

**Christ the King School**  
**2024-2025**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Principal's Report**  
**26 February 2025**



Christ the King School continues to be a place where children can thrive and reach their full potential. I am reminded of our school mission:

*"A faith enriched Catholic school inspired by the values of the sisters of the Good Samaritan. Respecting diversity, fostering community and providing quality education and learning for all."*

After being the substantive Principal at Christ the King School for a number of years now, I am proud to say that I truly feel we are fulfilling our mission.

### **School Board**

I wish to extend a sincere thanks to all the members of our School Board, who meet on a regular basis with positive mindsets and enthusiastic desires to make our school a better place. In the past year, the School Board have navigated, sought feedback and implemented an impressive school uniform for our students. The benefits of this new uniform have seen an increased level of practicality, comfortability and financial improvements for the families in our community.

The theme for our school this year is "Seeing the world beyond ourselves". I believe that this theme encourages us all to not only commit to making our school a better place but also our local community and society overall as we strive to focus on what we can do to contribute to making our world a better place.

### **Christ the King School Staff**

I wish to publicly thank and acknowledge the hard work of every staff member at Christ the King School. Each staff member within our community, come to work each day with a positive mindset, willingness, high level desire and ability to help children in their care and education to wholistically reach their full potential. In particular, over the last 12 months, staff have had a strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy. By using explicit, direct and instructional approaches in each of these areas, our student's commitment to their learning have increased and their learning outcomes are being achieved. I acknowledge that the staff at Christ the King School's work extends beyond the classroom in supporting our families and all our school community members and express sincere gratitude to their continual desire to support our families in all facets of their lives.

### **Student Retention**

I am proud to share that in the previous 12 months, we saw our school population grow from 144 to 180 students. We are expected to have approximately 195 students in our school for the commencement of the third term of 2025, which is fantastic! I am ecstatic to share that this is the first time we have achieved these student numbers in our school in its recent history, equating to a 26.2 % increase in school population over the past two years.

### **New Playground Facilities**

In 2024 we were able to provide a brand new playground structure for students across the school. This has resulted in stimulating and exciting playtimes for all our students. The new playground has also provided many social, fine motor and gross motor development opportunities.

### ***Parents and Friends Committee***

I wish to express my extreme gratitude to our Parents and Friends Committee, who work tirelessly to provide not only fundraising activities for our school, but also friend raising activities for our school community members. Over the past 12 months they have raised funds which have contributed towards and provided:

- A Mural for the eastern wall of the Reception Classroom
- A Butterfly Garden
- A new Projector
- An Art Canvas
- An extra BBQ & Electric Frying pans
- And Funding towards two new basketball posts, rings and backboards

Activities such as the Father's Day Stall, Mother's Day Stall and Colour Run were particular highlights this year, and once again I thank the P&F Committee for all their hard work. We look forward to many more exciting and fun fundraising and friend raising activities.

### ***Opportunities for Students***

Learning opportunities for students existed throughout the year with a variety of curricular activities, co-curricular activities and extra-curricular activities.

These included school excursions, after school sport, swimming and camp activities, as well as school incursions. The benefits of these opportunities are endless, and I thank all those involved in making these activities come to fruition.

### ***Learning Program Opportunities***

At Christ the King School, our staff provide differentiated learning programs to meet the learning needs and abilities of all students within our care. These carefully created differentiated programs provide students with an opportunity to engage, learn and thrive within the classroom.

We are proud to also provide specific learning programs such as:

- Orton Gillingham phonics intervention
- Mac lit (literacy intervention program)
- Mini lit (literacy intervention program)
- The extension of the School Counsellor Program from one day per fortnight to one day per week
- Staff also worked with a Literacy Coach and Numeracy Coach over the 2024 school year, increasing their skills in both these important curriculum areas
- Chess club
- Stretch Program in the area of Mathematics
- Zones of Regulation (Social and Emotional Well Being program)

Thanks and Blessings

***Matt Perry***  
***Principal***