

# Annual Report 2021



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## About the College

Whitsunday Christian College is an independent, co-educational, Christian learning community serving school students from the Whitsundays region. The College exists to educate for eternity and equip for life and seeks to be a community which develops our students physically, spiritually, educationally and socially. The College learning community includes: an accredited Day School and Outside School Hours Care (OSHC).

*Providing Christ-centred schooling in an atmosphere of love, respect, peace and discipline which will encourage students to achieve their full potential for God.*

*- Excel in Truth and Grace -*



## Characteristics of the Student Body

Whitsunday Christian College enjoys a vibrant student population that celebrates unity through God's love for us as His children through Jesus Christ.



### Population breakdown (August census)

Male students	50% (160)
Female students	50% (160)
Indigenous students	1% (3)
Students with Disabilities	25% (80)

### Whitsunday Christian College details:

School sector	Independent
School address	26 Paluma Rd, Cannonvale QLD 4802
Total enrolments	320 (Day School as at August census 2021)
Year levels offered	Prep to Year 12: Co-educational



## Parent, Teacher and Student Satisfaction with the School

Whitsunday Christian College is committed to ongoing improvement for the benefit of our children and young people. We value the opportunity to communicate with students and community members about the College to build a wider understanding of the ministry. We value opportunities to improve the College and are eager to share these to our families. To this end, the College holds several occasions where information is shared between parties.

- Primary and Secondary Information sessions
- Open Day
- 'Get Ready for Prep' days
- Prep Year 7 & 12 Information sessions
- Parent/Teacher Interviews
- Online surveys
- Orientation Day
- Careers & Subject Selection evenings
- Principal tours



The College invited staff, students and families to participate in the following annual surveys in 2021:

- ☐ Student Welfare Survey
- ☐ CCM Staff Survey
- ☐ Parent College Survey

## Sample of feedback received in 2021 :

Through our Parent College Survey, parents described what they valued most about the College:

*I like the caring network the school champions.*

*As Christians, my kids can learn about God while attending school.*

*Support and encouragement for our children and their learning. Loved how the school had a prayer walk earlier this term as it demonstrates that the school practices what it preaches.*

*Inclusive Education support.*

*Creative and performing arts opportunities.*

*Holistic approach to teaching and learning, focus on emotional well-being.*

*Community feel and passionate teachers.*



## Contact Person for Further Information:

For further information or clarification of any information contained in this document please contact the Administration Manager, on 07 4948 5100 or email [mail@whitsunday.qld.edu.au](mailto:mail@whitsunday.qld.edu.au).

## School Income Broken Down by Funding Source

Please refer to the MySchool website [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au) for School Income information.

## Staffing Information

We believe it is important to promote teamwork and individual talents, gifts, skills and expertise. This information reflects staff working across the College.



Teaching Staff	Non-Teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff	Full-time Staff	Part-time Staff
28 (58%)	20 (42%)	0 (0%)	25 (52%)	23 (48%)

Qualification	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders who hold this qualification
Doctorate	1
Masters	3
Bachelor Degree	20
Diploma	4
Advanced Certificate	0
Certificate	0

