









## ANNUAL REPORT 2024



















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## DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

P = Primary School S = Secondary School P-12 = Prep to Year 12

Mount Isa

Cloncurry

= Boarding Facilities



Burdell St Clare's Catholic School **Shaw** St Benedict's Catholic School Palm Island St Michael's Catholic School Halifax Ingham ( Palm Island Townsville Home Hill Charters Towers Bowen Proserpine Collinsville Hughenden

**TOWNSVILLE** 

St Joseph's Catholic

St Margaret Mary's College

Marian Catholic School

Holy Spirit Catholic School

Ryan Catholic College

St Anthony's Catholic

**North Ward** 

**Hyde Park** 

School

Kirwan

Rasmussen
Good Shepherd
Catholic School
Deeragun

College

Currajong

Annandale
Southern Cross
Catholic College
Cranbrook

Mundingburra
St Joseph's Catholic

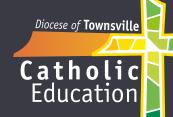
We acknowledge with respect, the land, the skies, the waterways and the spiritual systems of the Traditional Owners of the lands within the Townsville Diocese.

Winton —

From Ingham in the North, to The Whitsundays in the South. From Palm Island in the East, to Mount Isa in the West, let us honour the wealth of diverse cultural, spiritual and educational practices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples that have been part of this land for over 60,000 years. We pay our respects to the Elders with us and watching over us from the Dreaming, and commit ourselves to nurturing the strengths of our emerging leaders across the Diocese. We continue to walk humbly on this land towards reconciliation for we are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.

#### NORTHERN REGION

NORTHERN REGION	
Ingham	
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School	
Gilroy Santa Maria College	
Halifax	
St Peter's Catholic School	
Abergowrie	
St Teresa's College	
SOUTHERN REGION	
Ayr	
St Francis Catholic School	
Burdekin Catholic High School	
Home Hill	
St Colman's Catholic School	
Bowen	
St Mary's Catholic School	
Proserpine	
St Catherine's Catholic College	
Collinsville	
St John Bosco Catholic School	
WESTERN REGION	
Charters Towers	
Columba Catholic College	P-12 (B)
Hughenden	
St Francis Catholic School	Р
Winton	
St Patrick's Catholic School	Р
Cloncurry	
St Joseph's Catholic School	P-9
Mount Isa	
St Kieran's Catholic School	Р
St Joseph's Catholic School	Р
Good Shepherd Catholic College	





# **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S** REPORT JACQUI FRANCIS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a remarkable year 2024 has been for Townsville Catholic Education. Our system of schools has continued to grow with a focus on innovation and a deepening commitment to our shared mission of providing quality Catholic education.

2024 saw another two schools reach anniversary milestones with St Joseph's Catholic School, Mundingburra celebrating their centenary and Gilroy Santa Maria College, Ingham turning 75. Both of these schools have fostered strong community connections and are well placed to continue to provide quality faith based education for their students.

Enrolments across the Diocese continued to increase in 2024, reflecting the trust families place in our schools. This growth is a direct result of the dedication and professionalism of our staff, who create safe, inclusive, and nurturing environments where students can thrive.

As a result of this growth, construction began on Mary Help of Christians Catholic College in Shaw, a new secondary school set to open in 2025. As Townsville's first co-educational Catholic secondary college in Townsville, Mary Help of Christians Catholic College will expand access to Catholic education in the Townsville region as the city expands to the North and North West.

Each year we are blessed to honour the Townsville nominees for the Spirit of Catholic Education Awards and Deus Caritas Est Awards during Catholic Education Week. It is warming to hear of the contributions that these nominees make to their Catholic communities as well as recognising Year 12 students from each college who exemplify the teachings of Jesus Christ through their words and actions.

In September, First Nations Year 12 graduates across the Diocese came together to celebrate the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Graduation Liturgy. The liturgy celebrates the achievements of students as they prepare for life beyond school.

Throughout the year, I had the privilege of visiting each of our schools and meeting many of our dedicated staff. Their commitment to nurturing students in faith, compassion, and academic excellence is truly inspiring. I also extend my sincere thanks to Bishop Tim Harris and our parish priests for their ongoing leadership and support, which ensures our Catholic identity remains central to all we do.

