



St Mary's College Hobart

Annual School Community Report for 2022

Section One: Introduction

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Deus Scientiarum Dominus est (God is the fountain of all knowledge)


In a world of constant change, we the community, strive to live the teachings of Jesus Christ within the Tradition of the Catholic Church, developing just and compassionate people who are resilient, responsible and informed and ready to commit to society.

Section Two: Message from Key Groups in our Community

Principal's Message

In 2022 St Mary's College (SMC) continued to strengthen its position in girls' education in





It was important to observe how the student body worked and it was pleasing to see the significant amount of dedication the students put into all aspects of school life. Academically the senior students had an outstanding year, this was also matched by great success in the arts, cocurricular, sport and service that the students participate in, within our community. Our students are very committed to the College, and this year in particular, the focus on the value of *Hospitality*.

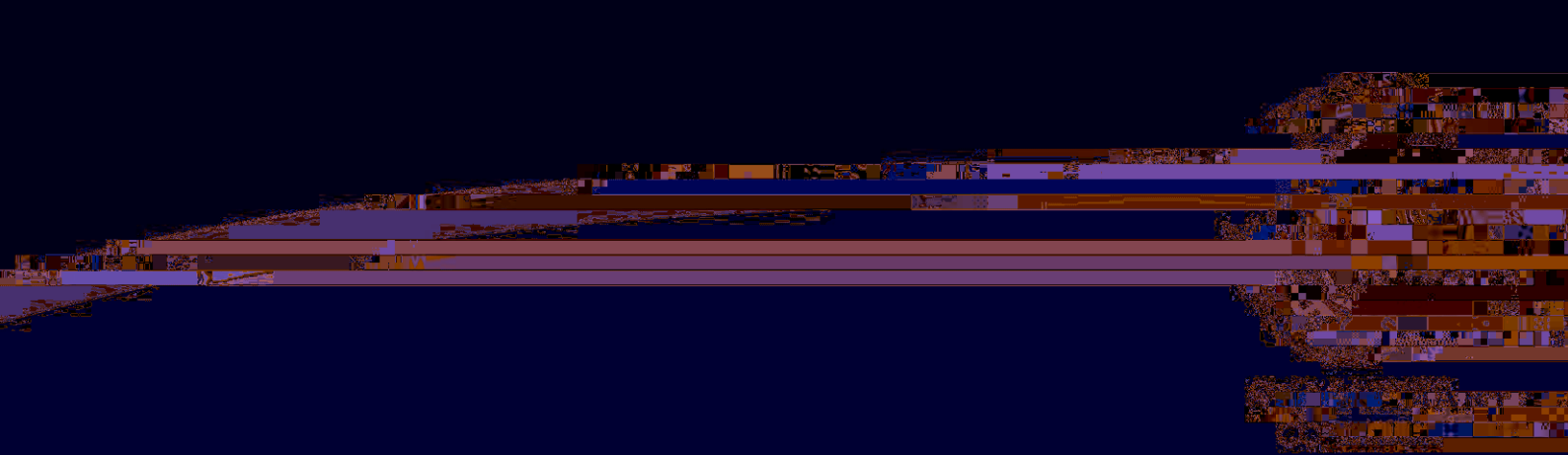
As we came out of the COVID-19 pandemic, it was great to be able to invite members of our community back on site to allow them to engage in College life. We held monthly Principal's tours, which helped visitors experience what a day in the life of a St Mary's student may look like and the importance of being part of a Presentation school. We are very fortunate to have a great connection with the Presentation Sisters and I would like to thank them for all their support during the year. St Mary's looks forward to a very busy 2023.


Parent Body Message

I am delighted to present this report to the SMC school community on behalf of the SMC Board.

