

2009 ANNUAL REPORT

Toowoomba Christian College
10852 New England Highway, Highfields 4352
Offering Co-education from Prep to Year 12

During 2009, the school has been able to maintain its recent increase in enrolments and has finished the school year with 427 students in the school.

One of the major developments in 2009 has been the funding granted through the Federal Government's Building the Education Revolution. The school is eligible for \$2.0 million in funding from the government's stimulus package and has been approved for capital works including an indoor sports centre.

The school has also received approval for its Trade Training Centre (a function centre with a commercial kitchen for student training purposes) with a grant of up to \$1.5 million.

The school has also received funding for an additional 39 computers as part of the Digital Revolution and has continued to expand its onsite and offsite technology with new servers, staff laptops and software upgrades.

The school was also eligible for \$200,000 from the Federal Government's School Pride expenditure. This amount has made a wonderful difference in many areas of the school.

We are truly grateful for the financial investment from the Federal Government into all schools in Australia and in particular our own school!

STUDENT NUMBERS

The 2009 school year began with 417 students enrolled in the school. By the school census date in August we had 434 students.

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

A number of parents gave freely of their time to help in the primary classrooms and Library again this year. The school is extremely grateful for the assistance given by these parents and also by those who assisted with sporting days.

SCHOOL STAFF

At the beginning of the year we welcomed Mr Chris Plummer, Mr Derick Smith and Mrs Jodie Geoghegan to our Primary staff.

During the year, Mr Neil Hall and Mrs Verna Hall resigned, leaving the school to work in Elcho Island. Mr Stu Roberts replaced Mr Hall as Head Groundsman. Mrs Emily Chaplin (last year's Prep teacher) did not return to school following the birth of her daughter, and was replaced by Mrs Jodie Geoghegan. Mrs Jane Knowd worked with Mrs Geoghegan in teaching the Prep class in the second semester. Miss Christie McCabe also departed the school and was replaced by Mr Kenneth Crowther.

At the end of this school year we farewelled Mr Rod Barnes, Miss Kirstie Moar, Mrs Kate Cook, Miss Shari Avery, Mrs Jodie Geoghegan and Mrs Jane Knowd.

We wish all of the staff who have departed this year God's blessings as they move on to the next stage of their journey with Him and welcome our new staff members into all that God has for them within Toowoomba Christian College.

OVERSEAS & DOMESTIC MISSIONS TRIPS

This year, during the June holidays, Miss Chrissy Henderson and Mr Nathan Gilmour took 8 students to Fiji. They had a thoroughly rewarding time visiting villages and speaking at church services and schools.

The September holidays marked the inaugural Asian Experience with Miss Chrissy Henderson and Mr Kenneth Crowther taking three Year 12 students to trail blaze the trip for future years. They covered 4 countries in 13 days experiencing the great contrasts in food, weather (including a typhoon), hygiene standards, cultures, people and places.

These two trips were a great success and we are planning to run them again in 2010.

ACADEMIC PERFORMANCES

This year the school once again entered students from Years 3 -12 in the National Competitions in English, Science and Maths.

I am pleased with the results in the following competitions.

Primary Maths:	20	Credits	9	Distinction		
Primary English:	16	Credits	6	Distinctions	1	High Distinction
Secondary Maths:	35	Credits	9	Distinctions		
Secondary English:	37	Credits	9	Distinctions	1	High Distinction
Secondary Science:	38	Credits	5	Distinctions	1	High Distinction

YEAR 3, 5, 7 & 9 NATIONAL TESTING RESULTS

This year saw the continuation of testing for all schools in Australia in Literacy and Numeracy. These tests compared students who were of the same year at school, but which were studying different state curriculums. These results indicate that students at Toowoomba Christian College are on many occasions achieving above the state and national averages in Literacy and Numeracy.

