



# Annual Report 2022

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# St Columba's Memorial School

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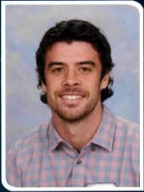















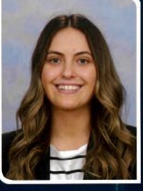

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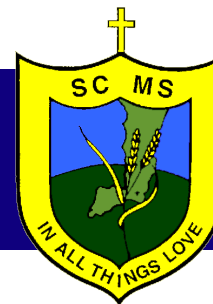


## 2022 SCHOOL STAFF

 **St Columba's Memorial School**  
Staff - 2022  
Principal: Scott March

 Scott March	 Julie Anderson	 Billy Creeper	 Margaret Grainger	 Angela Grigoras-Oates	 Suzie Harvey	 Miriam Honner
 Katie Hughes	 Alice Johnson	 Amy Kennedy	 Danielle McGrath	 Amy McPhail	 Karlee Parsons	
 Bruce Pycroft	 Nicole Redman	 Emily Rowe	 Gabrielle Schmidt	 Mandy Thompson	 Jorja Warwick	 Phoebe Watkins

Absent: Joshua Crommelin, Molly Flanagan, Jo Minks.  
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## **A SCHOOL OVERVIEW**

St Columba's Memorial School is a rural school situated in the southern section of the Yorke Peninsula in South Australia. The school began in 1957 as both a day and boarding school for students from the Yorke Peninsula. Students were taught and cared for by the Sisters of St Joseph following the Catholic tradition modelled by their founder, St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. Over the years renovations and additions have updated the schools' facilities. In 2002 the Sisters of St Joseph left Yorketown for other ministries and the first lay principal was appointed. The school no longer caters for boarders. Our students range from Reception to Year 7. The school welcomes families of all denominations wishing students to participate in a school with Christian beliefs. Our students come from as far as Marion Bay in the South to Minlaton in the North. One of our strengths in having a small community is every student is known personally and cared for by every staff member. The school works in partnership with parents and the wider community, nurturing students to love learning and search for truth. We provide a Catholic education developing each student's gifts, values and uniqueness. We offer Spanish as our LOTE subject, Art and Recorder (with specialist teachers) as well as the eight key areas of learning. Students participate in the Southern Yorke Peninsula Interschool Sports and Catholic Interschool Athletics. We encourage a pursuit of excellence in academic learning and prepare students as future leaders. We celebrate students' success, encouraging them with challenges to greater endeavour.

## **KEY STUDENT OUTCOMES**

### **Student Attendance**

In the event of a student absentee when a note or phone call has not reached the school, the school will use the student management system to send an SMS to the family to determine why the student is absent or late. If a child/children absenteeism is longer than 3 days without contact being made by the family, a staff member, usually a Teacher will contact the family. In the event of extended absenteeism, a meeting is scheduled between the family and the Principal.

#### **Attendance Year: 2022**

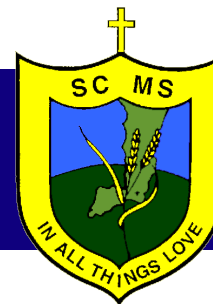
**Term 1: 31/01/2022 - 14/04/2022**

**Term 2: 2/05/2022 - 8/07/2022**

**Term 3: 25/07/2022 - 30/09/2022**

**Term 4: 17/10/2022 - 16/12/2022**

<b>Year level</b>	<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Term 4</b>
RE	88.0%	79.0%	78.4%	78.7%
Yr. 1	80.6%	90.2%	83.6%	86.0%
Yr. 2	84.3%	80.3%	88.4%	83.6%
Yr. 3	71.3%	84.2%	83.8%	83.2%
Yr. 4	87.3%	90.2%	89.2%	87.1%
Yr. 5	74.8%	84.1%	89.4%	88.3%
Yr. 6	84.5%	87.7%	85.5%	84.8%
Yr. 7	89.3%	91.0%	88.1%	91.2%



**THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL BOARD MEETING OF THE  
ST COLUMBA'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL BOARD  
HELD ON MAY 4TH 2022 STARTING AT 6.30 PM**

Minutes of the St Columba's Memorial School Annual General Meeting held on May 4<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6.30pm.

**Attendees:** See attached list

Principal, Scott March welcome everyone and thanked them for attending.

