

St Patrick's Catholic School, Katanning School



Performance Data 2018

The following information is a Federal Government requirement and pertains to the 2018 calendar year.

Contextual Information

St Patrick's Catholic School in Katanning caters for students from Kindergarten to Year 6 and is an integral part of the St Patrick's Parish.

Katanning is situated within the Great Southern region of Western Australia, and the town is a regional hub, boasting excellent leisure, and sporting, medical and shopping facilities. The town also has two State Government Primary Schools, a Senior High School and a TAFE facility. The community has a wide diversity of cultural backgrounds.

St Patrick's School is highly regarded by school and parish families and a significant number of the school's students are second, and in some cases, third-generation. St Patrick's School was established in 1926 with the arrival in January of that year, of three Our Lady of the Missions sisters. The school opened on 3rd February at 9.00am with 47 pupils, and the first classes were originally located in the Church. The school finished that year with 108 pupils.

The sisters continued to teach in the Church until 1927. By then, three rooms and a verandah were built in the Church grounds, and these were opened and blessed by Archbishop Clune on 5th December 1927. These classrooms faced Annie St and were the School Library and Canteen. In 1958, two additional rooms were added, facing Amherst St. 1966 saw the building of the Parish Hall.

St Patrick's School continued to grow rapidly, and the building of additional classrooms was completed and opened in 1975. A new classroom, a dedicated Multi-Purpose Room for the Arts, and a large Covered Area was completed in 2004. More recently, a new Library was built in 2011 as part of the Primary Schools for the 21st Century government funded project. St Patrick's School is currently a composite school catering for children from Kindergarten through to Year 6. In 2018, there are currently 99 children attending the school with a staff of 19 comprised of 10 teachers (full-time and part-time) and 9 non-teaching staff. The staff is hard working and committed to providing a high level of pastoral care and quality education to their students. The school's Leadership Team consists of the Principal, Assistant Principal, Administration Officer, and this team is also supported by a Special Responsibility and Senior Teacher.

There are specialist programmes in the areas of The Arts, Physical Education, Languages (Japanese), Technologies, Geography and History. The school is very well resourced and boasts iPads, Apple TV's and large screens in all classes.

2018 saw a renewed focus on teaching and learning with the introduction of an explicit teaching agenda and improved literacy support, including MiniLit and MacqLit. Building community has been a major focus too with many new initiatives started, including the building of a nature playground and the introduction of a "Mums and Bubs" group.

There is a School Board, whose function and responsibility is to oversee the financial management and future planning of the school, and the Parents and Friends Association is the body through which parents can make a more formal contribution to the life of the school, through fundraising and the development of social networks.

Teacher Standards and qualifications

St Patrick's Catholic School employs 19 staff. Collectively, the qualifications held by staff and the numbers of teachers who hold these qualifications are:

- 4 Diplomas
- 10 Bachelor's Degrees
- 2 Graduate Certificates
- 1 Master's Degree
- Staff composition: -
 - 2 males, 17 females,
 - 9 non- teaching staff, 10 teaching staff
 - 1 indigenous staff member
- 2 Female cleaners
- 1 male cleaner

Expenditure and Teacher participation in Professional Learning

All staff participated in Professional Development (PD) opportunities in 2018. A sample of PD opportunities included

- Religious Education Accreditation – Faith Formation
- Evangelisation Training
- Leading Lights Training (ICT)
- Explicit Direct Instruction – Fundamentals workshop
- Explicit Direct Instruction – Teacher Demonstrations
- APRE days Bunbury Diocese
- Strategic Planning
- Simon Breakspear Workshop
- Macquarie Literacy Program (MiniLit and MacqLit)
- Mandatory Reporting
- Code of Conduct
- Online Safety - Ysafe

From the School's audited accounts for 2018, \$ 13,112.76 was spent on Professional Development for staff..

Key Student Outcomes Student attendance:

In order for students to reach their full potential it is important that they attend school regularly. Whilst it is the parents' legal duty to ensure their children attend school regularly, our staff as part of their duty of care monitor attendance each day. The Class Roll is marked via SEQTA every day. Unexplained absences are followed up promptly by staff. Parents are requested to provide a satisfactory explanation for an absence by means such as a written note, telephone call, SMS message or email to the school preferably on the first day of absence. The principal is made aware of sustained student absences or absences reflecting a pattern. In these situations, the principal or delegated staff member contacts the parent/guardian. Parents are encouraged to arrange medical and other necessary appointments outside school hours. Prolonged periods of absence occur from time-to-time for various reasons. In these cases, students and their parents meet with

the principal to discuss the leave request. The average student attendance rate for the school during 2018 is shown in the following table.

Kindy	Pre-Primary	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
90.9%	91.2%	89.11%	90.99%	93.25%	94.9%	93.71%	93.47%

2018 NAPLAN Information

	Year 3 National Mean	Year 3 St Patrick's Mean	Year 5 National Mean	Year 5 St Patrick's Mean
Numeracy	407.7	399.4	494.2	499.7
Reading	433.8	442.7	509.0	498.4
Writing	407.2	350.5	464.6	435.7
Spelling	417.8	419.6	502.5	541.1
Grammar and Punctuation	431.7	407.8	503.6	521.1
Key used	below national standard		above national standard	

Value Added

St Patrick's School offers a wide variety of opportunities outside the classroom, which allow students to grow and develop. Such activities include:

- School Camp in Year Six
- Kojonup Speech and Drama Festival
- Children's Book Week Parade and Visiting Author
- Western Australia Week celebrations
- Interschool Athletics
- Interschool Swimming
- Interschool Cross Country
- ANZAC Day Service (Both School and Katanning Town Services)
- Excursions
- Incursions and Performing Artists' visits
- Missions Fundraising
- Visiting Sport Clinics E.g. Squash, Football, Netball and Cricket
- Winter Carnival
- Community Building Events (Nature Playground, Family Planting Project)
- Guest Speaker (Jordan Foster Ysafe)
- Space Gandalf (Broome Observatory)
- End of Year Concert
- Remarkable Readers
- School Choir
- Bethshan visit (local nursing home)

Parent, Student and Staff satisfaction

St Patrick's Catholic School's focus on building community has improved the name of the school in the wider community this year. Staff morale is positive as they have engaged in evidenced based practices and been re-inspired to challenge themselves within their profession. Parents are happy too and have been supporting our school in the wider community. We have three new families commencing in 2019 as well as 10 new Kindy enrolments.

Post School Destinations - Year 6 Destination Schools 2019

School	Number of Students
Katanning Senior High School	14
Albany Grammar	2
Albany Senior High School	1
Home School	1
All Saints College Perth	1

8. Financial Information

The ACARA website www.myschool.edu.au hosts the My School profile of Australian schools. Visiting this site gives further comparative information including financial data.