



## **SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2019**

### **HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL**

#### **1. Contextual Information about the School, including Characteristics of the Student Body:**

Horizon Christian School is an interdenominational Christian School located in the rural township of Balaklava in Mid North South Australia. Commencing in 1994 with 27 students, it currently has an enrolment of 478 students from Foundation through to year 12. The Middle School started in 2001, Senior School in 2004 with the first Year 12 graduates leaving in 2005.

Horizon's Vision Statement is 'A Transforming Christian Education for All'. The School actively promotes its Christian values, ethos and message of hope among its students and families. The Christian core values of the school are fundamental foundations for the development of all policies, including student well being, pastoral care and behaviour improvement programs.

Horizon enjoys a number of curriculum strengths, notably in visual and performing arts. These are celebrated at the Senior Arts Showcase, Drama performances and Music on the Horizon evenings and at the local annual Eisteddfod competition. Horizon's instrumental music program commences in Year 5 and encourages students to embrace a range of instruments until the end of Year 9, and then specialize with one in senior music.

In recent years Horizon has enjoyed significant development with new facilities for curriculum enhancement in Sporting, Design and Technology, Agriculture and Home Economics pursuits. Horizon works actively to support its school community. Horizon is fostering the growth of Early Learners in the district with its new ventures, the Balaklava Kindergym and Balaklava Toy Library, and School Ready Program for students about to start in Foundation.

#### **2. Teacher Standards and Qualifications:**

##### ***Staff Qualifications***

In our school we are fortunate to have a number of teachers with two or more qualifications in education. 12% have a Diploma, 76% have a Bachelor of Education, 19% have a Graduate Diploma, 4% have a Graduate Certificate, 2% have a PhD, and 30% have a second Bachelor Degree (these include Science, Animal Science, Arts, Visual Arts, Music, Journalism, Counselling, and Biblical Studies).

##### ***Teacher Participation in Professional Learning***

In 2018 there was 100% participation by the teaching staff in professional learning. There was a wide range of significant professional learning involving the whole school, Primary and Secondary sub schools and individual teaching staff. The school community has been informed of many of these throughout 2018. Staff have been

committed to continuing to refine the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. This extension work is all but fully implemented. A significant focus has been on task design and assessment within the Australian curriculum and continuing to support a diverse range of learners to achieve significant success in their learning. Staff have also received training to support the well being of learners, and in the introduction of the Canvas Learning Management system.

### 3. Workforce Composition, Including Indigenous Composition:

Horizon has a number of specialist staff to support a comprehensive curriculum from Foundation to year 12.

Horizon does not have an indigenous staff member.

### 4. Students attendance at school:

F	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
84.3%	83.7%	85.9%	82.2%	84.7%	84%	87.5%	83.4%	87.1%	89.3%	90.1%	91.5%	84.3%

#### **Absentee Policy**

When a student is absent, parents/ guardians must phone or email the school before 9:30am on that day.

As part of the school's duty of care the Office staff will contact parents/ guardians via SMS if this communication does not occur. If parents do not respond to the SMS communication, office staff will call parents to follow-up the student absence.

### 5. Senior Secondary Outcomes:

- 44 Students completed Year 12 at Horizon in 2018.
- 89% of Year 12 students achieved their SACE in 2018.
- In 2018, 74% of Year 12 students undertook Vocational Training as part of their completed SACE– Including Christian Ministry, Children's Services, Animal Studies, Retail Cosmetics, Catering, ICT, Live Production, Construction, Engineering, Kitchen Operations and Aged Care,
- 100% of students aiming for an ATAR achieved this goal, which was 23 students or 52% of the Year 12 cohort.
- The subject pass rate for Year 12 in 2018 was 91.6%

### 6. Student Outcomes in Standardised National Literacy and Numeracy Testing:

Percentage of students who achieved the National Minimum Standards (NMS)

	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy
<b>Year 3</b>	100%	100%	93%	100%	97%
<b>Year 5</b>	92%	89%	94%	92%	97%
<b>Year 7</b>	89%	89%	94%	91%	95%
<b>Year 9</b>	83%	54%	88%	96%	97%

## Percentage of student participation rate

	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Spelling</b>	<b>Grammar &amp; Punctuation</b>	<b>Numeracy</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	93%	97%	97%	97%	100%
<b>Year 5</b>	100%	95%	97%	97%	100%
<b>Year 7</b>	92%	90%	88%	88%	92%
<b>Year 9</b>	75%	88%	81%	81%	91%

### **7. Parent, Student, Teacher Satisfaction with the School:**

Horizon has enjoyed another very successful year of growth, care for students and families, development of the grounds and the strategic training to continue to foster amongst all staff, the capacity to support student learning and wellbeing.

A recent survey of parents provided a consistent and rich picture of feedback about Horizon Christian School. Parents were pleased about a number of aspects of Horizon Christian School including:

- Teacher communication, organisation, instruction, the variety of learning experience provided and the care they give students
- The special help they receive
- The opportunities provided like: Mission Trip, Vetamorphus, Drama Performances and Music program
- Good well being support
- Students are treated fairly
- Students feel safe at Horizon
- Teachers are very approachable to talk about parent concerns regarding their children
- Student behaviour is managed well
- Students like coming to Horizon
- Students are making progress at Horizon

The survey also identified parent responses regarding strengthening the Christian Culture of Horizon and addressing the rigors of homework expectations for students.

### **8. Post School Destinations:**

89% of Year 12 students at Horizon completed their SACE in 2018.

- A number of our school leavers enrolled in University in varying degrees including; Science/Sports Science, Health, Engineering, Language, Business, Design, Nursing, Law, Computer Science and The Arts.
- Some of the 2018 cohort enrolled in TAFE courses in 2019, including: Beauty, Childcare, Construction, Fitness and ICT.
- At least one student gained a full time apprenticeship with a local company.

- Other students have gained part time or full time employment, while 2 have travelled to New Zealand to complete a ministry internship and we know of one student who has taken a GAP year in 2019.

#### 9. School Income Broken down by Funding Source:

<b>Recurrent Income</b>	
General Recurrent Commonwealth Government Grants	5,158,179
Other Commonwealth Recurrent Grants	
Recurrent State Government Grants	1,610,474
Other State Government Grants	
School Fee Income	830,704
Other Fee Related Income	115,857
Other Private Income	50,503

<b>Capital Income</b>	
Commonwealth Government Capital Grants	203,302
State Government Capital Grants	50,000
Other Capital Income Including donations	21,590