



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

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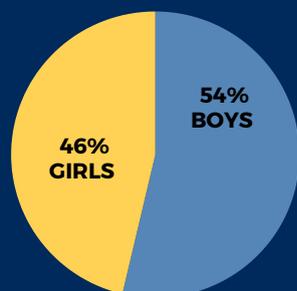
About us

Freshwater Christian College is a leading co-educational independent Christian College educating learners 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.

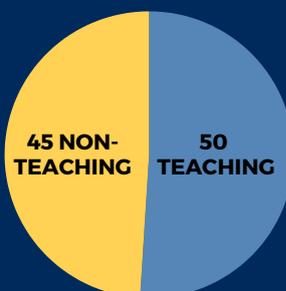
STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS



5.7% INDIGENOUS STUDENTS

TOTAL ENROLMENTS AS AT AUGUST 2023 CENSUS = 531

STAFF CHARACTERISTICS



24 MALE
71 FEMALE

58 FULL TIME
37 PART TIME

9 MASTERS DEGREE
49 BACHELOR DEGREE
13 DIPLOMA



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Principal's Message

It's hard to believe that we have reached the end of 2023. It feels like just yesterday that my family and I stepped off the plane and arrived in Cairns, ready to commence our journey at Freshwater Christian College. Over the past twelve months, I have come to appreciate the beautiful people, spaces, and culture here at Freshwater, and I feel privileged to be leading our College as Principal.

One of my first highlights was watching our Preps start the year, letting go of their parent's hands, taking a deep breath, and commencing their learning journey with us. I couldn't help but think about how important it is to recognise and celebrate each of their differences and to ensure that as a College, we value each child as an individual, wonderfully made by God.

Another highlight was understanding the unique quality of education and care that Freshwater provides. Our tagline for this year at the College has been to 'experience the Freshwater difference'. This statement encapsulates the notion that our College is not like anywhere else. Our tropical 40 acre property, along the banks of Freshwater Creek, provides the backdrop for a diverse community of learners to develop academically, socially, and spiritually. Our passionate teaching staff, and dedicated support team strive to ensure that our Freshwater culture and standards best represent our mission to be the light in the world.

A recent highlight was our 40-year celebration, where we acknowledged four decades of learning and spiritual development at Freshwater, formerly Cairns Christian College. This was a wonderful opportunity to reflect and remember the pioneers of Freshwater Christian College and to celebrate their sacrifices and commitment towards developing our flourishing College today.

As I reflect on the year, I am extremely grateful to our students, staff, and families for the strong sense of collaboration and community that exists at Freshwater. This has been evident throughout the year at our various College events such as; chapels, open day, choir performances, sporting carnivals, wheelbarrow race, bush kindy, camps, opti-minds, futsal games, parent breakfasts, book parades, excursions, and graduation.

As we prepare for the next season at Freshwater, I am excited to continue to develop high standards of excellence and growth in our students and within our community, as we seek to empower and educate the next generation.



MATTHEW SCOTT
PRINCIPAL

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.schoolzinepl.us.com/schoolnews/archive>

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Student Attendance

The average student attendance rate for the whole school in 2023 is 91%.

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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

29 students were awarded a Senior Education Profile (SEP)

27 students were awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE)

2 students were awarded a Senior Statement only

11 students completed a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SAT)

students awarded one or more VET qualifications:

- 8 students were awarded a Certificate II
- 14 students were awarded a Certificate III
- 0 students were awarded a Diploma

Post-school destination

At the time of publishing this Annual Report, the results of the 2023 post-school destinations survey, and the *Next Steps - Student Destination* report for the school were unavailable. Information about these post-school destinations of our students will be uploaded to the school's website in September after the release of the information.