As we reflect on the past year, we give thanks for the gift of holistic Catholic education in the Diocese of Townsville. We honour our rich heritage and pray that the vision of faith that has guided us continues to shape our response to the needs of today and the future.







# BISHOP'S REPORT

## MOST REV . TIMOTHY J HARRIS BISHOP OF TOWNSVILLE

Catholic education continues to be a critical part of the mission of the Church because Catholic schools are vital instruments of evangelisation. They provide a space where the Gospel is lived and proclaimed daily, right across the curriculum and school culture.

For over 150 years the Diocese of Townsville through its schools has served as key points of contact between families and the local Church. They help build Parish life and support parents as the first educators in the ways of faith.

The Catholic education endeavour in this Diocese has delivered and I pray it will continue to do so in the years ahead. With the recent building of Mary Help of Christians Catholic College in Shaw, a signal has been sent that an investment like this is a vote of confidence into the future. Stage 2 is now anticipated.

The message of Jesus Christ goes to the heart of why the Catholic Church exists in the first place and our schools are built on Christ. This message through our schools

especially needs to be inclusive and welcoming. Because Christ reaches out and says: 'come follow me', our doors must remain open, thereby giving all who seek to 'enter' a sense that everyone matters.

In this spirit our schools help shape Australian society by promoting values such as dignity, compassion, stewardship and justice. This supports the Church's broader mission to be a moral and spiritual voice in the public square.

I thank all those who work for Catholic Education in this Diocese and who have a passion to make a contribution. I trust that this contribution will always be underpinned by a sense of service, continuing to witness to our faith within a culture of encounter.

Our schools must continue to stand out by offering the world something different by not only educating minds, but also to form hearts in the name of Christ.

With every best wish and blessing.



Catholic Education Week Mass

## **TABLE OF SCHOOLS**

School	Total Students	School			Total Students
Holy Spirit Catholic School, Cranbrook	672	St Francis Catholic Scho	ool, Ayr		210
Good Shepherd Catholic School, Rasmussen	338	St John Bosco Catholic	School, Collins	sville	60
St Mary's Catholic School, Bowen	153	St Joseph's Catholic Sc	hool, The Strar	nd	37
Marian Catholic School, Currajong	380	St Peter's Catholic Scho	ool, Halifax		23
St Colman's Catholic School, Home Hill	107	St Francis Catholic Scho	ool, Hughende	n	35
Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School, Ingham	338	St Joseph's Catholic Sc	hool, Mount Isa	3	308
St Kieran's Catholic School, Mount Isa	138	St Joseph's Catholic Sc	hool, Mundingl	ourra	370
St Michael's Catholic School, Palm Island	129	St Patrick's Catholic Sch	nool, Winton		39
St Clare's Catholic School, Burdell	733	St Benedict's Catholic S	School, Shaw		596
Secondary Enrolments (Years 7 to 12)					
School	Total Students	School			Tota Students
St Teresa's College, Abergowrie	86	Burdekin Catholic High School, Ayr			294
Gilroy Santa Maria College, Ingham	322	St Margaret Mary's College, Hyde Park		(	70
Good Shepherd Catholic College, Mount Isa	443				
Prep to Year 12 Enrolment					
School			Primary	Secondary	Tota
St Anthony's Catholic College, Deeragun			701	844	1545
Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan			773	1257	2030
St Catherine's Catholic College, The Whitsunday	'S		321	371	692
St Joseph's Catholic School, Cloncurry (Prep - Y	'ear 9)		161	27	188
Columba Catholic College, Charters Towers			182	315	49
Southern Cross Catholic College, Annandale			737	757	1494
Total Students 13,292	Prima	<b>ry</b> 7,875	Seco	ndary 5,417	
School Cyclical Review 2024					
Columba Catholic College, Charters Towers		2024 Validation			
St Margaret Mary's College, Hyde Park	2024 Validation				
St Joseph's Catholic School, Mundingburra	2024 Validation				
St Francis Catholic School, Hughenden		2024 Validation			
St Francis Catholic School, Fraghenden					