**Opening Prayer:** Miriam Honner

**Acknowledgement of Country:** Anna Phasey

**Declaration of Conflicts of Interest:** Scott explained to attendees the reason this Declaration is in place.

**Apologies:** See attached list

**Minutes of the last Meeting held on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021:** Anna Phasey nominated to accept this report as a true and accurate record, seconded by Simone Rowe.

**REPORTS:**

**Principal:** Tabled: Scott March presented the report.  
Anna Phasey nominated to accept this report as a true and accurate record, seconded by Mat Smith.

**Parish:** Nil

**Chairperson:** Tabled: Anna Phasey presented the report.  
Mat Smith nominated to accept this report as a true and accurate record, seconded by Brad Caudle.

**Treasurer:** Tabled: Scott March presented the Treasurers report prepared by Bursar, Margaret Grainger.  
Anna Phasey nominated to accept this report as a true and accurate record, seconded by Miriam Honner

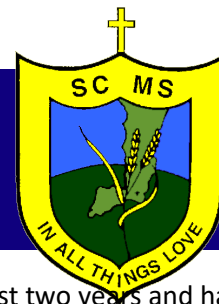
**Parents and Friends – Gather and Grow Group:** Tabled: Anna Phasey presented the Parents and Friends report prepared by President, Lisa Bryan.  
Anna Phasey nominated to accept this report as a true and accurate record, seconded by Mat Smith.

**Work, Health and Safety Report:** Tabled: Scott March presented the report prepared by Amy Kennedy.  
Miriam Honner nominated to accept this report as a true and accurate record, seconded by Brad Caudle.

**Election and Renomination of Board Members:** Principal, Scott March thanked Board members, Anna Phasey, Nadine Carmichael and Amanda Loechel for their service to the Board but they will not be

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continuing in their roles. Anna has been School Board Chairperson for the last two years and has done a remarkable job.

All positions were declared vacant, Scott went on to explain that some Board members will continue to finish their second tenures. Board members continuing are Mat Smith, Richard Dodd and Gavin Bryan, who are part way through their term. Currently Jason Berends sits as an inactive member of our School Board as he has not met all eligibility requirements. Miriam Honner has been a standing member as Staff Representative and will be stepping down this year. Emily Rowe will be taking her place as Staff Representative.

Scott opened the floor for nominations to the School Board:

Mat Smith nominated Brad Caudle for Board member, seconded by Miriam Honner. Brad Caudle accepted the nomination. All in favour.

Scott March nominated Simone Rowe for Board member, seconded by Gavin Bryan. Simone Rowe accepted the nomination. All in favour.

### **Election of Officer Bearers:**

Chair Nomination:

Anna Phasey nominated Mat Smith for position of Chair, seconded by Miriam Honner. Mat Smith accepted the nomination. All in favour.

Deputy Chair Nomination:

Scott March asked Gavin Bryan if will continue as Deputy Chair. Gavin Bryan accepted.

Treasurer Nomination:

Scott March nominated Simone Rowe for the position of Treasurer, seconded by Mat Smith. Simone Rowe declined the nomination.

Simone Rowe nominated Richard Dodd for the position of Treasurer, seconded by Mat Smith. Richard Dodd accepted the nomination. All in favour.

Secretary Nominations:

Scott March nominated Nicole Redman as Board Secretary, seconded by Brad Caudle. Nicole Redman accepted.

**General Business:** Nil

**Next Board Meeting:** Wednesday 15 June 2022 starting at 7pm.

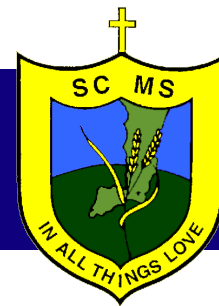
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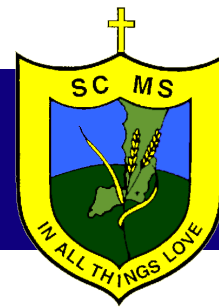
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St Columba's Memorial School AGM held on May 4 <sup>th</sup> 2022	
Name	Signature
Brod Cudde	
Anna Phasesy	
Miriam Pomeroy	
MAF SMITH	MAF Smith
Scott March	
Emily Rowe	Emily Rowe
SIMONE ROWE	via Zoom
Richard Dodd	"
Gar Bryan	"
Nicole Redman	NRedman
Apologies	Nadine Carmichael Amanda Leichel



## **ST COLUMBA'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S** **ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

### **School Board AGM Report** **Scott March 15/03/22**

2022 was a year of growth and change at SCMS.

