

# 2019

## ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT

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### St John Vianney's Primary School

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## About this report

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St John Vianney's Primary School (the 'School') is registered by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and managed by the Catholic Schools Office (CSO), Maitland-Newcastle. The CSO as the 'approved authority' for the diocesan registration system formed under Section 39 of the NSW Education Act (1990), is responsible for monitoring the compliance of member schools in the manner that has been approved by the Minister of Education. The Annual School Report (the 'Report'), provides parents and the wider community with fair, accurate and objective information about various aspects of school performance and development. Additionally, the Report complements and is supplementary to other forms of regular communication to the School community regarding initiatives, activities and programs which support the learning and wellbeing of its students.

Detailed information about the School's improvement journey is documented in the School Improvement Plan (SIP) which is developed, implemented and evaluated in consultation with key stakeholders. Further information about the contents of this Report may be obtained by contacting the School directly or by visiting the School's website. Information can be also be obtained from the My School website.

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## Message from key groups in our community

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### Principal's Message

St John Vianney School is located in the heart of the town of Morisset. Morisset is the gateway to the south-western side of Lake Macquarie, the scenic Watagan Mountains and Hunter Tourism region. It is part of a recognised system of schools in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese, which is managed by the Catholic Schools Office. In 2010 under the Federal Government's Building Education Revolution (BER) the school received 1.8 million dollars for building and refurbishment. The school refurbished 3 old classrooms and old hall as well as having the new library and school hall built. This would not have been possible without the support of the other schools in our diocese who gave SJV money towards our project. In 2014 we had two new demountables installed. 2015 saw another demountable installed. This allowed a smaller class to become a meeting room and take some pressure off our staff room. Under SIP funding last year we employed a Lead Teacher to support teachers in their teaching of Reading. In 2019 enrolments steadied and by the end of the year the school had 180 children enrolled. In 2019 a major refurbishment of the children's toilets and canteen was completed. This report provides the school community with information about school performance, initiatives, developments and achievements. It draws together information of major interest and importance to the school community and demonstrates accountability to the Catholic Schools Office and other regulatory bodies. The Annual School Report complements and is supplementary to school newsletters and other regular communication. It is the result of a rigorous school evaluation process, which identifies strengths and areas for development. Simon Devlin Principal

### Parent Body Message

Our 2019 President ran a successful P&F Committee which oversaw the fundraising efforts for St John Vianney School. The committee met the first Monday of each month at 7pm. In 2019 we had several guest speakers attend the meetings. The P/F held many fundraising events during the year including Mother's Day Stall, Bunnings BBQ, Father's Day Breakfast, Easter and raffles. The P/F have been very supportive of the school and donated towards Class resources, shade sail, outdoor seating and new readers for Kinder, \$750 was provided towards a hardship fund for families. The School's Canteen Committee has continued with menu changes designed to provide children with a healthy range of foods with minimal impact on families. The canteen now operates Wednesday through the generous support of our volunteers.

## Student Body Message

The student body is represented by a Student Council, comprising two elected students from each Primary class as well as the School Captains and Vice-Captains. The student Councillors are an important link in communication between students, teachers and parents. They meet regularly with the Principal to discuss school issues and act as a forum to communicate the needs of the children. The Sport Captains had the responsibility of monitoring sporting teams and sports equipment. The leaders also represented the school at special external functions including ANZAC Day Service, Mission Mass, Catholic Schools Week Mass and the Graduation Presentation at St Paul's High School. They presented at information nights and ran school assemblies. The SRC regularly support and promote our school rules by presenting them at Assembly

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## School Features

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History of the school St John Vianney School commenced operation on 17 January 1962 with 60 pupils and continues to grow with the rich educational and spiritual traditions passed down to the lay staff by the Sisters of St Joseph. The school currently has 180 students and over the past 10 years has grown by 50%. We now have 7 classes K-6 and provide a quality education in a strong Catholic setting supported by our local parish.

The school has a strong focus on Aboriginal Education and we employed an Aboriginal teacher last year for one day a week. The aim was to lift the Literacy and Numeracy results for all indigenous children and to include aboriginal perspectives into KLA's.