Refurbish C Block Lower Level

STIP Application, Bus Stop Upgrade

Wellbeing Hub & Staffroom

St Joseph's Catholic School, Mundingburra

St Anthony's Catholic College, Deeragun

St Catherine's Catholic College, The Whitsundays

\$450,000

\$1,494,904

\$843,000

## **ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE**

Townsville Catholic Education Directors provide expert and strategic input and leadership, particularly with regard to services to schools in their portfolio areas. They collaborate to develop strategy and policy for school improvement and best practice, ensuring the relationship between the Diocese Executive Team and the TCE Strategic Leadership Team is vibrant, contemporary and connected to the successful achievement of strategic objectives.

Communications	Jacqui Executive		Governance
<b>John Nuttall</b> Director	Louise Vella-Cox Director	Peter Stower  Director	Jennifer Blackshaw Director
School Development Services	Catholic Identity and Indigenous Education Services	Learning and Teaching	Organisational Services
Leading the School Service Teams, to ensure schools have access to the full range of TCE Office support services, including curriculum, pedagogy, indigenous education, religious education and organisational support offered through other Directorates.  Overseeing capital strategy, planning and building programs for all schools, including successfully securing funding grants from local, State and Federal bodies.  Ensuring school leadership is supported, guided and developed to provide the highest standards of professionalism and delivery for the enhancement of effective Catholic schooling.  Reviewing and analysing school services data to ensure strategic and operational performance of TCE assets are well managed.  Providing expert advice	Ensuring the integration of Catholicity, Indigenous perspectives and associated initiatives across schools and colleges, and the collaborative delivery of services across other Directorates in TCE.  The setting of Religious and Indigenous Education strategy and policy with Church, office and school as centre.  Reviewing and analysing school data to ensure TCE is achieving its Catholic Identity and Indigenous Education objectives and the overall strategic intent of TCE.  Providing expert advice and assurance with respect to Catholic Identity and Indigenous Education delivery, risks mitigation and management, along with ensuring the organisation meets its legislative and compliance obligations for these functions.  Leading the development	Achieving outstanding educational results for students and enacting well informed strategic and operational decisions about the delivery of learning and teaching support to schools and colleges.  Ensuring TCE is a leader in the provision of high quality education, constantly renewing our knowledge of innovative and emerging learning and teaching approaches in Australia and Internationally.  Guiding the development of curriculum and quality pedagogy to drive continual improvement of teaching and learning outcomes.  Developing and analysing data to ensure strategic and operational support has optimal impact on learning and teaching for students and the communities we serve.  Providing expert advice and assurance about	Providing successful delivery of human resources and employment services, organisational development, finance, ICT, WHS and student protection strategy, policy and operational services.  Managing to ensure a safe working environment for all staff and students in accordance with the legislative requirements.  Overseeing the financial management functions, monitoring the total TCE budget and ensuring procurement, accommodation and facilities services meet business needs and legislative requirements.  Reviewing and analysing school data to ensure workforce, financial and technology, student protection and WHS performance of TCE is well managed.  Providing expert advice and assurance with respect to industrial, technology, financial, WHS and student protection risks mitigation and
and assurance for operational delivery, risks mitigation and management, along with ensuring the organisation meets its legislative and compliance obligations for	of Religious Education curriculum and quality pedagogy through staff formation to drive improved outcomes and promote evangelisation.	learning and teaching delivery, risks mitigation and management, and ensuring legislative and compliance obligations are met.	management, along with ensuring the organisation meets its legislative and compliance obligations for current and historical matters.

these functions.

## **STAFF AT A GLANCE**

Total Staff	
School Staff Headcount	
Teaching Staff	1564
Non-Teaching Staff	1615
Boarding Staff	46

School Staff FTE	
Teaching Staff	1100.06
Non-Teaching Staff	861.82
Boarding Staff	28.91

School	Staff			
School	Staff			
TOTAL	Female	2693		
3,225	Male	532		
Teachin	g Staff			
TOTAL	Female	1298		
1564	Male	266		
Non Tea	Non Teaching Staff			
TOTAL	Female	1366		
1615	Male	249		
Staff In Senior Leadership Roles (Principal, DP, APRE, AP)				
TOTAL	Female	106		
133	Male	27		



## **HIGHLIGHTS**

















RUOK Day at St Margaret Mary's College, Hyde Park









TCE Staff Planning Day



TCE Staff Planning Day

## **HIGHLIGHTS**





St Margaret Mary's College hosts the Queensland Independent Secondary Schools Netball







## LEARNING AND TEACHING

Learning and Teaching which inspires each student's high expectations.