#### **Staffing**

For the first time throughout the pandemic, we experienced the impact of having the virus in the community. Over the course of the year this impacted the school in a variety of ways

- The year began with the first four weeks having the majority of our Year 3-7 students at home learning. Our R-2 students returned to school but it certainly was a strange start to the year. We again pivoted to a 'Learning at Home' mode.
- From Week 5 we had regular occurrences of COVID-19 impacting student attendance. Student attendance normally sits above 90% in Term 1. In 2022 it hovered between 75% to 90%. This continued throughout 2022.
- COVID had a big impact on staffing. Many times, we were stretched with staff absences and a lack of relievers in the community. Over the course of the year 95% of staff took some COVID related leave
- Vaccine mandates also had an impact on staffing and volunteering at SCMS
- COVID led to the postponement and ultimate cancellation of some Interschool Sporting events.
- More than 75% of our student population experienced COVID during 2022.

#### **New Staff**

Turnover of staff is all too common in Regional schools which experience higher rates of transient staff than metro schools. In 2022 we welcomed Phoebe Watkins and Jorja Warwick to the school. They have both settled into our culture superbly and provided high quality learning to our Junior Primary.

#### **Student Teachers**

During 2022, we took in 3 student Teachers at our school. This is a strategic decision as it helps us build relationships with Pre-Service Teachers. Education is at a crossroads regarding staffing so these initiatives are crucial.

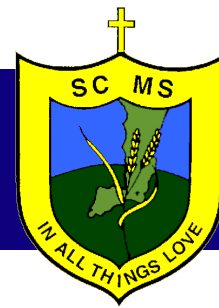
#### **Strategic Work**

2022 was also a strategic year behind the scenes as we grew by close to 20% in student population, somewhat unexpectedly. This enabled us to split our Reception class in the back end of the year.

We worked with Catholic Education who took our Master Plan to tender. Due to increasing construction costs the tender price came in over budget. What came next was back and forth between our preferred tenderer Pascale Constructions, and Catholic Education around agreed price in order to begin the Capital Works project. This meant we had to plan to push the loan size from \$650,000 to \$800,000 in order to ensure it was financially viable.

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Thankfully due to the increase in enrolments, it seems likely that we may only need to draw out the original loan amount, and not have to draw out the loan until May this Year.

This is made even more remarkable by the strategic decision to purchase 51 Warooka Rd when it was offered to the school for private sale. This is currently being tenanted by Pascale Constructions as a site office for their building works. At the conclusion of these works we are likely to rent this property out into the community. Rentals in the SYP are increasingly hard to come by, so tenanting the property should be attainable.

The capital works began in late 2022 and have continued into 2023. The current estimated finish date for all works is June the 15<sup>th</sup>. I would expect this date to push out to Early July. Fortunately, there have been minimal variations to the works so far. Already we are seeing the impact of this work, with the soft opening of our new toilets.

### Academic Progress

During 2021 and 2022 the school used the Living Leading Learning survey developed by Catholic Education to survey our parent community. What came out of this was that our parents rated us strongly in Community Engagement and Catholic Identity, and relatively poorly in School facilities. Hopefully the continued Capital Works project will help rectify the perception of our facilities in the community.

Our school is regularly acknowledged for their community work, which is one of the most important reasons why we exist.

Importantly though schools have an imperative to ensure strong academic growth for all students. This is measured in a variety of ways including school reports, assessments conducted by the teachers as well as standardised assessments such as NAPLAN.

Over the past 4 years we have worked tirelessly as a staff to ensure we have the programs in place to support all students to make academic success. Part of our work is the engagement with educational professional Lyn Sharrett and her work in Clarity. This work is separated into 14 parameters with the first being non-negotiable. It asks our teachers to have shared beliefs and understandings in the following:

- A All students can achieve high standards given the right time and the right support.
- B All teachers can teach to high standards given time and the right assistance
- C High expectations and early and ongoing intervention are essential
- D All leaders, teachers and students can articulate what they do and why they lead, teach and learning the way they do.

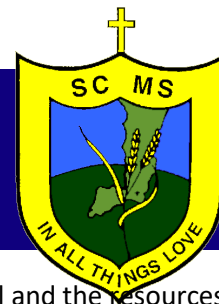
This guides our work. This ensures we have intervention programs such as Prelit, Minilit, Reading Tutor in place to support students to ensure given the right time and the right support they can attain high standards.

