



ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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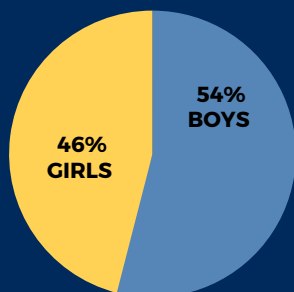
About us

Freshwater Christian College is a leading co-educational independent Christian College educating boys and girls from Preparatory to Year 12.

The College is dedicated to seeing all students flourish relative to their God-given potential. Our curriculum and accompanying programs are designed to address the holistic needs of all students appropriate to their developmental stage and learning style.

We are a member of Associated Christian Schools, Independent Schools Queensland, and Christian Schools Australia.

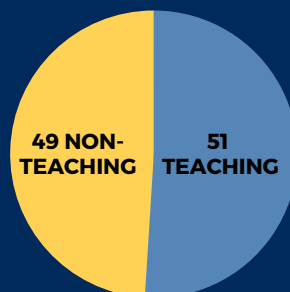
STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS



6.7% INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

TOTAL ENROLMENTS AS AT AUGUST CENSUS = 537

STAFF CHARACTERISTICS



27 MALE
73 FEMALE

56 FULL TIME
45 PART TIME

7 MASTERS DEGREE
49 BACHELOR DEGREE
10 DIPLOMA



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Principal Message

This year has been like no other - a veritable roller coaster experience, an action-packed ride of faith and hope. During Term One, We moved through the tail-end and most violent part of the COVID storm. Drawing on great endurance and faith in God, we finished strong and entered calmer waters in Term Four. This year, and the four preceding it, has reminded me of one of my favourite TV shows...Star Trek! Every episode opens with the following statement:

These are the voyages of the starship Enterprise. Its five-year mission: to explore strange new worlds. To seek out new life and new civilizations. To boldly go where no man has gone before!

Our Mission is very different to that of the Star Trek crew, however, there are some interesting parallels. My five years as the 'Captain' of the College has zoomed by at warp speed. We have explored strange new 'worlds' through our experiences of lockdowns and mandates. The entire community boldly took on the challenge of 'Learning From Home'. I'm sure you'll never forget the teacher zoom meetings, using technology that would not have looked out of place on Star Trek. There are many moments in the life of a school that don't make the Yearbook, and that few people experience. Here, I relate some of the beautiful moments that have gladdened my heart this year.

Principal's tours are one of the most enjoyable aspects of my role. I get to experience all aspects of the College in full flow, touring the classrooms with parents and visitors in tow. It is thrilling to see our Mission - LIFE, LOVE and LEARN - lived out across the College. This year we hosted tours and lunch for seventy Christian school principals from all over Australia. It was heartening to hear their positive feedback on how we are empowering our students to grow and flourish.

The College's diligent dedication to prayer makes all the difference, as God gives the increase to all of our efforts. Besides the 'Week of Prayer' we enjoy once a term, and our Thursday morning prayer meetings, I am blessed to note that we have also added a weekly parent prayer meeting this year.

Our senior students have also significantly contributed to the spiritual life of the College, their dedication to honour God with Spirit-filled energetic praise and worship during weekly chapels has been tremendously impressive.

It's very exciting to see ex-students returning to the College to share their successes and encourage and inspire our students to develop and pursue a powerful vision for their lives. Our first alumni reunion event at the College took place in the September holiday. This represents a new era in the life of the College, and we look forward to many other future alumni events. It's also heartening to note, that for many years we've been experiencing ex-students returning to the College as parents to enrol their children. As we enter our fortieth year of ministry to the Cairns community, we are increasingly enjoying the generational impact of Christian education. Here's looking forward to the next forty years of transformative Christian education at Freshwater Christian College. Thank you to the Freshwater Christian College community for your prayers and support throughout this year and over these past five years of my time at the College. Freshwater is God's school and I know that as we move forward, the College will continue to go from strength-to-strength and glory-to-glory under the leadership of our new Principal, Mr Matthew Scott. I look forward to returning to the College next year, for our Fortieth Birthday celebrations, and seeing how God is continuing to bless the College community as we continue to raise up generations of young people to live for God and for good.

Captain Doug Holtam signing off for the last time, Stardate 2022! God bless.



DOUG HOLTAM

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Funding

Funding information may be found at
<http://www.myschool.edu.au/>

Social Climate

- Wellbeing programs for students and staff
- Parent Volunteer Program
- Parent Forums and Surveys conducted regularly

Further information may be found at www.fcc.qld.edu.au or
<https://freshwatercc.schoolzineplus.com/schoolnews/archive>

NAPLAN

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<http://www.myschool.edu.au/>

Student Attendance

The average student attendance rate for the whole school in 2022 is 91.58%.

Prep	91.06%
Year 1	92.61%
Year 2	92.49%
Year 3	92.49%
Year 4	91.30%
Year 5	91.83%
Year 6	91.95%
Year 7	90.99%
Year 8	91.40%
Year 9	91.25%
Year 10	91.05%
Year 11	91.34%
Year 12	92.73%

Non Attendance

The College has comprehensive procedures to manage non-attendance. Parents of absent students are required to contact the College on the morning of the absence to advise the reason why their child is not at school. Parents will be contacted by SMS if they fail to contact the College. Students who are continually absent are counselled.

Year 12 Outcomes

37 students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

3 students awarded a Senior Statement

2 students completing/completed a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT)

24 students awarded one more VET qualification:

- 16 students awarded a Certificate II
- 19 students awarded a Certificate III
- 1 student awarded a Diploma

Post-school destination

At the time of publishing this Annual Report, the results of the 2022 post-school destinations survey, *Next Steps - Student Destination* report for the school was not available. Information about these post-school destinations of our students will be uploaded to the school's website in September after release of the information.