**IT'S ABOUT:** 

- Expert teaching teams
- · Dynamic places of learning
- Student engagement and achievement
- A love of learning
- Inclusive practices
- · Responsive professional practice.

#### **TCE DATA HUB**

In 2024, the TCE Data Hub was officially launched following 18 months of development. This initiative provides relevant and up-to-date student learning data, enabling teachers to monitor and support student progress effectively. The Data Hub has been widely adopted across all schools, with school leaders and teachers using the platform to inform planning and review student achievement.

#### PEDAGOGY AND LEARNING

To strengthen instructional leadership and support teacher development, a new leadership role, Assistant Principal - Pedagogy and Learning, was introduced across the diocese in 2024. Many successful appointees began in acting capacities for the first 12 months. In the latter half of the year, the positions were formally advertised, and schools with enrolments over 100 students appointed permanent candidates to five-year contracts. This role is intended to be ongoing in eligible schools, strengthening instructional leadership and enhancing teaching and learning practices relevant to schools' contextual settings.





## VERSION 9 AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

Throughout 2024, all schools in the diocese worked towards implementing Version 9.0 of the Australian Curriculum. Schools focused on one or two key learning areas, such as English and Mathematics, with an emphasis on ensuring teachers developed a deep understanding of the revised curriculum content.

#### TCE POSITION STATEMENTS

In 2024, TCE finalised both a Literacy Position Statement and a Numeracy Position Statement in preparation for implementation in 2025. These documents provide guidance for teaching reading and writing across the three phases of schooling: Prep to Year 2, Years 3 to 6, and secondary. A suite of supporting documents will accompany the statements to assist schools in their implementation.

#### **VOCATIONAL PATHWAYS**

The TCE Registered Training
Organisation (RTO) delivered eight
qualifications to 671 students in
2024, with 44 students successfully
completing their courses through
either blended learning or crossschool campus arrangements.
Career practitioners across the nine
secondary colleges offering RTO
programs have either completed
or are in the process of completing
their Certificate IV in Career
Development, supported through
targeted TCE sponsorship.

In addition, the RTO and VET Pathways collaborated with schools to develop the TCE Career Pathway Framework that aligns with strategic goals and school needs.



## **FAITH AND MISSION**

An experience of Faith and Mission which enriches student's lives and futures.

**IT'S ABOUT:** 

- · Enhancing and celebrating our Catholic identity.
- Encouraging dialogue between our students' personal context and what the Catholic Church believes, celebrates, lives and prays.
- Educating and forming students who are challenged to live the gospel of Jesus and become literate in the broader Christian tradition.

# ENHANCING CATHOLIC SCHOOL IDENTITY (ECSI) PROJECT

The ECSI Project, a partnership between TCE and the Australian Catholic University (ACU), continued to focus on the Hermeneutical Shift as a means of deepening Catholic identity in schools. ACU ECSI experts provided professional development to school leadership teams, supporting their role as faith leaders and guiding staff and students in evangelisation. The sessions emphasised interpreting ECSI data and embedding methodologies that foster a hermeneutical shift in staff understanding and practice. The 'Three Shifts' initiative, developed in collaboration with ACU's Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, has gained momentum and is proving valuable in helping school leaders apply ECSI insights more effectively.

## ENGAGING PARENTS IN FAITH DIALOGUE

In a tailored initiative, TCE worked closely with parents at St Teresa's College, Abergowrie, over an eight-week period to support their engagement with the ECSI Surveys. These surveys gather insights into religious belief, spirituality, and cultural context from students, staff and parents. This pilot approach, developed in partnership with KU Leuven, marks a first for the ECSI program and responds to the unique needs of schools with 100% First Nations enrolment.