One way we can measure the impact of these outcomes is through our NAPLAN results as a school. Across the board these have steadily inclined over the past four years across all domains. Currently our primary results indicate we are above national average in 9/10 domains. Given South Australian schools



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sit under the national average in all domains and given the size of our school and the resources we have access to this is a wonderful achievement.

### Community Events

Fortunately, we were able to hold many of the events that bring our community together in 2022, including Sports Day, the Book Week Parade and Presentation Night. All of these events were incredibly well attended by our families.

### Opportunity

We want to continue to provide our students with the best possible opportunities. Whether that be from Catholic Schools Music Festival, engaging with both Primary and Secondary SAPSASA and Catholic Sporting Events and the variety of Camps, Excursions and Incursions we run.

In 2022 we were able to win 2 consecutive Sporting School Grants to provide AFL Football and Gymnastics Workshops to our students. In 2023 we will be running Hockey Clinics in Week 8.

This year for the first time we will be taking our Year 5/6/7's to Canberra. This is an important trip and the children will experience many opportunities that tie in to the Upper Primary Australian curriculum

### Catholic Identity

We continue to ensure that as a school, we are noticeably Catholic.

Our Catholic identity permeates through not only Religious Education lessons, but daily prayer in the class and interactions in the yard.

Recently as we've had Fr Anthony travel from Adelaide to officiate mass, he has praised our students for their reverence and engagement in Mass. This is a reflection on our work as a school in preparing the students for Mass. In 2022 we finished the year with a beautiful graduation Mass where the graduating students and their families, reflected on the years at SCMS with a touching service.

We're beginning to see the levels of engagement from parents at school masses return to Pre-Covid levels.

### The Future

I'd like to thank the members of the School Board of support.

Thank you to Mat for stepping into the role of School Board Chair in 2022. He has done a terrific job and provided me with great counsel throughout the year. Thank you for our entire School Board. I am blessed with an incredible sounding board and trusting people to work with.

It's important to look forward with optimism into 2023. There will no doubt be challenges over the next months as we transition into our new spaces.

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As a person of faith, I often look to Australia's only Saint, Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop for inspiration in times of challenge or uncertainty. Last year I ended the Board report with the quote from Mary which was to 'Be eager in your **desires** but **humbly patient** in their accomplishment.'

I have drawn on this quote lots of times during times of impatience throughout the past 12 months. I'm so eager to have this work completed and embrace the facilities at our disposal.

But as we end the year, I remind us of another quote from St Mary Mackillop:

**'We are but travellers here'.**

It reminds me that we do not own the land or the buildings we work in, we are simply stewards. The best we can do as a Board and as a community is to focus on the students we have, and the students we will have in the future.

Who do we want them to become? How can the decisions we make help support them to become thriving people, and capable learners?

How do we make decisions to stay an innately Catholic school in an incredibly complex world, where our students and families are influenced in so many different ways?

There are no answers to these questions, apart from ensuring that we as a Board continue to be conscious of our role as stewards for both the current and future generations of students at SCMS.

God Bless,

Scott



## **ST COLUMBA'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL BOARD** **CHAIRPERSON'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

Welcome everyone, firstly I would like to thank Mr Scott March for his continual leadership and forward-thinking plans that benefit our School and our District. 2022 has been my first year as chairperson, I was initially unsure of my nomination, but I am glad that I took on this role. Scott has helped me along the way which had made it easier to step in from Anna and had the chance to be involved in important decisions on families' behalf. Appreciation to the Board for their thoughts and opinions throughout the year. Looking forward to another productive year and welcoming new members.

Farewell to Mr Billy Creeper and Graduating families. We welcome new staff to the school this year with Miss Caitlin Roads teaching year 5 and Mrs Alison Murdock teaching Spanish. Also adding to our valuable support workers team throughout each classroom. Each Staff member has seemed to fit in nicely within the classrooms and existing staff, as you saw at Parent Interviews and assembly. Gather and Grow (parents & friends) fundraising efforts are to be congratulated. Lisa Bryan was very deserving of the Rowan Ramsey award. Their AGM has been postponed hoping for more attendance to fill the roles.

With Father John needing to suddenly return to Kenya in January, I'd like to thank Miriam and Scott for their ongoing advocacy in ensuring that Mass is available to students.

