St Anthony's Catholic Primary School North Rockhampton

2025 Annual School Report

Catholic Education
Diocese of Rockhampton

Meaning for Life

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School, North Rockhampton

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Total enrolments

623

Year levels offered

Prep – Year 6

Type of School:

Co-educational

School Overview

St Anthony's Catholic Primary School is a co-educational, four-stream school catering for approximately 620 students from Prep to Year Six. The school boasts an onsite Kindergarten, ensuring successful transitions for our youngest learners. Additionally, we offer a Vacation/Outside School Hours Care program to all enrolled families. First established in 1901 by the Sisters of Mercy, the school was relocated in 1981 to its present site which serves the newer suburbs of North Rockhampton. With St Anthony of Padua as our patron saint, we are called to follow his example and to live out our school motto "By Word and by Deed". This challenges our community to be people of practical faith, living the Gospel values and embracing learning in all aspects of life. Holy Family Church is close by and provides us with a visual reminder of our faith. We have a strong partnership with our local parish and are actively involved in community life. Our students are at the centre of everything we do. The children are encouraged to realise their potential through learning and teaching that is challenging and based on positive values. We pride ourselves on offering an environment where children play, learn and grow in a nurturing and faith-filled culture that supports each child's academic, emotional and spiritual development. Our teaching staff collaborate to deliver high quality teaching and learning programs that are supported by many co-curricular activities. Education of a child is a partnership between families and school, and we welcome and encourage family involvement at St Anthony's.

More information on our school can be accessed from myschool.edu.au.

Curriculum Offerings

Distinctive Curriculum Offerings

St Anthony's caters for the education of students from Prep to Year 6 across 28 classes. The school offers a distinctively Catholic curriculum which includes the formal study of Religion complemented by experiences of liturgy and prayer. Students at St Anthony's benefit from the expertise of specialist teachers in Health and Physical Education, Visual Arts and Performing Arts. The school is committed to student wellbeing and has processes to provide emotional support to students, including the fulltime position of a school counsellor.

Extra Curricula Activities

Instrumental Music: Students have the opportunity to join the instrumental music program offered by the school. Lessons in percussion, strings, woodwind, brass, guitar, keyboard and piano are offered.

Sport: Students in Years 5 and 6 participate in interschool sports (rugby league, netball, football. AFL, tennis, lawn bowls and hockey). All students attend weekly physical education lessons and, where eligible, compete at a district and regional level in selected disciplines. Students have the opportunity to represent St Anthony's in the Diocesan Challenge Cup (Rugby League and Netball), CQ and Western Sevens (Rugby Union) and QLD All Schools Carnival (Touch Football).

Excursions: Students across all year levels are given the opportunity to access local community facilities, events and people to support their learning. Year 5 and 6 students attend annual camps.

Competitions: Students are provided with opportunities to participate in a range of school, local and national competitions e.g. ICAS English, Mathematics, Science, Writing and Spelling competitions. Teams of students represent the school in various local competitions such as the QMAT Maths Teams Challenge and Readers Cup.

Celebrating Special Events: Students participate in weeks of celebration including "Catholic Education Week", "Book Week", "Under 8's Week", "Science and Numeracy Week". Indigenous Cultural Group: The school's Indigenous Education Liaison Officer works with local Indigenous peoples to provide cultural expression for our students. These experiences address art, dance and music (didgeridoo) and the students share their learning in performances throughout the year both in the school and in wider community contexts.

Personal, Social Development Education: Respectful Relationships Education, the Real Talk Program and Unleashing Personal Potential provide learning experiences which enhance the social and emotional wellbeing of students across the school. The Student Wellbeing Coordinator assists students with a range of supports.

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning

St Anthony's School continues to value the important role technology plays in providing a relevant and quality 21st century education. The implementation of the 1:1 computer policy in Year 3-6, the updated technology equipment and the purchase of laptops and tablet devices have increased student access to technology as a tool for learning and communication. Programs such as Beebots, Probots, Dot and Dash, WeDo2 and EV3s have been implemented

across the school from Prep to Year 6. Daily, teaching staff integrate the use of smartboards, tablet devices and software programs into the teaching and learning that occurs in their classrooms.

Social Climate

Strategies to Promote a Positive Culture

Student Wellbeing: St Anthony's provides professional counselling services to students on a fulltime basis. Religious Education: Through the Religious Education Program opportunities occur for all stakeholders to reflect on and explore their life experiences in the light of Christian traditions, beliefs and practices so that they participate and contribute effectively within classrooms, school, church and community contexts.