**Location/Drawing Area** St John Vianney is in the Lakes region of Catholic schools in the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese; there are 10 other schools in the region. The nearest Catholic School is St Josephs at Kilaben Bay. The children at SJV come from the local area including the towns of Dora Creek, Morisset, Morisset Park, Bonnells Bay, Silverwater, Mirrabooka, Brightwaters, Cooranbong, Wyee and Wyee Point. The students when they complete Year 6 at SJV often go to St Paul's Catholic College, Booragul to complete high school.

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## Student Profile

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### Student Enrolment

The School caters for students in Years K – 6. Students attending this School come from a variety of backgrounds and nationalities. The following information describes the student profile for 2019: Additional information can be found on My School website.

Girls	Boys	LBOTE*	Total Students
89	91	12	180

\* Language Background Other than English

### Enrolment Policy

The [Enrolment Policy](#) applies to all school enrolments within the Maitland-Newcastle Diocese. School authorities manage local enrolment processes and procedures in a manner consistent with the rationale and guiding principles articulated in this Enrolment Policy and accompanying procedures. It aims to:

- Set direction for school procedures and practices for enrolling students into Catholic primary and secondary schools within the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle.
- Establish a common, consistent approach in enrolment practices.
- Assist the system of Catholic schools to:
  - provide schooling, where possible, for children of Catholic families who seek enrolment
  - cater for the individual needs of each child equitably within the constraints of the available teaching and material resources
  - encourage parents enrolling their children in Catholic schools to give support to parish and school life, especially in education in faith.

### Student Attendance Rates

The average student attendance rate for 2019 was 91.53%. Attendance rates disaggregated by Year group are shown in the following table.

Attendance rates by Year group						
Kindergarten	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
93.97	90.95	92.65	89.95	91.66	90.29	91.25

## Managing Student Non-Attendance

Regular attendance at school is essential if students are to maximise their potential. The School, in partnership with parents, is responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students. While parents are legally responsible for the regular attendance of their children, School staff, as part of their duty of care, monitor part or whole day absences.

School staff, under the Principal's leadership, support the regular attendance of students by:

- providing a caring teaching and learning environment which fosters students' sense of wellbeing and belonging to the School community
- maintaining accurate records of student attendance
- recognising and rewarding excellent and improved student attendance
- implementing programs and practices to address attendance issues when they arise.

The Principal is responsible for supporting the regular attendance of students by ensuring that:

- parents and students are regularly informed of attendance requirements and the consequences of unsatisfactory attendance
- all cases of unsatisfactory attendance and part or full day absences from school are investigated promptly and that appropriate intervention strategies are implemented
- documented plans are developed to address the needs of students whose attendance is identified as being of concern
- the Regional Directors of Catholic Schools Office (CSO) or designated CSO officer is provided with regular information about students for whom chronic non-attendance is an issue and for whom the School's strategies have failed to restore regular attendance.

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## Staffing Profile

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The following information describes the staffing profile for 2019:

Total number of staff	24
Number of full time teaching staff	5
Number of part time teaching staff	11
Number of non-teaching staff	8

### Total number of teaching staff by NESA category

Teachers at this School are either accredited as conditional, provisional or proficient as defined by the NSW Teacher Accreditation Act 2004. Accreditation at the levels of Highly Accomplished and Lead teacher are voluntary. The number of teachers within the Diocesan Schools System (systemic schools) at these levels is as follows:

- Conditional 260 teachers
- Provisional 136 teachers
- Proficient 2060 teachers

Additionally, there are approximately 3 teachers who are currently actively engaged in the submission process at the higher levels of accreditation. Teacher status at individual schools can be sourced directly from the School.

### Professional Learning

The ongoing professional development of each staff member is highly valued. Professional learning can take many forms including whole school staff days, subject specific in services, meetings and conferences and a range of professional learning programs provided by the Catholic Schools Office (CSO). The School takes responsibility for planning, implementing, evaluating and tracking of its staff professional learning and individual staff members take responsibility for their ongoing professional development. All teachers have been involved in professional learning opportunities during the year related to improving student outcomes.