On review/reflection the last couple of years, although there may not seem to be many items, there has been a big focus on the master plan and purchasing of the neighbouring residence, both bringing important times ahead.

Scott and the board have been working hard to get the Master Plan design right. It hasn't been smooth sailing due to building delays and such out of any one's control, but we have been making changes to get the right fit for the school.

The Board had been working on potentially having an OSHC which would have been another exciting thing/resource for the school but made the tough decision to not continue with this implementation and support the OSHC at Yorketown Area School. We feel that one OSCH would be enough for the town.

The students have had some great out of class opportunities with events like SAPSASA at (Santos) Stadium, choir at the festival theatre Adelaide and some amazing excursions to Naracoorte and Adelaide Hills. Recognition to Staff who put in a lot of extra organisation and effort into these trips.

The NAPLAN results come back from our year 5 students of 2022 as the 6<sup>th</sup> ranking in all South Australia schools with an average of 519, this just shows that the school is moving in the right direction academically. All equally great achievements.

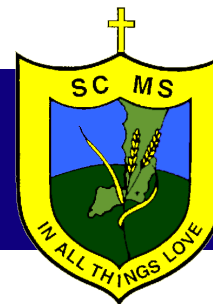
This year the school is planning a trip that SCMS hasn't done before, in October the 5/6/7 student's will be heading to Canberra which will give the students an opportunity to take in a different experience and learning that will be exciting time for them. We have called on support from families with survey response and fundraising targets.

Moving forward into 2023 I look forward to the process and completion of the master plan and to see the families enjoy the new build as much as we have seeing the design come to life.

Best Wishes

Mathew Smith

Chairperson of the School Board 2022



## **ST COLUMBA'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL FINANCE** **ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

- St Columba's Memorial School had 91 students at our February 2023 Census.
- KPMG are currently conducting the audit of the 2022 school financials. Once completed, reports will be available for signing by the school board Chairperson and will then be provided to Catholic Education.
- 2022 saw a surplus of \$566,411 for the school (please note - this is a DRAFT amount until the audit has been completed by KPMG). This was due to our building works not commencing as early in the year as planned as well as additional funding received from the State & Australian Government due to a significant increase in students numbers during 2022. The surplus puts the school in a fantastic position financially for the continuing building works during 2023. It also means we will not need to draw down on the Catholic Development Fund loan as early as expected, saving us money in interest for 2023.
- Aged Debtors for 2022 resulted in only \$4,496 outstanding. We are confident that this outstanding amount will be paid over the coming year. A vast majority of families continue to make use of our direct debit arrangements to spread their school fee payments over the year.
- The Gather and Grow Group had another busy and successful year ending with a surplus of \$4,458. Specifics will be covered in their report.
- Budget for 2023 has been finalised. 2023 will see the building works completed hopefully by the middle of the year.
- **Capital & Significant Expenditure**

### Property

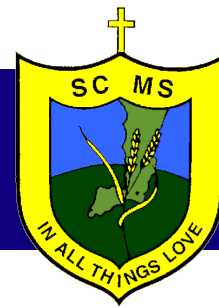
- Building Works Progress Payments 2022 \$688,483
- Purchase of 49 Warooka Road Yorke town \$283,000

