2009 in Statistical Review

During 2009 enrolments increased from 258 (Aug 2008) to 269. During August the Primary School (Transition to Yr 6) had 165 students enrolled and Middle School (Yrs 7 to 9) had 104.

The Australian Government requires that schools report to parents in 13 specific areas they call performance items. This is designed to ensure that parents have an overall picture of the performance of the schools. Of course these areas do not necessarily measure the important things about a school and numbers have a way of oversimplifying reality.

Professional Engagement

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<th>1. Staff attendance</th>
<th>During 2009 teachers averaged 3.5 days absent. Absences included sick leave and family or compassionate leave.</th>
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<td>2. Staff retention</td>
<td>At the end of 2009, 4 teachers (4) teacher finished work at the PCS. Reason – Two staff members went to work at other schools within our association and two staff members left the Territory.</td>
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<td>3. Teacher qualifications</td>
<td>All teachers at Palmerston Christian School are required to be registered with the NT Teacher Registration Board. 27% of teachers have qualifications at a higher level than the minimum requirements of the NT TRB.1</td>
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<td>4. Workforce Composition</td>
<td>Male Teachers – 4 Female Teachers - 16 Male Non Teaching Staff – 3 Female Non Teaching Staff – 8 PCS has no indigenous staff.</td>
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<td>5. Expenditure on &amp; participation in professional learning</td>
<td>On average, each teacher attended 10 days of professional development. This does not include personal preparation time. The School spent approximately $10,253.39 on professional development for teachers.</td>
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Key Student Outcomes

| 6. Student Composition | Primary School  
| | • Total Boys – 75 Indigenous Boys - 5  
| | • Total Girls – 90 Indigenous Girls - 9  
| | Middle School  
| | • Total Boys – 57 Indigenous Boys - 7  
| | • Total Girls – 47 Indigenous Girls - 3  
| 7. Student attendance | Average attendance for 2009:  
| | • Middle School – 93.2%  
| | • Primary School – 92.3%  
| | • Whole School – 92.7%  
| | Non-attendance management: Parents of absent students with out notice, are contacted by the school. Absences from school are recorded and reported to parents each semester as part of the reporting schedule. |
8. Proportion of Yrs 3, 5, 7 and 9 students meeting nation benchmarks in Reading, Writing, and Numeracy

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9. Changes in benchmark results from previous year

Percentage of year levels who have attained National Benchmarks

Palmerston Christian School is not a selective school. We partner with parents of any student that we believe we are able to assist to grow and develop as part of this school community.

10. Value added

Palmerston Christian School offered its students a number of opportunities to develop their skills, knowledge, character and faith over and above the minimum standards required in NT schools. These included:

- Instrumental music program
- Ukulele Program - Primary
- Primary Buddy Program
- Primary and Middle School Swimming Programs
- An extensive excursion and camping program from Yr 5 onwards including a 10 day trek along the Larapinta Trail near Alice Springs for Yr 9.
- Academic competitions
- Extra Curricular Sporting Programmes including after school competitions in AFL and Netball
- Visiting performers
- Sports Carnival
- Participation in Fred’s Pass and Darwin Show
- Even Start Program
- Financial Literacy Program – Yr 9
- Student Support – Homework Club and Bannatyne Program

11. Average standardised assessment results for Yr 9 students

Yr 9 – November 2009

Students are achieving above average in all areas of literacy and numeracy.

- Spelling Stanine Average = 5
- Comprehension Stanine Average = 6
- Numeracy Stanine Average = 4

All graphs and statistics are available on request

12. Senior secondary outcomes

N/A

13. Proportion of Yr 9 students retained to Yr 12

N/A

14. Post school destinations

On the completion of Yr 9 2009.

- 56% of students undertook further studies at Marrara Christian College (sister school)
- 24% of students undertook further studies at another territory or private institution.
- 8% of students undertook further studies at an interstate institution.
- 12% of students – unknown destination.

Satisfaction

13.a. Parent satisfaction

90% of respondents to the survey were either happy or very happy with the school’s performance. The survey was sent to all parents.

13.b. Student satisfaction

91% of respondents to the survey were either happy or very happy with the school’s performance. The survey (Life at PCS) was sent to a selection of
middle school students and upper primary classes across all year levels.

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