## Summary of professional learning at this school

Personalised Learning: all teaching staff were involved in a personalised learning course that covered 40 hours of study, delivered across two terms in 2019. The course involved both face to face and online components. It was a relevant component of our SIP and focused on up-skilling staff in developing a deeper understanding of what is required to cater for the needs of all students in the class, especially in the area of literacy.

Staff were also involved in a Staff Spirituality Day that explored our Josephite Charism. The knowledge and traditions learnt by staff from this day impacted on our awareness of the importance of strong ties with our Josephite charism, how we translate this and how it impacts on our school.

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## Catholic Identity and Mission

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Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle participate, under the leadership of the Bishop and in partnership with parents and parishes, in the mission of the Church to provide quality education in the context of a living Catholic Christian tradition. Within this context, Catholic schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle aspire to be:

“Communities of living faith where the heart of all we do is Jesus Christ.”

(Adapted from: The Catholic School's Office Diocesan Vision Statement, 2016)

As such, they are to:

Be truly Catholic in their identity and life;

Be centres of the 'new evangelisation';

Enable students to achieve high levels of 'Catholic religious literacy'; and

Be led and staffed by people who will contribute to these goals.

(Catholic Schools at a Crossroads, 2007)

St John Vianney's Catholic Identity is central to all aspects of who we are and is the cornerstone of our existence. Our conducive Christian community is present at SJV through the ongoing development of relationships amongst staff, parents, students and parish. At SJV staff members possess a caring attitude and a willingness to help each other. As a Catholic community we gather every morning to welcome each other and pray our school prayer together. Jesus is at the forefront of all we do and at SJV we look for the Spirit of Jesus in ourselves and others.

Many visible signs in the school also identify SJV as a Catholic School. Our entrance proudly displays a beautiful garden with a statue of Mary surrounded by a pebble stone mosaic of a cross. We also have tile mosaic "stepping stones" depicting religious themes made by pilgrims during World Youth Day. A stained glass window of Mary and Child is also visible as one enters the school gate. The school core values and school motto are displayed proudly on banners, boards and posters throughout the school.

We aim to support the spiritual formation of staff, students and parents. SJV staff have regularly and enthusiastically participated in Staff Spirituality Days. In 2019, staff participated in an overnight spirituality day at St Joseph's Kincumber, which focused on our Josephite Charism. Throughout the day staff were able to self-reflect on the history of our school and then discuss what this means for us today. The students at SJV are encouraged to support the wider community through prayer, financial support and service. An awareness of social justice and opportunities for action in this area is an important part of our school life. The

Mission statement is prominently displayed and recited by students each assembly and our Gospel values are highlighted every day in class and on assembly. The Mini Vinnies group, approximately 25 students, helped raise funds and supported Caritas (Project Compassion), Catholic Mission and St Vincent De Paul. In 2019, the school raised \$1185 for charities.

We are a PBS school and this year we continued to embed Making Jesus Real. As a school we focused on the attitudes and values we possess and where we see the Spirit of Jesus in those around us. SJV is a vital part of the parish and we work in partnership to form strong relationships with our community. The Parish Leadership team and the REC work collaboratively on providing worshiping opportunities that are centered on Christ and develop students' knowledge of Catholic tradition.

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## Curriculum, Learning and Teaching

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The School provides an educational program based on, and taught in accordance with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabuses for Primary Education. The Key Learning Areas (KLAs) are English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, Human Society and its Environment, Creative Arts and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education. The Catholic Schools' Office Learning Framework is brings together structures that relate to quality learning and experiences in schools across the Diocese.

The Learning Framework provides a context for the development of learning and its key components, informed by research, are built around five essential elements:

- Continual focus on Leading Learning
- Cultures built on Collaborative Learning
- Rich and purposeful Personalised Learning
- Creating the conditions for Supportive Learning
- Building capacity through Professional Learning

Based on our school's three year strategic plan, staff at St John Vianney's set six main goals. Within these goals, three cover the domains of Student Centred Learning, Building Capacity, and Leadership. The focus for Student Centred Learning was that individual student's needs, levels of readiness, interest and motivation were catered for, through challenging and engaging activities. Teachers ensured that a cohesive, manageable and consistent literacy block was maintained from 9.00-11.00am daily. The focus was on modelled guided and independent lessons that covered all aspects of Literacy, including speaking and listening, reading and writing. Teaching and learning programs have been monitored regularly to ensure effective teaching strategies that demonstrated differentiation in the classroom.