Cyber Safety and Anti-Bullying Strategies

All students access specialist E-Safety lessons throughout the school year. The school has implemented Diocesan policies on Acceptable Use Agreements for students and staff. The school regularly communicates with parents and the school community about cyber safety issues. There are appropriate policies in place to deal with the use of mobile phones and other electronic devices. The school community is kept up to date about developments in this area. Students participate in awareness raising experiences including the National Day Against Bullying, Student Protection Week, and Day for Daniel. All Diocesan and school policies are reviewed regularly. Catholic School Parents Qld Committee: This parent body provides a vital role in supporting the principal and staff in the educational endeavors of schooling. While there is an elected committee, all parents are invited to attend meetings. This group also plays a role in providing educational opportunities for parents on relevant topics which arise throughout the year. School Board: The board identifies and addresses the community's needs through the formulation of policies guiding the school's direction into the future. Volunteers: Families are invited to be involved as volunteers in classrooms, tuck-shop, library and other areas as required. Parent Teacher Conversations: Parents and carers are encouraged to attend regular meetings with their children's teachers so that parents are kept informed of student progress.

Strategies for involving parents in their child's education

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Reducing the school's environmental footprint

A school wide recycling program aims to reduce the amount of paper and other recyclables sent to landfill. An aluminum can collection bin is available for school use. The use of photocopy paper by staff is limited to specific allocations. The use of air conditioning is reduced in terms two and three and a substantial Solar Panel System was installed which included the facility of storage batteries.

Characteristics of the Student Body

St Anthony's has a growing school population. Growth in the early years has been matched by growth across the whole school. The school provides programming for students of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander heritage, students who have English as their second language and for students who require significant adjustments to meet their specific learning needs. Parents in the school community work in a wide range of professions and have a variety of socio-economic backgrounds.

Average student attendance rate (%)

The average student attendance rate for 2025 was 92.15%.

Management of non-attendance

An absentee SMS system is implemented. Each morning an automatic SMS is sent to parents of absent students when the school has not received parental notification. Students arriving late to school or departing early are required to sign the student register, and times are recorded in the school administration system. Parents are required to inform the school with an explanation of the cause of absences. Cases of prolonged absence are investigated by a member of the school leadership team.

Staffing Information

Workforce Composition

Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff	Non-Teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	46.00	52.00	3.00
Full-time equivalents	42.60	35.03	1.95

Qualifications of all teachers

Qualification – highest level of attainment	Percentage of staff with this Qualification
Doctoral / Post-doctoral	
Masters	6.38%
Bachelor Degree	89.36%
Diploma	4.26%
Certificate	

Major Professional Development Initiatives

- Franciscan Schools Australia – Formation Day
- Essential Assessment – Mathematics Lead and lag data recording and use
- Bishop's Inservice Day
- Peer coaching and mentoring
- Data conversations
- ½ day teacher workshops

The percentage of teachers engaged in professional development was 100%.

Total funds expended on Professional Development

The total of funds expended on teacher professional development was $70,360.00.

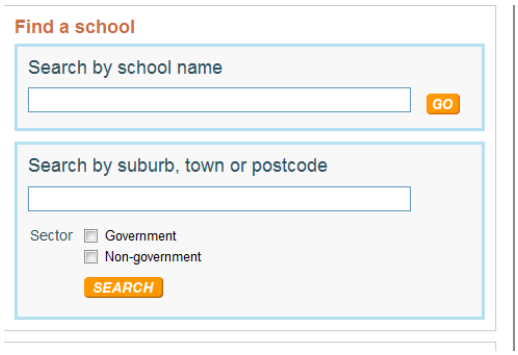
Average Staff Attendance and Retention

The average staff attendance for the school year, based on unplanned absences of sick and emergency leave for periods of up to five days, was 94.32%.

Percentage of teaching staff retained from the previous school year was 95.33%.

School Income

http://www.myschool.edu.au/.
(The School information below is available on the My School website).



National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy Results

Our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for Years 3 and 5 are available via the My School website at www.myschool.edu.au.

If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a paper copy of our school's NAPLAN results.

Key Student Outcomes and Value Added

At St Anthony's we encourage a very high participation rate for standardized testing. Our outcomes of these are tracked, evaluated and triangulated with other key data sets.

Strategic Improvement Progress and Next Steps

Strategic progress in 2025

To Improve student outcomes in Literacy (P-3)

To Build teacher capacity and efficacy to improve student outcomes through effective Mathematical Pedagogy.

Progress was made in both areas of teaching and learning. The next steps in Mathematics pedagogy will be targeted in 2026.

Strategic Priorities for 2026

Our School Priority for focus is to increase learning gain in mathematics for students (years 2-6) in the top two quartiles of PAT-M data sets.

A continuation on from 2025 will see a continued focus on pedagogy with the implementation of coaching and mentoring on agreed practices in Maths.

Parent, Teacher and Student Satisfaction

The School Satisfaction Surveys completed in 2025 indicate high levels of satisfaction in all areas as reported by parents, staff and students. Although St Anthony's is a large school there is strong emphasis placed on maintaining a strong sense of community and continuing to promote and support positive relationships between all stakeholders. The school website and social media are continually updated so that visitors can obtain relevant and up to date information. The School Improvement Plan continues to be the focus for staff, parent and student consultation. The fortnightly school e-newsletter and school app provide up to date information on events and happenings around the school.