The Board is comprised of passionate advocates for the College who represent the broader school community. We are focussed on contributing to the school's strategic direction and governance. Thank you to Melinda Anderson (Chair of the Board), Daniel Marr, Ryan Sharp, Lauren Di Palma, Jonathon Brimfield, Sister Majella Kelly, Father Peter Addicoat and Ana Zardo-Cox who, with Principal Damian Messer and Director of Business and Operations, Stuart Calvert, form the remainder of the Board, supported by Lisa O'Brien-Spaulling







In addition, a range of other events were organised over the course of the year for the College to enjoy. Some of these included the Big Splash, the athletics and cross country carnivals, House Week festivities, footy colours day, International Happiness Day activities, Book Week, the screening of the Commonwealth Games, the ever-so-famous Nano Vision, clothing drives, Science Week and Maths Week, Relay for Life, committee meetings, Mother's and Father's Day breakfasts, and much more. In engaging in such activities, students were able to become involved in the life of the College and foster a sense of school spirit, whilst building on their relationships with other students across all year groups.

The student body is immensely grateful for the tremendous work of the staff, the College's leadership team and the wider St Mary's community, for continuously granting us opportunities to fulfil our academic, spiritual, and personal potential.

Section Three: School Profile

SMC is a Kinder to Year 12 Catholic College in the Presentation tradition. It is coeducational in 0



Section Four: Student Profile

Student Enrolment

As an inner-city school the College serves a population from the breadth of Hobart and surrounds.

Kindergarten Students:	34
Preparatory – Year 6 Students:	362
Years 7 – 10 Students:	430
Years 11 and 12 Students:	85

Total Boys:	32
Total Girls:	879
Total Number of Students:	911
First Nation Students:	35

Student Retention

Of the Year 6 Cohort in 2021 59 Students went on to complete Year 7 at SMC in 2022.

Of the Year 11 Cohort in 2021, the College is certain that 98% attained the Tasmanian C




Attendance of 2022

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Year Group

As outlined in the SMC Attendance Procedures, attendance data is reviewed regularly by class teachers in the Junior School with the support of the Deputy Director of the Junior School and Director of the Senior School and Homeroom Teachers in the Senior School. In addition, House Leaders and the Director of the Senior School review attendance data every fortnight. If patterns of concern appear, follow up may take the form of a phone call or face to face attendance interviews with parents/carers and the student.





We began the year with our Commissioning Liturgies which were scaled back so that the parents/carers of the leaders could attend in a COVID-19 safe way. The Senior School Leaders' Commissioning was then livestreamed into the classrooms so all students could participate. We then began Lent with five different Ash Wednesday Liturgies throughout the College. We celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation during March which was livestreamed into

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Faith Development

St Mary's also provided many opportunities for our students and staff to explore their spirituality and develop their faith. We ran Sacramental Programs in both the Junior and Senior School and we had frequent visits from Fr Leonard and his team to explain and celebrate the Mass with classes. The Junior School also promoted the praying of the Rosary during October by participating in the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* campaign. We also continued to run our Senior School Retreats. A new program this year was the Year 9 Retreat in Richmond where students explored the theme of pilgrimage and journey; retracing the steps of the first Presentation Sisters to come to Australia who spent time in Richmond in 1866 before they founded St Mary's two years later. For staff, we introduced a fortnightly staff Mass which provided a chance for staff to pause and pray in the midst of the busy work week. Another







Although skill development is recognised as an important part of this learning area in Years 7



Of those students who received an ATAR

20% received an ATAR above 95

27% received an ATAR above 90


40% received an ATAR above 80

Section Eight: Student Well





The Wellbeing Centre was relocated to sit alongside the Lantern




Our Year 12 students also connected with many schools across Australia, Asia and the Pacific for the Alliance of Girls' Schools Australasia Annual Conference which was also held online.



