

Mildura Christian College

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Annual Report 2020

Mildura Christian College is an independent co-educational Christian school of approximately 87 students from Prep to Year 10. The College is situated in a semi-rural area just outside the township of Irymple and approximately 10kms from the centre of Mildura. We are surrounded by grapevines and enjoy very comfortable facilities. The College is well supported by the wider Christian community and has developed a reputation for excellence.

Our school community is made up of families from different backgrounds including a number of families from South Pacific Islands as well as indigenous students and a number of other nationalities. Mildura Christian College is committed to making quality Christian education available to all who value Christian principles and training. It is a low fee school with the majority of students coming from low-income families.

The mission of Mildura Christian College is to partner with parents and the wider community to “tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, His power, and the wonders He has done.” (Psalm 78:4 NIV) Working together, we strive to develop the gifts and talents that God has given each individual. Students are encouraged to develop Godly character in their lives as well as a passion for Him whilst also pursuing excellence at an academic, practical, and creative level.

Teacher Standards & Qualifications

All of our teachers are registered with the Victorian Institute of Teachers having obtained the necessary qualifications and achieved the necessary standards of excellence for teacher registration.

The following is a list of the qualifications held by our teaching staff in 2020. Some qualifications are held by more than one teacher.

Doctor of Philosophy (Materials Engineering)	Post Graduate Diploma Secondary Education
Bachelor of Engineering	Graduate Diploma Technology Education
Bachelor of Teaching	Graduate Diploma of Teaching & Learning
Bachelor of Education	Diploma in Education
Diploma of Teaching	Bachelor of Arts
Graduate Diploma in Special Education	Bachelor of Legal Studies
Further Diploma in Education	Diploma of Journalism
Graduate Diploma in Education	

The great majority of staff hold current certification in First Aid Training and most have completed accredited training in Asthma Management as well as the First Aid Management of Anaphylaxis. Throughout the year, staff also completed training in Disability Standards, Child safety, Mandatory Reporting, and other important areas.

Workforce Composition

At different times in 2020, there were eleven female staff and seven male staff employed at Mildura Christian College. No indigenous staff members were employed.

Student Attendance

The overall attendance rate of MCC students in 2020 was 94.2%

Attendance Rates Across Year Levels										
Prep	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10
95.2%	94.2%	95.8%	92.6%	95.7%	95.8%	96.5%	96.1%	88.7%	90.3%	94.2%

The overall attendance rate of MCC students lifted significantly in 2020. In part this was due to improved attendance by some individual students, however, the COVID-19 pandemic was perhaps the major contributing factor. Due to the lockdowns and social distancing associated with the pandemic, other illnesses such as colds and flu were not as prevalent in 2020. It should also be noted that students participating in remote learning were deemed to be in attendance if they checked in with their teacher at least once that day.

In a small school like ours, the figures are subject to fluctuation due to the poor attendance of just one or a few. The great majority of the student body has a very good attendance rate with some of the lower percentage figures shown above affected by a small number of families with low or very low attendance rates. Personal and family issues impacted the attendance rate of a number of families. These families received support from the College.

The College recognises the strong correlation between attendance rates and student performance with those who attend school most often clearly performing the best. MCC will continue to work with families in an effort to improve attendance rates.

Parents are encouraged not to take family holidays during the school term. If a student is going to be or has been absent, parents are asked to inform the College as soon as possible. This can be done over the telephone, or by a signed note in the student's diary. If a student has been absent from school for more than one day without explanation the college will call the student's home in order to determine the student's whereabouts and reason for absence as well as a likely return date.

Parent, Student, and Teacher Satisfaction

Anecdotal evidence observed in and around the College in 2020 suggests that our students, staff and parents continue to be proud of their school and are pleased to be a part of the school community.

Much positive feedback has been received from parents at various functions as well as at parent teacher interviews. The opportunities for feedback at community functions was reduced due to COVID-19 restrictions, however, a high level of satisfaction was evidenced by a very strong reenrolment rate for the 2021 school year.

There is good school spirit amongst the student group with a generally very positive atmosphere enjoyed on a daily basis. Past students often speak fondly of their time at MCC and are pleased with how MCC prepared them for future study and/or the workforce. Many have expressed their wish that they could remain at MCC for the senior secondary years.

At various times in staff meetings as well as private meetings with the principal, the teaching staff of MCC have indicated a high level of satisfaction with the College. Staff have spoken of strongly believing in the aims and goals of the school and have indicated their pleasure in being part of a team that holds common beliefs and purposes.



The College also participated in the full suite of LEAD surveys facilitated by ISV in 2020. Students, parents, staff, and board members all participated in the benchmarking surveys. The results of the surveys indicate a high level of satisfaction with the College.

