



SCHOOL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2023

HORIZON CHRISTIAN SCHOOL Balaklava & Clare Campuses

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

Horizon Christian School is an interdenominational dual campus Christian School located in the rural townships of Balaklava and Clare in the Mid North of South Australia. Commencing in 1994 with 27 students, it currently has an enrolment of 476 students from Foundation through to year 12 (with 422 at the Balaklava F-12 Campus and 54 at the Clare F-8 Campus). The Middle School started in 2001, Senior School in 2004 with the first Year 12 graduates leaving in 2005. The Clare Campus started in 2023.

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. Visual and Performing Arts endeavours are celebrated at the Senior Arts Showcase, Drama performances and Music on the Horizon evenings and at the local annual Eisteddfod competition. Outdoor Education, Technology Studies, Food and Hospitality and Agricultural Studies are also areas of strong student interest and success.

In recent years Horizon has enjoyed significant development with new facilities for curriculum enhancement in Physical Education, Technology Studies, Agriculture, Automotive and Food and Hospitality pursuits.

Primary students are enjoying a new active play space, while older students are making use of the new facilities in the expanded Secondary Sports Hub.

Horizon works actively to support its school community. Horizon is fostering the growth of Early Learners in the district with the Balaklava Kindergym and Toy Library, and the School Ready Program for students about to start in Foundation at the Clare Campus.

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. 70% have a Bachelor of Education Degree, 17.5% have a Graduate Diploma, 7% have a Diploma, 2% have a Master's Degree, 2% have a PhD, and 26% have a second Bachelor Degree (in areas including Applied Science (Human Movement; Agriculture), Animal Science, Natural Resource Management, Technology, Arts, Visual Arts, Music, Special Education, Counselling, and Biblical Studies).

Teacher Participation in Professional Learning

In 2022 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 2022. Staff have been committed to continuing to refine the implementation of the Learning Management System (LMS) CANVAS, to support the delivery of the Australian Curriculum and with continuous reporting of student progress to parents. 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 important training to support the well being of learners.

3. Workforce Composition, Including Indigenous Composition:

Horizon has a number of specialist staff to support a comprehensive curriculum from Foundation to year 12 at Balaklava, and Foundation to year 8 at Clare.

Horizon does not have an indigenous staff member.

4. Students attendance at school:

As our parent community gained confidence with the relaxing restrictions from our COVID year, our absentees reflect an increased focus on children returning to face to face schooling in 2022.

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92.5%	93.5%	90.5%	93.2%	91.9%	92.3%	93.4%	94.1%	94.1%	94%	93.1%	94.4%	94.8%

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:

2022 SACE Results: All Year 12's (except one student who left before the end of the year, but was still enrolled), achieved their SACE. There were a number of students who were at risk of not achieving their SACE, but teachers in conjunction with the Support Learning team, were able to guide these students to a successful end to their schooling. All students who applied for university, and achieved an ATAR, were accepted into their preferred courses. Other students have gone to TAFE and achieved traineeships.

- 100% SACE completion for students completing the year
- 17 students achieved at least one A grade
- 5 students achieved three A grades
- Highest ATAR- 92.05
- 3 students with ATAR over 80 and 5 over 70.

Special thanks and congratulations to our staff team, for supporting students to achieve these great levels of success.

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
Year 3	91%	97%	78%	84%	94%
Year 5	94%	83%	89%	96%	93%
Year 7	88%	78%	94%	88%	76%
Year 9	90%	88%	93%	81%	98%

Percentage of student participation rate

	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy
Year 3	97%	89%	89%	89%	100%
Year 5	89%	86%	77%	77%	83%
Year 7	66%	95%	87%	87%	87%
Year 9	75%	96%	81%	81%	90%

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

Horizon has enjoyed another very successful year of 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 highlight would be the acquisition of the former Vineyard Lutheran School, Clare.

Many parents have provided rich feedback about a number of aspects of Horizon Christian School. Responses from parents were overwhelmingly positive in areas including:

- Primary learning programs
- Classrooms and learning spaces
- Grounds and facilities
- The new uniform

Feedback also suggested attention needed to be directed towards the school's Social Media presence, parent engagement with the Canvas LMS, communication with families in the senior school, and the cost of the white HCS socks!

8. Post School Destinations:

- 100% of our enrolled Year 12 students at Horizon completed their SACE in 2022.
- 22 of our school leavers received an ATAR and 12 applied for University courses. Of these, 9 received their first preference, 2 for other preferences and 1 decided that University was not their preferred post-school pathway. Students enrolled in University in varying degrees including; Science/Sports, Science: Chemical and Analytical Science, Computer Science, Business, Media, Music, Nursing and Veterinary Technician.
- Some of the 2022 cohort enrolled in TAFE courses in 2022, including Pre-Nursing, Business 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.
- 30% of the cohort completed Certificate III training in areas ranging from Agriculture, Information Technology, Commercial Cookery, Animal Studies and Christian Ministry. Several others completed Certificate II qualifications in a range of areas including Construction, Animal Studies and Hospitality.

9. School Income Broken down by Funding Source:

Recurrent Income	
General Recurrent Commonwealth Government Grants	\$6,544,861
Other Commonwealth Recurrent Grants	\$21,331
Recurrent State Government Grants	\$1,940,494
Other State Government Grants	\$101,697
School Fee Income	\$931,142
Other Fee Related Income	\$103,906
Other Private Income	\$42,962

Capital Income	
Commonwealth Government Capital Grants	\$
State Government Capital Grants	\$65,000
Other Capital Income Including donations	\$200