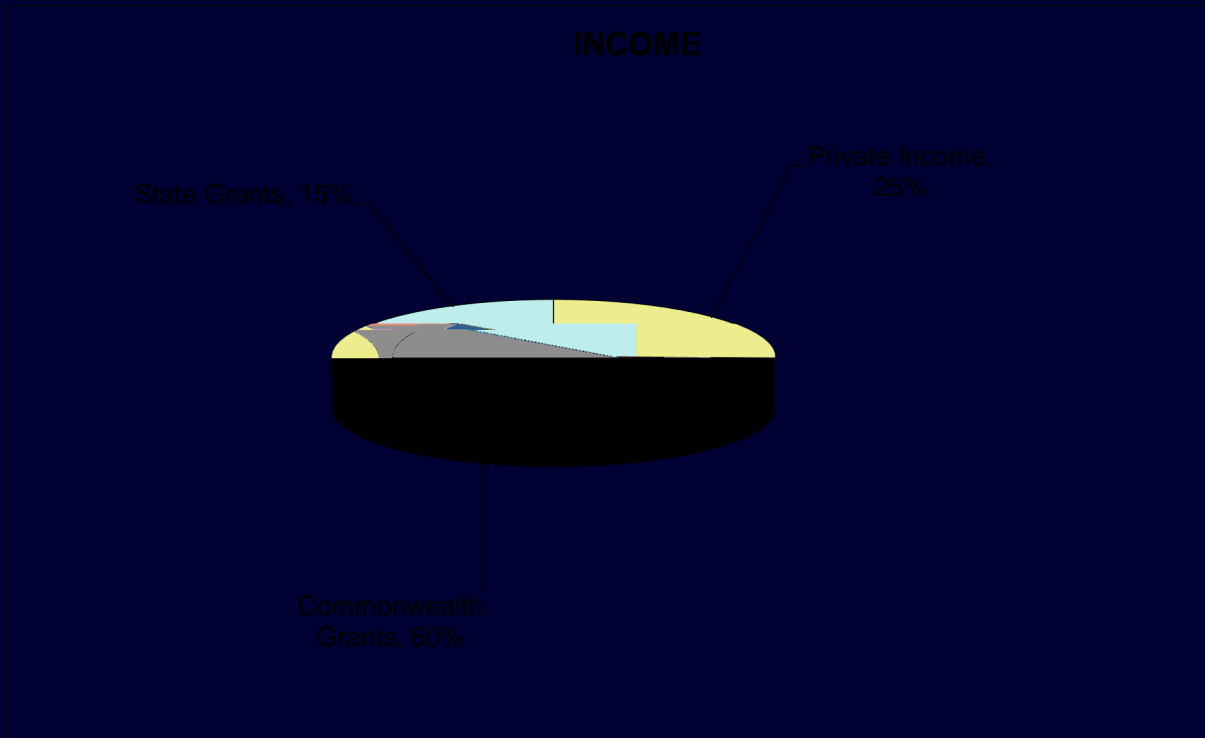
Parent Satisfaction

Feedback gained from parents/

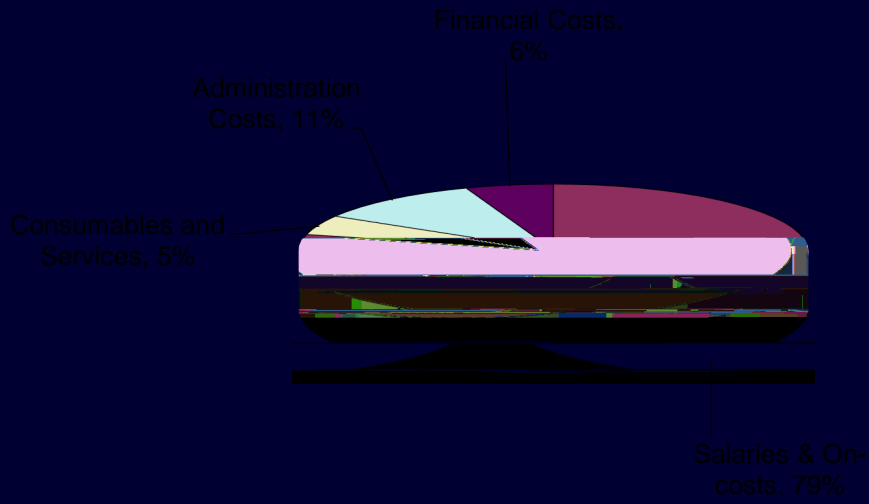


The College uniform is an immense source of pride for members of the SMC community. It promotes connections, positive relationships and discipline, and has united the SMC scholars, past and present for 154 years. Students, along with staff and parents/carers were invited to provide feedback by completing an online survey. In response to

Section Twelve: Financial Statement



EXPENDITURE



Signed

Date: 12 April 2023