We have prioritised Professional Learning Team Meetings to allow time for professional and collegial dialogue with respect to literacy. Teachers met regularly to analyse data, (especially NAPLAN data) and student samples in order to develop a consistent approach to the teaching of literacy.

In addition, the students have been supported by a Learning Support team consisting of our Learning Support teacher and aides. In consultation with class teachers, the LST and aides assisted with literacy and numeracy support in the class five days per week. Learning support assisted the teachers with identifying students who may require additional support. They worked with teachers in implementing programs, such as Minilit, Maclit, Lexia and Getting Reading Right which are differentiated to cater for the needs of the students.

In addition, we have had a strong focus on identifying and developing the roles of Pedagogical Mentor and Gifted Education Lead Teacher within the school. These roles have assisted with SJV working towards our school goal of Building Capacity. In order for teachers to grow and develop professionally, they have had opportunities to meet on a regular basis with our Pedagogical Mentor to develop a common language, understanding and skillset that have assisted in the direction of classroom instruction, thus catering for the needs of all students. Lead by the executive team, we have had professional learning team meetings fortnightly. A clear agendas have been set, norms followed and staff were encouraged to prepare by viewing professional readings prior to the meeting and to bring samples and ideas to the meetings for collegial discussions. These regular Professional Learning Team Meetings for both Infants and Primary Teams have been a fundamental part of professional development and all teachers were encouraged to drive the agenda for PLT's, developing their capacity to understand, engage and comply with NESAs standards.

## Student Performance in Tests and Examinations

Analysis of these results assists School planning and is used to support teaching and learning programs.

The tables below show The percentages of students who achieved particular skill bands in numeracy and The aspects of literacy. The School results shown are compared to students nationally. Literacy is reported in four content strands (aspects): Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation. Numeracy is reported as a single content strand.

NAPLAN RESULTS 2019		% of students in the top 2 bands		% of students in the bottom 2 bands	
		School	Australia	School	Australia
Year 3	Grammar and Punctuation	32%	57%	25%	11%
	Reading	46%	53%	21%	11%
	Writing	37%	51%	17%	6%
	Spelling	25%	48%	32%	13%
	Numeracy	23%	40%	17%	12%
NAPLAN RESULTS 2019		% of students in the top 2 bands		% of students in the bottom 2 bands	
		School	Australia	School	Australia
Year 5	Grammar and Punctuation	30%	34%	17%	17%
	Reading	39%	37%	17%	12%
	Writing	17%	17%	39%	19%
	Spelling	30%	34%	26%	14%
	Numeracy	26%	29%	17%	14%

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## Pastoral Care and Student Wellbeing

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### Pastoral Care Policy

The School's pastoral care and student wellbeing policies guidelines and procedures are informed by the Student Well being and Pastoral Care Policy.

The Wellbeing and Pastoral Care Policy 2017, aims to provide a framework for the policies, programs, resources and practices implemented at system and school level with the purpose of supporting and enhancing the wellbeing of students, and all within its school community. It refers to the overall climate of care that exists within a Catholic school.

The environment is designed to be safe and inclusive, one that promotes academic rigour. A high priority is given to building and maintaining positive and caring relationships between staff, students and parents, and the wellbeing of all.

The Pastoral Care and Wellbeing Policy for Students can be found at [www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/policies](http://www.mn.catholic.edu.au/about/policies)

There were no changes to the policy in 2019.