# 2 FAITH AND MISSION

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LEARNING**

Throughout 2024, TCE transitioned all Religious Education professional learning to online delivery, increasing accessibility for staff across the diocese. Opportunities included sessions facilitated by the Australian Catholic University, the Catholic Theological College in Melbourne, and independent Catholic consultants.

Staff were also supported to pursue postgraduate study, including the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education and the Master of Educational Leadership. In Semester Two, the University of Notre Dame Australia offered enrolment in its national Graduate Certificate programs at significantly reduced cost. Through the application of Commonwealth Supported Place funding, some staff were able to access these programs at no cost. Completion of these qualifications also provides credit towards a range of Master of Education programs, enabling staff to deepen their expertise and continue their professional growth.



#### **CHAPLAINCY PROGRAM**

The Chaplaincy Program continued in 2024 across TCE with each school engaging a dedicated Chaplain. Strong networks were established among Chaplains, fostering collaboration and shared practice. The annual Chaplaincy Audit was successfully completed. affirming the program's integration and effectiveness within school communities.

#### **CATHOLIC SCHOOL RENEWAL**

In 2024. Townsville Catholic Education launched a five-year School Renewal cycle to strengthen school improvement and meet accreditation standards. This process ensures schools remain focused on strategic growth, accountability, and alignment with the mission of Catholic education.

Each phase of the cycle, Renewal, Validation, and Implementation. supports schools in setting clear priorities, engaging in reflective practice, and building capacity for sustained improvement. The approach fosters a culture of continuous learning and shared responsibility across school communities.







## **AUTHENTIC FAITH LEADERSHIP**

Authentic Faith Leadership which inspires all to witness the Mission.

IT'S ABOUT:

- Creating meaningful pathways and formation for leadership.
- Deepening the spiritual, scriptural and theological capacity of our staff in leadership roles.
- Recognising and developing leaders in professional practice.

#### **LEADING FAITH FORMATION**

Throughout 2024, Principals began a 24-month leadership formation program focused on evangelisation and faith development. The program supports school leaders in deepening their understanding of evangelisation, facilitating meaningful staff faith formation experiences, and evaluating the impact of faith formation on students. Principals were also encouraged to engage in personal renewal opportunities to strengthen their own faith journey and further nurture the Catholic culture within their schools.



In September 2024, five senior leaders from TCE, including three Principals, a Religious Education Adviser, and Director, participated in the KU Leuven Enhancing Catholic School Identity (ECSI) Intensive in Belgium. This two-week program offers Catholic education leaders the opportunity to engage in deep professional learning focused on faith leadership and Catholic identity. Participants completed incountry assessments and received certification for their engagement. Facilitators noted the Townsville group's strong engagement and critical reflection throughout the lectures and workshops.

To support preparation, participants complete a prerequisite postgraduate unit—THCT605 Preparing for ECSI—through ACU. In 2024, ten senior leaders from schools and the system completed this three-day intensive in Brisbane.





#### LEADING SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Throughout 2024, TCE continued to support school leaders to enhance autonomy, streamline processes and tailor professional learning. To assist in this the Catholic School Renewal process was revised, enabling principals to set context-specific goals, supported by service teams and digital resources designed to meet individual school needs.

Support for new principals was strengthened through formal mentorship, online conferencing, and the development of communities of practice. A feedback program was also introduced to guide leadership growth following the first year of principalship.





## **DIVERSITY AND WELLBEING**

Diversity and Wellbeing practices which prioritise care and dignity for all.

IT'S ABOUT:

- Creating safe, collaborative, inclusive and welcoming learning environments.
- Connecting with key health and wellbeing agencies to enable a proactive, coordinated and impactful response to manage risk and increase wellbeing.
- · Supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander learners to reach their full potential.

#### STUDENT PROTECTION

As part of our ongoing commitment to Student Protection, all TCE employees participated in compulsory Student Protection training. In addition to this training, there was a focus on reinforcing foundational reporting requirements, with an emphasis on writing detailed and factual reports. Training was delivered in a workshop format, allowing participants to work in small groups to analyse scenarios, identify key issues, and determine appropriate reporting responses.