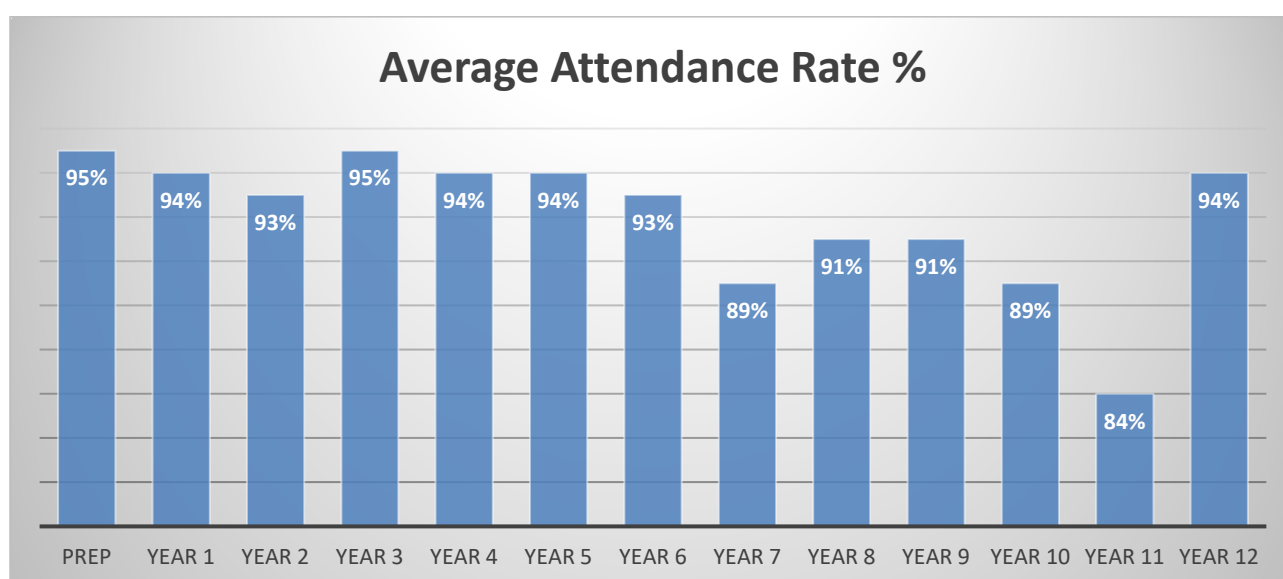
## Staff Development

Globally we expect our staff as a whole to professionally improve each year. Whether in administrative practices, bus driving skills or teaching methodology, staff members need to be developing their skills, gifts and expertise. At a school level the leadership team set corporate learning goals. Also, each staff member has the responsibility to ensure his or her practice is improving based on his or her needs and position.

Our teachers take part in national and state conferences, belong to a range of professional organisations and undertake action research-based learning to continually review what we do in terms of effective practice.

## Student Outcomes

### Average attendance rate (%) for each year level in 2021



The average attendance rate for the whole school as a percentage in 2021 was 93%

Non-attendance at Whitsundays is monitored by our school management software program, Edumate. An SMS is sent to parents who have not notified the College of intended absence. To confirm the child's absence parents are expected to respond with an explanation. If unexplained, this will be followed up with a phone call. Parents are encouraged to notify of absences, or confirm absences through the EduApp, phone call or SMS. Our School leaders and Chaplain are available to assist with school refusal and any underlying problems that may be hindering a student's desire to attend school regularly. More information about this data can be found at the [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au) website.

## NAPLAN results for Years 3,5,7 and 9

Helping every student achieve his or her personal best is part of our mission at Whitsunday Christian College. To help students achieve we are committed to using a range of data collection tools to inform our teaching and learning. These tools include the use of standardised testing, such as the National Assessment Program.

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is conducted annually for Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students. The data we receive from students participating in the program enables us to analyse individual progress and how particular groups of students are developing. This informs our teaching of



individuals and allows us to evaluate our programs of study. We can then plan for and apply school resources to address learning needs.

At Whitsundays we have developed a supportive approach to NAPLAN, minimising performance pressure. We encourage every Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 student to participate in the assessments each May.

Students achieve across the full range of scores. Whitsundays is committed to lifting the literacy and numeracy performance of all students including those with English as additional language and those who have recognised learning needs.

Please refer to the MySchool website [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au) for NAPLAN results.

## Year 12 Outcomes

Outcomes for Year 12, 2021	
Number of students awarded a Senior Education Profile	18
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at the end of Year 12	14
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA)	0
Number of students who received an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)	4
Number of students who are completing/completed a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SAT)	2
Number of students awarded one or more Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications	9
Number of students awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD)	0
Percentage of Year 12 students who received an ATAR above 90	0%
Percentage of Year 12 students who are completing or completed SAT or were awarded one or more of the following: QCE, IBD, VET qualification	78%
Percentage of Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) applicants receiving a tertiary offer	100%

## Post-school Destination Information

At the time of publishing this School Annual Report, the results of the 2021 post-school destinations survey, *Next Steps – Student Destination* report was not available. Information about these post-school destinations of our students will be uploaded to the school's website in September after release of the information.





# Next Step

## 2022 Post-School Destinations

### Whitsunday Christian College



This is a summary of the post-school destinations of students from Whitsunday Christian College who completed Year 12 and gained a Senior Statement in 2021. The results are from the *Year 12 Completers Survey*, which is conducted approximately six months after students completed Year 12.



For more information about the survey visit the *Next Step* website [www.qld.gov.au/nextstep](http://www.qld.gov.au/nextstep). Regional and statewide reports will be available from October 2022.



#### 61.1% response rate

11 out of 18 Year 12 completers from this school responded to the 2022 survey.  
*Results may not be representative of all Year 12 completers at this school.*

### Post-school destinations



In 2022, 11 Year 12 completers from Whitsunday Christian College were engaged in education, training or employment in the year after they completed school.



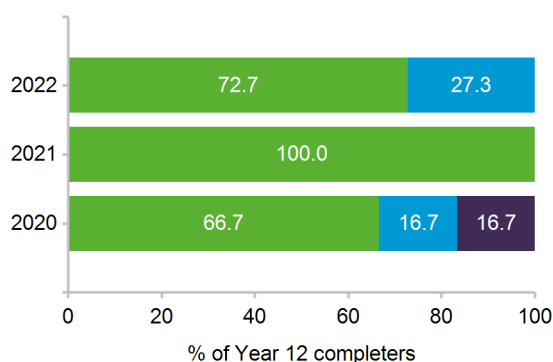
Of the 11 respondents, eight continued in some recognised form of education and training. These study destinations were bachelor degree, VET certificate, apprenticeship and traineeship.



A further three respondents transitioned directly into paid employment and no further study.

All Year 12 completers were assigned to a *main destination*. Respondents who were both studying and working are reported as being in education or training, including apprentices and trainees.

Engagement over time



■ Education or training  
■ Employment only  
■ Not in education, employment or training

Main Destination in 2022

