual School Improvement Plan for 2022 had several smart goals across Learning, Engagement, Accountability and Discipleship. These goals together with our Strategic Plan provided great direction for us throughout the year.

Goal 1: Investigating the use of timely and effective feedback in the teaching/learning cycle – staff professional learning meetings, research (Hattie), peer/peer visits, professional readings.

Goal 2: Develop a deeper understanding of the Eucharist – staff undertook PD (Brisbane Archdiocese), mass preparation.

Goal 3: Mathematics - Implementation of Lighthouse Mathematics strategies – staff PD, peer/peer class visitation and feedback.

Goal 4: Grammar and Punctuation (Middle/Upper Years) - Measuring and analysing student growth in grammar and punctuation – growth analysis, staff PD, sharing of data, professional reading.

Goal 5: Establish and implement a Mental Health and Wellness Plan – students, clear goals, what do we already do, ensure all students are aware of the plan.

Goal 6: Streamline effective feedback, assessment and communication through Seesaw – messaging to parents, clear process for staff, staff PD.

Board Chair Report 2022

Chairman's Report delivered by Sean Daniel.

Good evening and welcome to St Denis' 2022 Annual Community Meeting.

My name is Sean Daniel and it is a privilege to present an overview of the activities of the Advisory Council during the 2022 year.

Firstly, I would like to introduce the 2021 Council members. They are:

- Rebecca Rodgers (Vice Chair)
- Anne Paterson (Secretary)
- Matthew Baginski (Treasurer)
- Chris Gooch
- Maria Di Martino
- Kim McAullay
- Nicola Pullella
- Sean Daniel (Chair)

Ex-Officio members:

- Justin Tuohy (Principal)
- Parish Priest: Fr Anthony

Other invited members:

- Casey Bakunowicz (Assistant Principal)
- Eugene Potito (Assistant Principal)
- Laura Wheeler (Finance Officer)

I would like to personally thank all the 2022 council members for their time and dedication throughout the year. I know Mr Tuohy appreciates all the work and guidance you each provide him.

A special thank you to Rebecca Rodgers, who over years has dedicated her time to the school.

{for those of you who are interested in joining the Advisory Council in future years, please feel free to chat with any of us after the formalities are finished}

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The principal is responsible for the day-to-day operation of the school.

The council support the principal with various skills or knowledge and brings the voice of the community into the school. Although I know some parents are happy to raise their voice directly to Mr Tuohy, which also helps promote an open and honest community feeling, when done in a professional and courteous manner of course.

Advisory Council Functions

Some key achievements/highlights supported by the Advisory Council in 2022 were:

- 2023 Annual School Budget review/endorsement.
- Ongoing development of the School Building & Maintenance plan.
- Various capital works projects
(special thank you to Chris Gooch and Maria Di Martino)
- Uniform Committee
(special thank you to Rebecca Rodgers, Anne Paterson and Nicola Pullella)
- Assistant Principals presentation to the Council
(Titled: *"More than just your average Valet!"*)
- Last year the teachers and the Council members developed the schools' 2021-2024 Strategic Plan. The Council will prioritise to undertake a review of the plan and goals during the 2023 year to ensure the school is on track to achieve its targets.
- In March an audit was undertaken of the school accounts. Acknowledge the great work by Laura Wheeler (School's finance officer). Her hard work ensures that the school maintains a sound financial position.

The Council would like to also acknowledge other Student achievements, these are:

- NAPLAN testing (Yr3 & Yr5) – great results.
- Sporting events.
- Performing Arts/Choir festival
- Sacramental programs
(special thanks to the teachers and St Denis Parish and Fr Anthony).

On behalf of the St Denis Advisory Council, we would like to acknowledge the continued leadership, and visible presence within the community of Mr Tuohy, Assistant Principals and the St Denis teaching staff (including EA's and Admin staff). The St Denis staff continues to provide each year a high level of quality teaching to the students. We thank you for all your hard work and dedication to the school!

The Board would like to extend our gratitude and acknowledge the staff that are leaving the school this year. We thank you for your dedication and passion in helping to make St Denis what is today and wish you all the very best in your future endeavours.

We would also like to thank...

- P&F Committee & Class representatives: for your significant role you have at St Denis in bringing together the School Community.
- Parents: for supporting classroom teachers, the school and P&F events.
- All the families leaving St Denis: we wish you all the very best and thank you for your contribution over the years to the St Denis community and we hope you leave the school with fond memories.
- And thank the St Denis Parish and Fr Anthony for providing support to develop and nurture the students in the Catholic faith and Sacramental programs.

The school going forward is in a strong position with student numbers again up on previous years.

Finally, thank you to the P&F Committee for organising the drinks tonight, Anne Paterson for organising the farewell gifts & Maria Di Martino for organising the food on behalf of the school.

On behalf of the Advisory Council members, we thank you for attending tonight and wish the school community a safe and happy Christmas break and look forward to the much-loved end of year Christmas concert.

Good luck for the Door prize.

Thank you.

Sean Daniel
Board Chair