### Behaviour Management and Student Discipline Policy

The School's policies and procedures for the management of student behaviour are aligned the CSO [Wellbeing and Pastoral Care Policy](#) and to the [Suspension, Exclusion and Expulsion Procedure](#). The dignity and responsibility of each person is promoted at all times along with positive student behaviours whilst ensuring respect for the rights of all students and staff. Corporal punishment is expressly prohibited in this School. The School does not sanction administration of corporal punishment by School persons and non-School persons, including parents, to enforce discipline in the School. Further information about this and other related policies may be obtained from the School's website.

### Anti-Bullying Policy

The Catholic Schools Office has established an [Anti-Bullying Policy](#) which is implemented by our school and all schools in the diocese. It provides a framework for school communities to work together to prevent and address issues of student bullying, in order to build respectful relationships that respond effectively and sensitively to the needs of each person. The CSO monitors the implementation of this policy.

The full text of the Anti-Bullying Policy may be accessed on the School's website, the administration office or at the CSO website at this link.

## Complaints Handling Policy

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has established a [Complaints Resolution Policy](#) which is implemented by our school and all systemic schools in the diocese. The rationale for the policy is that within the reality of the schooling experience, it is recognised that, from time to time, misunderstandings and differences of opinion will occur, and that these need to be resolved satisfactorily. Addressing such matters within a framework of dignity, respect and truth can provide powerful opportunities to model the love of Christ in the reality of our contemporary world. CSO monitors the implementation of this policy.

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## Initiatives promoting respect and responsibility

The students at SJV are encouraged to support the wider community through prayer, financial support and service. An awareness of social justice and opportunities for action in this area is an important part of our school life. The Mission statement is prominently displayed and recited by students each assembly and our gospel values are highlighted every day in class and on assembly. The Mini Vinnies group, approximately 25 students, helped raise funds and supported Caritas (Project Compassion), Catholic Mission and St Vincent De Paul. In 2019, the school raised \$3000 for charities, which included supporting our local farmers. We are a PBS school and this year we continued to embed Making Jesus Real. As a school we focused on the attitudes and values we possess and where we see the Spirit of Jesus in those around us. The Buddy Program for Kinder helps the new students adjust to "Big School" and allows the year 5 buddies to develop social skills and friendships. Our school leaders and school councillors lead assemblies and welcome visitors. The environmental group promotes stewardship of creation as they students to recycle and care for our school.

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## School Improvement

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The School implements the systems review Cycle of improvement which outlines the processes and benchmarks for creating the culture and practice of continuous improvement with students as the focus. Strategic Plans and School Improvement Plans are future focused documents that map the School's directions, aimed specifically at improving educational and pastoral outcomes for all students through the following areas:

- Catholic Formation and Mission
- Learning and Teaching
- Leadership
- Wellbeing and Partnerships

Each year, the School develops an Annual Improvement Plan indicating the intended key improvements for student learning outcomes. A copy of the Strategic Improvement Plan and the Annual Improvement Plan may be obtained from the School administrative office.

### Key Improvements Achieved

#### **Provide opportunities to staff, students and parents in spiritual formation**

- Staff had the opportunity to attend the local Camino as well as a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. All staff attended our spirituality day focussing on the Josephite traditions and Charism.

#### **Conduct specific professional learning opportunities in the teaching of writing informed by research and best practices**

- K-2 staff attended training focussing on the teaching of writing as well as regular discussions at Professional Learning Team meetings.

#### **A school-wide approach to education of gifted students**

- All children were tested and some children were identified as being gifted and programs and training were set up to support staff. A Gifted Education Mentor was appointed. All staff completed the Personalised Learning course through the CSO.

#### **Provide professional learning to develop implement and enhance the use of PLC and coaching**

- The leadership team have been given training in Coaching and development of Learning Teams. The executive now lead/support the Professional Learning Teams within the school.

### **School practices aligned to policies and procedures for legislative compliance**

- A successful review of WHS practice took place. The AP with the support of CSO officers reviewed all practices and policies within the school.

### **Support the introduction of COMPASS project to build a quality digital learning environment.**

Training for staff in Compass preceded the implementation of this to the community in Term 2. This supports improved communication across the school community.

