

ANNUAL REPORT

Based on 2016 data



Discovery
Christian College

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Descriptive Information

Discovery Christian College is an independent co-educational school for students from Year 1 to 11 which opened in 2015. A Preparatory class and Year 12 will commence in 2017. The school offers a quality education for your child in a safe, secure, loving and enriching environment. Located in the heart of Agnes Water, in a growing region with stunning coastal stretches of water, you can be confident that this town will continue to be the Paradise you've always dreamed of living in. The school is situated on three hectares of beautifully landscaped grounds providing an ideal learning environment. Our campus is underpinned by its core values of Excellence, Character and Community.

Within the first two years since opening, the school has experienced significant growth and new building programs have already commenced in order to accommodate the

increase in enrolments. Parents are attracted to the school for its very distinctive community feel. The campus has a warm, family feel about it where teachers consider themselves partners with parents, working together to ensure each student has the opportunity to thrive and find their own unique pathway to success.

The main vision of the school is to not only provide high academic standards leading to enrolment in tertiary institutions but also to create opportunities for students to pursue other more vocational pathways, which will enable students to explore and receive training in the areas of Hospitality, Tourism, Construction, Business and Marine Science. These areas all being important industries in Agnes Water and the Town of Seventeen Seventy.

School Statistics (2016)

School Sector: **Independent**

School's Address: **2873 Round Hill Road, Agnes Water 4677 QLD**

Total Enrolments: **130**

Year Levels Offered: **1-11**

Co-educational or Single Sex: **Co-educational**

Characteristics of the Student Body

Total Enrolments: **130**

Girls: **67**

Boys: **63**

Full-time Equivalent Enrolments: **130**

Indigenous Students: **3**

Language background other than English: **8%**

Distinctive Curriculum Offerings

Discovery Christian College exists to bring glory to God through pursuing excellence in all that we do and to add value to the education experience of our students and the experience of the wider school community.

To develop the God given talents and abilities of our students a wide variety of experiences and activities are offered to the students. What follows is a range of examples of activities undertaken during 2016 that added value to the educational experience of your child at Discovery Christian College.

Curriculum Related Activities

- Commonwealth Bank Mathematics Competition,
- Art Showcase,
- Drama Showcase,
- Visiting Speakers,
- NAPLAN,
- Cultural awareness showcase.

Excursions and Camps

In 2016 students at various Year levels went on a range of excursions including:

- The LARC indigenous tour, Outer Great Barrier Reef, Kayaking and Surfing.
- Year 3&4 camp out at School
- Year 5&6 camp to Fraser Island
- Year 7&8 camp to Mapleton CCC
- Year 9 sailing and sea kayaking camping
- Year 10 coastal kayaking expedition

Extra-curricular Activities

Discovery Christian College offers a wide range of co-curricular activities including:

- **Sport** - participate in the Bundaberg District Secondary Schools Sports network competitions (Rugby, Netball, Soccer, Athletics, Touch Football), inter-house Cross Country, Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, Chess Club;
- **Performing Arts**—Festival of Light, Dramatic Musical Production;
- **Student Leadership Opportunities** - School Leaders (Primary & Secondary), House captains, Student Representative Council

Social Climate

Student welfare at DCC is firstly the responsibility of pastoral care teachers who have daily contact with the students and are able to develop a strong relationship and understanding of each student.

These staff also monitor behaviour and follow up when required, always working alongside parents. To further support students within the College, we have launched the **Friendly Schools Program** which operates alongside our anti-bullying policy.

Parental Involvement

Parents are strongly encouraged to be part of the DCC community and participate in a variety of ways. We ultimately believe that school is an extension of the home and that together we work as a team on the academic, spiritual, physical and emotional development of every student.

Information is provided through letters, email updates, monthly newsletter, student diaries and our Parent Portal and website. A number of parent information evenings are held each year to inform and support parents. There are four academic reporting cycles per year for secondary students and two cycles for primary students. Parent Teachers

Interviews are conducted twice a year for both primary and secondary schools students.

We had a thriving **Parents and Friends Association** during our first year of operation who raised significant funds for the purchase of items for the College.

Every Monday, our parent community were invited to attend our whole school assembly and stay for an hour afterwards for morning tea.

Parents were also invited to be involved in educational, sporting and cultural events held throughout the year.

Parent, Teacher & Student Satisfaction with the School

During our second year of operation, we had a significant amount of positive feedback relating to how happy parents were with the college. This came in the form of emails and testimonials from parents contributing to our school prospectus and website. We have also distributed parent surveys and have received constructive feedback on possible future initiatives for the school.

School Income by Funding Source

Australian Government recurrent funding: **\$1,677,392**

State/Territory recurrent funding: **\$409,308**

Fees, charges and parent contributions: **\$476,495**

Other private sources: **\$13,242**

Total gross income*: \$2,576,437

* excluding income from Government capital grants

Average Staff Attendance

Average staff attendance for the school, based on unplanned absences of sick and emergency leave periods of up to 5 days:

Number of Staff: **16**

Number of School Days: **190**

Total Days Staff Absences: **44**

Average Staff Attendance Rate: **98.1%**

For permanent and temporary classroom teachers and school leaders the average staff attendance rate was 98.1% in 2016.

Teaching Staff Retainer Rate

Proportion of teaching staff retained from the previous year:

Number of permanent teaching staff
at end of previous year: **8**

Number of these staff retained
in the following (the program) year: **8**

Retention rate: **100%**

Key Student Outcomes

Attendance

The average attendance rate for the whole school as a percentage in 2016 was **89%**.

Average attendance rate for each year level as a percentage in 2016:

Year 1: **85%**

Year 5: **91%**

Year 10: **89%**

Year 2: **83%**

Year 6: **92%**

Year 11: **86%**

Year 3: **79%**

Year 7: **92%**

Year 4: **98%**

Year 8: **93%**

Year 9: **91%**

Discovery Christian College manages the non-attendance of students in the following ways:

- A digital roll is marked each morning in Junior School and each lesson in Secondary School.
- Parents are required to notify the College prior to the start of classes if their child is away for any reason.
- Unexplained absences are identified and followed up by a phone call the parent/guardian before 10:00am of the day the student is absent. An explanation is sought for any student absence.

Attendance is recorded on the Students Reports at the end of Semester One and Semester Two.

The Year Level Coordinator will request an interview with the parent/guardians and the student where non-attendance affects educational outcomes or social participation at school for that student.

NAPLAN Results

Full and detailed NAPLAN results for Discovery Christian College can be viewed on the My School website at myschool.edu.au

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