### Vehicles

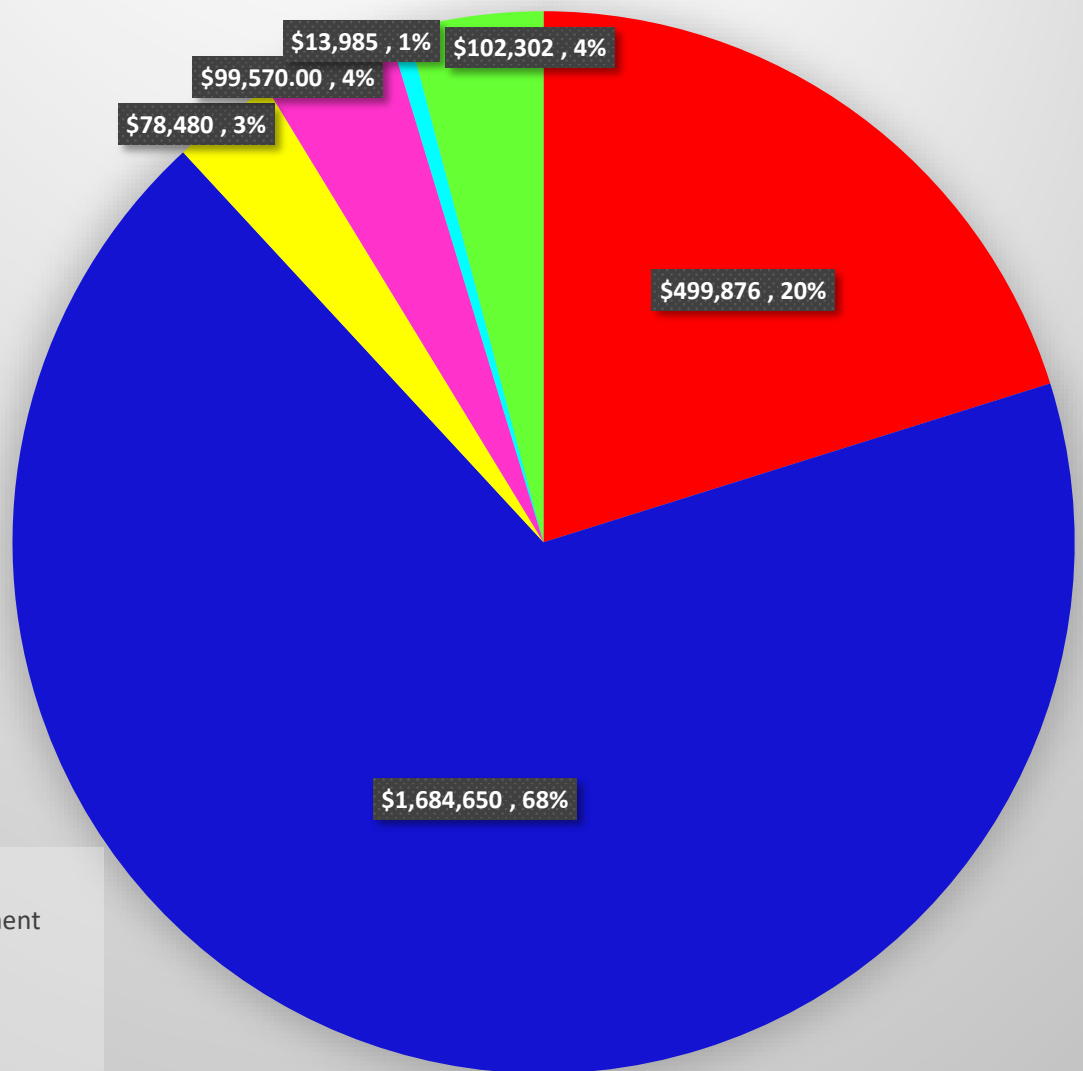
School Van \$55,718

### Computers

- Laptops \$11,700
- Desktop Computers \$2,356



## School Income 2022



- State Government
- Australian Government
- Aust Govt - Other
- Fees Tuition
- Fees Other
- Other Income