READING

Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (State)	Average Score (National)
Year 3	425.0	385.8	410.9
Year 5	501.0	477.8	494.0
Year 7	546.0	532.6	541.2
Year 9	572.0	570.0	580.4

WRITING

Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (State)	Average Score (National)
Year 3	391.0	394.6	414.0
Year 5	502.0	465.9	484.5
Year 7	546.0	525.1	532.5
Year 9	563.0	557.8	569.0

SPELLING

Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (State)	Average Score (National)
Year 3	387.0	375.6	404.8
Year 5	492.0	466.1	487.1
Year 7	519.0	532.5	540.0
Year 9	556.0	568.6	576.2

GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION

Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (State)	Average Score (National)
Year 3	410.0	394.3	419.9
Year 5	527.0	485.6	500.0
Year 7	551.0	533.9	539.5
Year 9	576.0	568.7	573.6

NUMERACY

Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (State)	Average Score (National)
Year 3	400.0	372.4	394.1
Year 5	503.0	470.4	486.8
Year 7	559.0	538.8	543.5
Year 9	589.0	578.5	588.5

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Certificates Offered at School

Working in partnership with the Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE (SQIT), Toowoomba Christian College was able to offer the following certificates to students:

- Certificate II in IT
- Certificate III in IT
- Certificate III in Visual Arts and Contemporary Craft

A total of 24 TCC students participated in these courses.

Working in partnership with Club Training Queensland, 47 TCC students were able to work towards obtaining a Certificate II in Hospitality (Operations).

Certificates Studied Through the Southern Queensland Institute of TAFE (SQIT)

Nine TCC Students attended classes at SQIT on a weekly basis and worked towards certificates in a range of areas, including:

- Computer-Aided Drafting
- Business Administration
- Design Fundamentals

University of Southern Queensland (USQ) Headstart Subjects

This year ten TCC Senior High students studied university subjects while still at school in faculties including Education, Engineering, Law and Marketing.

USQ Accelerated Biomedical Science Program

This year one of our Year 12 students, Emma Hitchener, undertook University of Southern Queensland's Accelerated Biomedical Science Program which enabled her to complete almost the first year of a 3-year Biomedical Science degree. Emma was one of 15 students who completed the program this year.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP INITIATIVES

2009 saw 11 of our Year 12 students travel to Canberra for the seventh Christian Schools Australia Student Leadership Conference. I was delighted with the impact it had on our students, as well as the 206 other students from 41 schools who attended. I strongly believe in investing in our young people's lives, and will be taking a group of Year 12 students again next year to a similar conference.

SPORTING PERFORMANCES

The school continued to participate enthusiastically in interschool sports with other schools in Toowoomba. Besides the weekly interschool sporting competitions our school was involved in the CSA(Q) carnivals - cross country, athletics and swimming, and team games for both primary and secondary.

This year the school has been privileged to have seven students represent the Darling Downs or South West Queensland region at State Championships. These students were:

Brendan Shelton	Year 5	Cross Country
Joshua Lush	Year 5	Hockey
James Lush	Year 6	Hockey
Anthony Grant	Year 7	Soccer
Sarah Freeman	Year 10	Soccer
Mark Rix	Year 10	Soccer
Marcus Hoddinott	Year 12	Hockey

In addition to this we also had two students represent Queensland! Congratulations to James Lush for his representation in Primary Boys Hockey and Sarah Freeman for representing Queensland in Under 15 Girls Football (Soccer).

THE ARTS

This year has once again seen some marvellous performances from our students. Thank you to Mrs Tickle and Mrs Rosenberg for all your efforts as our High School and Primary Drama teachers. Thank you Miss Henderson for your guidance and inspiration as our Senior High Art Teacher. Thank you Mr Crowther for his Direction of Macbeth.

Term 1

2 Miles Below the Sea
Junior High Drama class

Term 3

Macbeth
Senior High Drama Class

Term 3 (continued)

Primary School Drama Festival
Primary Drama & Music classes
Including: The Tale of Three Trees
Year 7 Drama class

Term 4

Jocose
Senior High Art Show

THE FUTURE

I believe 2010 will be a year of expansion and consolidation in the school. As we continue to grow in facilities, we ask God's continued favour on His school, as we seek to always hear His voice, and strive to do His will.

The school is continuing to prepare for the rollout of the Federal Government's Digital Revolution and the computers for each student in Years 9 to 12.