### **Priority Key Improvements for Next Year**

- To cultivate and nurture the community of SJV's faith and develop their relationship with God and each other.
- Enhance effective professional collaboration for teachers to work together and to learn from each other's practices.
- Use research to collaboratively develop and implement contemporary pedagogical practices to meet the current and future learning needs of students.
- Communicate and consult with staff, families and students to ensure consistent implementation of policies regarding student behaviour, student wellbeing, non-attendance, and complaints management.
- Continue with the review of role descriptions across the school and ensuring all employees share a personal and collective responsibility for school priorities.

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## Community Satisfaction

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The opinions and ideas of parents, students and teachers are valued and sought. Their suggestions are incorporated into planning for and achieving improved outcomes for students. This year, the School has used a variety of processes to gain information about the level of satisfaction with the School from parents, students and teachers. At the beginning of each review phase school's undertakes extensive surveying of all stakeholder groups. This data is shared with the school community and contributes to the priorities for future planning.

### Parent satisfaction

Parent participation is strongly encouraged in both formal and informal situations. The many incidental contacts we have with parents indicate that many parents with children from all classes respect and appreciate the friendly openness of the staff; the fairness of handling issues and the availability of staff. Parents understand and appreciate that the staff at this school are supportive of all students. They are aware that the executive of the school do respond in a positive manner on issues that cause concern.. The COSi survey taken in 2018 indicates that 80% of parents strongly agree/agree that the school is held in high regard in the community. 76% of parents believe our school promotes a safe and inclusive environment that respects the dignity of all individuals. 88% believe our school encourages and values parents/carers being involved in the life of the school. This year COMPASS was introduced to the community and is seen as a positive communication tool.

### Student satisfaction

Student attendance rates at school and events outside school hours indicate a high level of satisfaction with school. Students are generally happy to be at school. This is evident through my discussions with senior students and at school counsellor meetings. Students are very happy to volunteer to represent the school at the various cultural, sporting and academic opportunities provided by staff.

### Teacher satisfaction

The staff retention rate indicates that staff are happy with the school. All staff continually support the school community by attending the many school and parish events throughout the year. Staff have continually provided many opportunities for the children at SJV. Many of these opportunities are often outside the normal school hours or during staff lunch breaks. 100% of staff surveyed believe we provide a quality learning environment for the children. 80% of staff believe the resources and buildings of the school are adequate. 100% of staff believe we have strong leadership and they feel supported. Staff attendance remains high

and the completion of programs, assessments and the willingness of staff to attend Professional Development indicate staff satisfaction with their positions.

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## Financial Statement

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This School Financial Information is based on the detailed information provided to the Commonwealth Government in the Commonwealth Financial Questionnaire.

School Financial Information for the 2019 year is detailed below:

<b>Recurrent and Capital Income 2019</b>	
Commonwealth Recurrent Grants <sup>1</sup>	\$1763284
Government Capital Grants <sup>2</sup>	\$0
State Recurrent Grants <sup>3</sup>	\$513046
Fees and Private Income <sup>4</sup>	\$360309
Interest Subsidy Grants	\$0
Other Capital Income <sup>5</sup>	\$95348
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$2731987</b>

<b>Recurrent and Capital Expenditure 2019</b>	
Capital Expenditure <sup>6</sup>	\$61188
Salaries and Related Expenses <sup>7</sup>	\$1882351
Non-Salary Expenses <sup>8</sup>	\$685171
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$2628710</b>

### Notes

1. Commonwealth Recurrent Grants includes recurrent per capita grants and special purpose grants.
2. Government Capital Grants includes all capital grants received from the Commonwealth and State Governments.
3. State Recurrent Grants includes recurrent grants per capita, special purpose grants and interest subsidy grants.
4. Fees and Private Income include Archdiocesan and school based fees, excursions and other private income.
5. Other Capital Income includes building levy fees and capital donations used to fund Capital Expenditure.
6. Capital Expenditure includes expenditure on School Buildings, and Furniture and Equipment.
7. Salaries and Related Expenditure includes all salaries, allowances and related expenses such as superannuation and workers compensation insurance.
8. Non-Salary Expenses include all other Non-Salary Recurrent Expenditure covering resources, administration, operational expenses, utilities, repairs and maintenance.

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