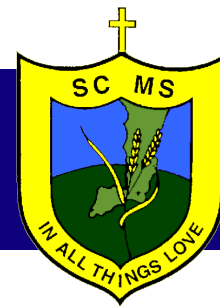
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ST COLUMBA'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL YORKE TOWN 2023 CASH MOVEMENT BUDGET			
Cashflow Data	Budget	Actual	Budget
Account Description	2022	2022	2023
INCOME	\$	\$	\$
<b>Recurrent</b>			
Tuition Fees (inc. discounts)	96,268	99,570	97,000
Compulsory Charges	1,200	735	772
Unapplied Receipts	0	1,951	0
Other Charges, Students to third party	0	2,169	2,277
Excursions	6,850	9,130	7,074
Administration Income	18,600	17,263	12,525
Donations - Recurrent	0	2,407	2,527
Other Income	1,400	9,731	1,399
Long Service Leave	0	28,647	16,000
Paid Parenting Leave	0	31,291	0
CPL Allowance	6,000	3,039	3,191
Aust Gov't Paid Parenting Leave	0	9,926	0
State Grant Income - per capita	444,982	490,788	497,316
State Grant Income - other	0	9,088	9,053
Aust Gov't Grant Income - per capita	1,307,946	1,684,650	1,491,950
Aust Gov't Grant Income - other	21,600	78,480	71,181
	<b>1,904,846</b>	<b>2,478,863</b>	<b>2,212,285</b>
<b>Non-Current</b>			
Capital Donations	450	300	315
	<b>450</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>315</b>
<b>Loan drawdowns</b>			
	650,000	0	800,000
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
<b>Tuition</b>			
Teacher Salaries - Lay & Religious	-710,993	-793,910	-774,374
Teacher Salaries - Casual Relief (TRT)	-15,000	-41,399	-25,000
Principal Car Costs	-7,116	-3,234	-4,000
Aust Gov't Paid Parenting Leave	0	-9,926	0
Salaries - Aides & Assistants	-131,585	-145,995	-173,560
Superannuation - Tuition	-72,877	-85,329	-83,250
Superannuation - Teacher Support	-13,487	-15,542	-19,739
Workers Compensation	-13,000	-13,621	-14,302
Fringe Benefits Tax	0	-4,167	-4,376
Education Resource Costs	-41,965	-24,401	-45,625
Information Technology Costs	-27,700	-17,059	-20,048
Other Tuition Expenditure	-5,740	-8,810	-8,140
Excursions	-9,515	-27,203	-39,075
Payment to Charities	0	-1,724	0
	<b>-1,048,978</b>	<b>-1,192,320</b>	<b>-1,196,479</b>
<b>Administration</b>			
Administration Salaries	-100,270	-156,859	-178,540
Staffing Contract Costs - Administration	-15,000	-30,129	-25,000
Superannuation	-15,033	-17,193	-19,451
Maintenance Wages	-46,396	-12,962	-12,734
Maintenance	-38,000	-17,604	-37,000
Gardens & Grounds	-9,500	-6,018	-6,319
Caretaking & Cleaning	-39,000	-36,302	-40,000
Utilities	-15,300	-18,057	-18,229
Insurance - General	-18,600	-24,378	-19,770
Administration Expenses	-17,700	-16,918	-15,000
Fee & Charges	-6,100	-5,613	-6,000
Other Administration Costs	-52,350	-180,301	-160,064
Levies	-82,296	-122,481	-81,658
Staff Training - Teaching	-6,000	-5,335	-5,602
Staff Training - Non-Teaching	-2,500	-2,056	-2,158
WHS	-3,000	-1,074	-3,000
Interest Expense - loans	14,000	0	-15,000
Rent - Relocatables	-10,800	-14,400	-6,000
Assets < \$1,000	-6,500	-1,985	-6,500
	<b>-470,345</b>	<b>-689,665</b>	<b>-658,025</b>
<b>Non-Current</b>			
Buildings	0	-688,483	0
Fixed Equipment & Improvements	-2,000,000	-283,354	-1,646,042
Furniture & Equipment	-20,000	-7,000	-20,000
Computer Equipment	-20,000	-14,057	-20,000
Motor Vehicles	-75,000	-55,719	0
	<b>-2,115,000</b>	<b>-1,048,613</b>	<b>-1,686,042</b>
<b>Repayments</b>			
Loan Principal Repayments - CDF/SDF	-38,322	0	-49,000
	<b>-38,322</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-49,000</b>
<b>TRADING ACCOUNTS</b>			
Clothing Pool - Income	6,000	8,652	9,085
Clothing Pool - Expense	-7,000	-9,223	-9,684
Fundraising - Income	0	1,200	1,260
Fundraising - Expenses	0	-3,000	-3,150
P&F - Income	0	7,292	0
P&F - Expenses	0	-2,642	0
	<b>-1,800</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>-2,989</b>
<b>Surplus / Deficit</b>	<b>-1,118,949</b>	<b>-453,515</b>	<b>-579,955</b>



## **ST COLUMBA'S MEMORIAL GATHER AND GROW** **PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

Together with Chantel, we would like to thank the entire Gather and Grow team for their support in 2022. Another thank you to Scott who is always willing to guide & encourage our efforts and ideas to help support our school. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated group to help focus on fundraising, events & community engagements.

Our AGM saw Chantel Wilde and myself as co-president with Lisa Bryan as secretary & treasurer. Lisa, a very experienced and valued member of our Gather & Grow group made sure things stayed on track & was always there for support.

This year we didn't have a particular fundraising goal to reach and with some children still learning from home and some at school things were a little slow to start. However, we were fortunate enough to have beautiful weather for sports day was our first fundraiser of the year, held at the town oval which was very successful.

