

# Annual Report 2023

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**Whitsunday  
Christian College**

*Excel in Truth and Grace*

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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 provide Christ-centred schooling in an atmosphere of love, respect, peace and discipline that encourages students to achieve their full potential for God. The Whitsundays learning community includes an accredited Day School and Outside School Hours Care (OSHC).

2023 was marked by a strong emphasis on community engagement and collaboration. We connected with the local community through a series of impactful student-led initiatives, hosting several inclusive events. The Wizard of Oz, our vibrant school musical showcased our students' talents, bringing families and community members together in celebration. Our commitment to community service was exemplified through a successful food drive in support of a community food pantry run by a local church, demonstrating our dedication to making a positive difference beyond our school gates. We worked diligently to bolster the sporting profile of the College by fostering partnerships with neighbouring schools and organisations and providing our students with valuable competition experiences. This year has reinforced our belief that a strong community connection is fundamental to the success and well-being of our students and families.



## Characteristics of the Student Body

Whitsunday Christian College enjoys a dynamic global student population that celebrates unity through Jesus Christ.



### Population breakdown (August census)

Male students	49% (169)
Female students	51% (173)
Indigenous students	4% (15)
Students with Disabilities	20% (69)

### Whitsunday Christian College details:

School sector	Independent
School address	26 Paluma Rd, Cannonvale QLD 4802
Total enrolments	342
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 with 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 2023:

- Student Feedback via SRC Committee
- Staff Reflection Survey
- Parent College Survey

### Sample of feedback received in 2023 :

Through our Parent College Survey, parents highlighted several positive aspects of the College:

- *Strong sense of community*
- *Emphasis on biblical values promoting strong morals*
- *Effective communication between the school and parents*
- *Intimate school size fostering a personalized experience*
- *Supportive, approachable, and caring staff*
- *Well maintained facilities and grounds*
- *Offer of extracurricular activities and after-school sports*
- *A nurturing educational environment with high expectations*
- *Strong academic support*
- *Commitment to student success*
- *Wide variety of incursions, excursions, and camps*



## 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	Part-time
28 (56%)	22 (44%)	0 (0%)	30 (60%)	20 (40%)

Qualification	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders who hold this qualification
Masters	3
Bachelor Degree	21
Diploma	3
Certificate	1

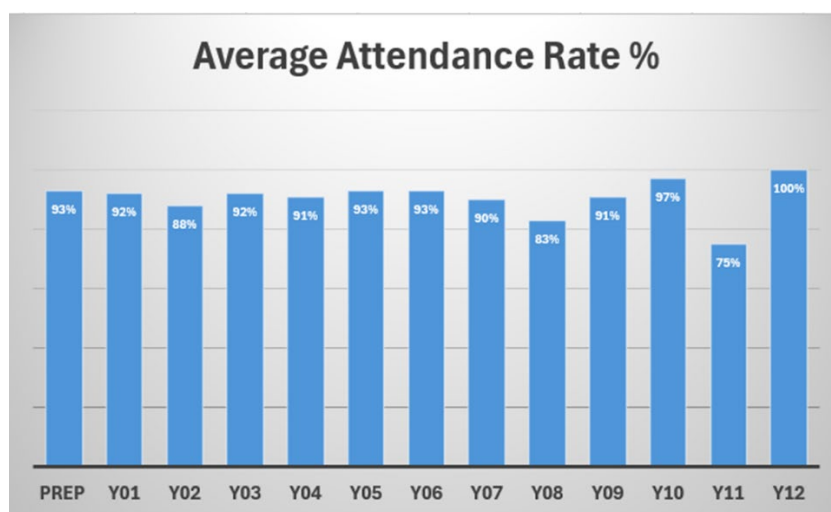
## Staff Development

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 best practice.

## Student Outcomes

### Average attendance rate (%) for each year level in 2023



The average attendance rate for the whole school as a percentage in 2023 was 90%

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 and 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.

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## Year 12 Outcomes

Combined Outcomes for our Year 12 Students in 2023	
Number of students awarded a Senior Education Profile	10
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at the end of Year 12	8
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement (QCIA)	0
Number of students who received an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR)	7
Number of students who are completing/completed a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SAT)	1
Number of students awarded one or more Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications	4
Percentage of Year 12 students who received an ATAR above 90	14%
Percentage of Year 12 students who are completing or completed SAT or were awarded one or more of the following: QCE, IBD, VET qualification	90%
Percentage of Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) applicants receiving a tertiary offer	86%

## Post-school Destination Information

At the time of publishing this School Annual Report, the results of the 2023 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.