Standardised Test Results

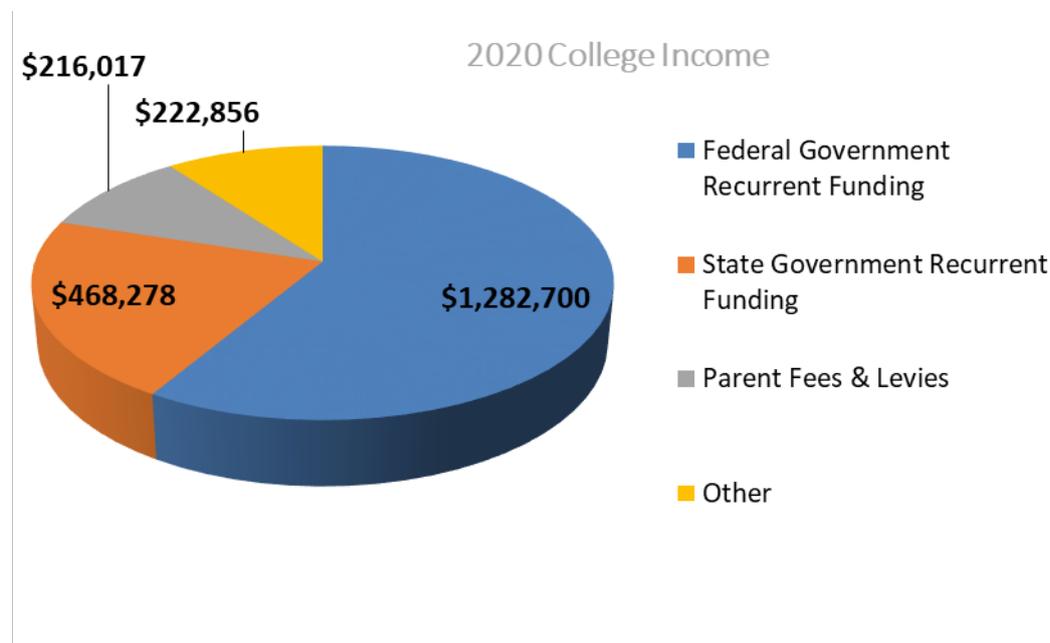
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, NAPLAN testing was cancelled for all schools in 2020.

Post School Destinations

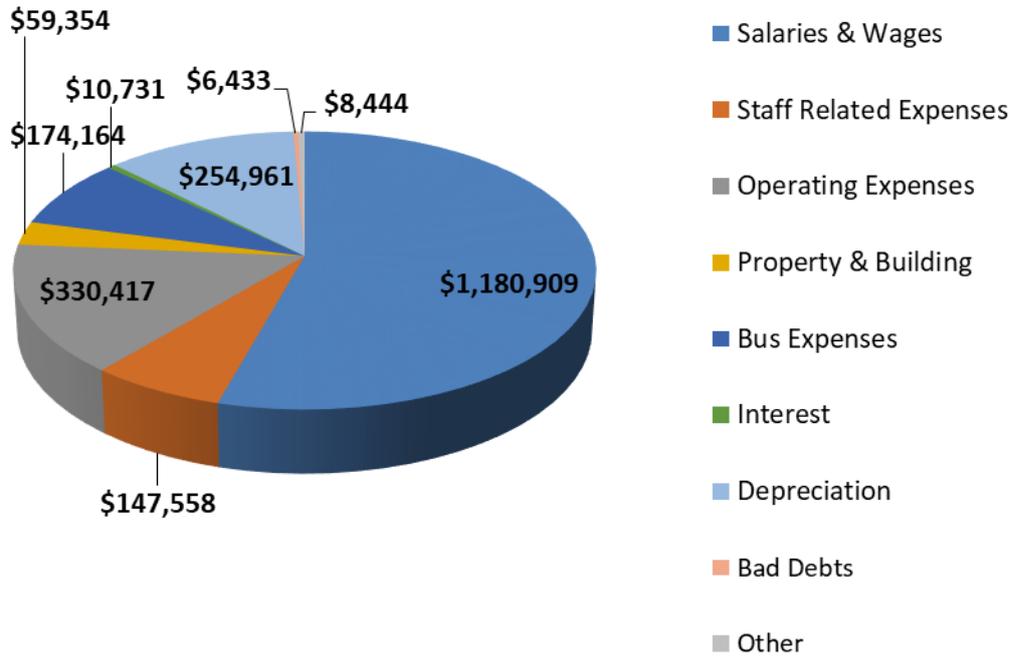
Eleven students left Mildura Christian College as Year 10 school leavers at the end of the 2020. All eleven students have enrolled in a senior secondary school and are completing the VCE or VCAL.

Financial Activities

Mildura Christian College is a low fee school. Many of our families have limited income and make significant sacrifices in order for their children to attend the college. MCC relies heavily on recurrent funding from both the Federal and State Governments. The charts below give a breakdown of 2020 school income and operating expenditure.



2020 College Expenditure



Overall, the College remains in a sound financial position. In 2020 (as in previous years) the College's total operating expenditure did not exceed its total recurrent income. All surplus funds are invested into the improvement of facilities or the repayment of loans.