Tasty Tuesday was very well supported by parents which lead us to purchase a new sandwich press to keep up with the demand. Thank you to our Tasty Tuesday helpers for making this possible for the students. Some parent helpers along with Miriam cooked allergy friendly pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, word on the playground was that they were delicious!

We've almost sold the last of the cookbooks & this year introduced 'in all things love' beanies for the colder months. We will continue to sell the rest of the beanies next year during terms 2 & 3. Our original plan of 4 trading tables changed to 1 for the year but was successful as always. Fortunately we were asked twice to cater a morning tea for the PAC students in Point Turton, this was a relatively easy fundraiser and helped with overall profit.

Term 3 finally saw our orchard/green space come to life as piles of bark chips & even more sand was delivered to the school. Dozens of families came together to help create a wonderful and inviting space for our children to explore and learn in. The transformation has been incredible and we were extremely happy to tick it off our list.

Our one and only fundraiser for term 4 was the gingerbread houses was again popular and Qkr seemed to be the best and easiest ways for families to purchase these. Term 4 was also a chance to relax and unwind at a lunch at the Melville. It also gave us a chance to thank and say farewell to Michelle Thompson for her many years on the Gather & Grow team.

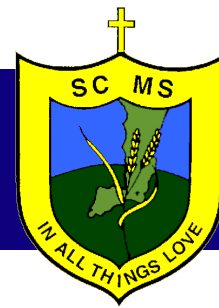
Our regular meetings during the year were always productive. Gifts went out to parents of new babies, food from our 'in all things love' freezer reached those in need and our annual uniform stocktake was completed.

Our financial report from Margaret (school bursar) saw our profit for 2022 - \$4458.30 this is a wonderful achievement from our team.

Each year we say goodbye to students, family and staff and this year is no different. We wish them well for the future and hope their time at SCMS was a memorable one. We said farewell to the Minks and

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Greenwood families as their youngest children were off to high school, the Gather and Grow team organised gifts to these families as we do each year. We would also like to welcome new families and staff for 2023 we hope they enjoy their time here.

The year finished off with carols, presentations, awards and a farewell to our graduating year 7's. It was a wonderful way to say goodbye to 2022 and was well supported. Congratulations to Lisa Bryan who won the Rowan Ramsay community award for 2022, we couldn't think of a more deserving recipient.

Thank you for supporting myself and Chantel as co-president. Thank you to the entire Gather & Grow team and to those to made contributions to the school. We are very blessed to be surrounded by such a wonderful group of people. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful new year. See you in 2023!

Simone Rowe & Chantel Wilde  
Co-presidents – Gather & Grow Team 2022





## **ST COLUMBA'S MEMORIAL SCHOOL WHS** **ANNUAL REPORT 2022**

I started my last board report with “I think it is safe to say that none of us thought 2021 could have been any more challenging than 2020”. And yet, along came 2022 and starting the school year with some students on site, some learning from home and plenty of extra work and stress for staff and families alike. Thankfully, the rest of the year was somewhat ‘normal’ after this little hurdle at the beginning.

I imagine the ‘normal’ year that was 2022, wasn’t as stress free as Mr March would have liked, with the planning of the new build being finalised and then beginning! The porta loos were a highlight for the students, and a pain in the backside for Mrs Redman and Mrs Grainger (and anyone else in the front office) with students coming in multiple times an hour to get them unlocked. WHS implications that came along with the build were thankfully minimal, with the main workload being safety checks and ensuring we had the correct Compliance Documents from the contractors.

At the end of 2022, Una Ward, a key Work Health and Safety Officer at Catholic Education retired after a dedicated 23 years. Una primarily worked in Rehabilitation and Return to Work but seemed to be a point of contact for a majority of queries. Enjoy retirement Una!

Looking forward to 2023 we are excited to plan an interstate excursion to Canberra for the senior students and everyone is anticipating the build being complete and a brand new, sparkly school building being finished. I am anticipating many, many Risk Assessments associated with the interstate trip, and plenty of checklists to ensure the new building and playground are good to go.

I finished up 2022 with a move to Jamestown with my family and am now completing my WHS Coordinator role externally. I began working as WHS Coordinator at St James School in Jamestown in 2023 and am very thankful that they were audited in 2022; as such I am picking up some good processes and procedures to incorporate at SCMS.

Stay healthy and remember, safety is free – use it generously.

Amy Kennedy  
WHS Coordinator