With the building of the Primary Indoor Sports Centre we look forward to the greater opportunities this will bring to our school and local community. We are thankful to the government for making this possible.

SCHOOL CAPTAINS

I wish to thank Anna Seymour and Marcus Hoddinott for the wonderful job they have done this year as the school's leaders. They have performed their tasks admirably and I am sure many students are very grateful for the friendship and example they have given throughout the year.

PREFECTS

I also wish to thank Erica Philp, Leah Rix, Shannon Haegler and Louis van Amstel for being our school prefects for this year. I am delighted with the quality of young people who lead our school and set a fine example for the rest of the student body to follow.

CONCLUSION

I would particularly like to thank all the people who have stood with the school in prayer this year. I am very conscious that the Lord is building this school and know how important it is that we continue to look to Him for His blessing and guidance.

I wish to thank the parents who have entrusted their children to Toowoomba Christian College and assure you it is our deepest desire to keep giving your son or daughter the training in their formative years so that they will be prepared to serve the Living God in the world they face.

Our mission is to prepare young people for service in today's ever changing world by grounding them in the unchanging person of Christ and His unshakeable kingdom.

Richard Brown
Principal

APPARENT RETENTION RATES

The Queensland Government requires the school to publish our Apparent Retention Rates. These rates have been calculated using the nationally agreed methodology which is defined as the number of full-time students in Year 12 in any given year, expressed as a percentage of the number of students who started in Year 10 two years previously.

The calculations are based on enrolment data collected from the school by the Commonwealth Department of Education Science and Training (DEST) as part of the annual National School Statistics Collection.

Year	Year 10	Year	Year 12	Retention rate %
2004	35	2006	28	80.0%
2005	34	2007	32	94.1%
2006	38	2008	35	92.1%
2007	46	2009	35	76.1%

STAFFING QUALIFICATIONS

Qualification	Percentage of classroom teachers and school leaders
Doctorate	0%
Masters	3%
Bachelor Degree	76%
Diploma	21%
Certificate	0%

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2009	\$23,826.31
The major professional development initiatives	Curriculum, Child Protection/Bullying, Technology
The involvement of the teaching staff in professional development activities during 2009	100%

STAFF COMPOSITION, INCLUDING INDIGENOUS STAFF:

Toowoomba Christian College employs a diverse range of teaching and administrative staff, all of whom are active Christians.

Part Time Staff	15
Full Time Staff	33
Administration	33.33%
Teaching	66.67%
Indigenous	0%

STAFF ATTENDANCE

For permanent and temporary staff and school leaders the staff attendance rate was 98.9% in 2009.

STAFF RETENTION

Proportion of teaching staff retained from 2008 was 88%.

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

The average attendance rate as a percentage in 2009 was 92%

YEAR 12 OUTCOMES

Outcomes for our Year 12 cohort 2009	
Total number of Senior Certificates awarded	Not Applicable
Percentage of OP – eligible students with OP 1-15	Not Applicable
Percentage of students awarded Senior Certificates and awarded VET qualification	Not Applicable
Percentage of students awarded Senior Certificates with OP eligibility or awarded a VET qualification	54%
Percentage of Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) applicants receiving an offer	100%

NEXT STEPS SURVEY

At the time of publishing this School Annual Report, the results of the 2009 Year 12 post-school destinations survey, Next Step – Student Destination Report for the school were not available. Information about these post school destinations of our students will be posted to our website by 30 September 2010.

YEAR 2 DIAGNOSTIC NET RESULTS

The school does not participate in the Year 2 Diagnostic Net.

HOW COMPUTERS ARE USED TO ASSIST LEARNING

The school has over one hundred computers in the school being used by students and they are all used to assist learning.

VALUE ADDING

All of the schools activities are built around the concept of value adding. The school has not formulated a way of measuring this in a way to give true recognition to the value we add to each student.

PARENT, STUDENT AND TEACHER SATISFACTION

The school receives feedback and measures of satisfaction through various ways including letters and testimonials from parents.

The increasing enrolments over time are a good indicator of satisfaction with the school and its offering.