TCE delivered training across a range of forums, including the James Cook University pre-service teacher intensive, the Permission to Teach and Beginning Teachers conferences, and Safe Persons training.

#### **SAFE PERSONS**

A new approach to annual Safe Persons training was trialled in 2024, with TCE facilitating cluster meetings involving smaller groups of schools. As an annual and mandatory requirement for non-state schools, Safe Persons training had previously been delivered through a centralised training day and this new format enabled deeper engagement and stronger connections with Safe Persons. The sessions provided tailored content to better meet the needs and understanding of local contexts.





#### **EMERGING LEADERS**

After continued success, in Term 2, TCE hosted the Emerging Leaders Showcase, attracting over 200 stakeholders to celebrate the achievements of First Nations students across the Diocese. The Emerging Leaders Program, supported by funding from the National Indigenous Australians Agency, continues to be a key initiative in improving outcomes for First Nations students in secondary schools.

Working in partnership with each TCE secondary school, the program fosters high-expectation relationships, individualised support, and culturally responsive learning environments. It has contributed to improved attendance, retention, academic performance and student confidence, while strengthening cultural pride and leadership capacity.

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## **DIVERSITY AND WELLBEING**

#### **BLAK EXCELLENCE**

At the end of Term 3, Year 12 First Nations students from TCE schools attended the annual Blak Excellence gathering. The event provided a meaningful space for students navigating both cultural and educational worlds, celebrating identity, achievement and aspiration.

Guest speakers shared powerful messages, encouraging students to embrace education, deepen self-knowledge, and pursue their goals with confidence. The gathering was followed by the Year 12 First Nations Graduation Liturgy at Sacred Heart Cathedral, marking a significant milestone in the students' educational journey.





## MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING ROADSHOW

TCE facilitated the annual Mental Health and Wellbeing Roadshow, engaging First Nations students from secondary schools and colleges over three days across two locations - Mount Isa and Townsville.

The program featured a range of workshops and activities tailored to the needs of First Nations students, led by guest speakers and facilitators. The Roadshow provided students with opportunities to explore wellbeing, identity, and resilience in culturally responsive ways.

## RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS PROGRAM

TCE continued to coordinate the implementation of the Love Bites Respectful Relationships Program, with over a thousand students aged 11 to 17 participating in the program in 2024. The reach of the program has been enhanced with many school staff now certified to facilitate the program.

#### **SCHOOL PASTORAL SUPPORT**

In 2024, school pastoral staff were provided with practical resources to support a whole-school approach to pastoral care and to build the capability of all staff in responding to student wellbeing needs. TCE provided in-house webinars, e-newsletters, podcasts, and regional cluster networks, helping pastoral staff stay connected and informed.

### **TEAM TEACH**

TCE began rolling out Team Teach training for school leaders in 2024 to support behaviour management in schools. This approach builds internal capacity and supports the broader implementation of Team Teach planned in 2025.



## CAPABILITIES AND PARTNERSHIPS

Strengthening Capabilities and Partnerships to foster community.

IT'S ABOUT:

- Developing a talented, committed and high performance culture through attracting, supporting and retaining high-achieving employees.
- Building the capability of all staff to achieve supportive, professional relationships.
- · Providing safe, welcoming and collaborative working environments.

#### **SCHOOL LAW CONFERENCE 2024**

In October 2024, Townsville Catholic Education hosted its bi-annual School Law Conference, bringing together legal professionals to present on key legal issues affecting the education sector. The conference was delivered online, enabling broader participation from school and system staff across the Diocese.

Presentations covered five core topics, including liability and duty of care, managing psychosocial hazards, student behaviour and safety, and school obligations regarding incidents outside school such as cyberbullying. The Queensland Police Service's Vulnerable Persons Unit also delivered a session on domestic and family violence, covering legislation and practical support.

Over 100 staff attended the online event, and recordings were made available to ensure accessibility for all schools. Schools were encouraged to use the presentations as part of ongoing professional development during staff meetings.



## LEAD TEACHER CERTIFICATION

TCE celebrated the achievements of two TCE teachers, Margaret Moon (Ryan Catholic College, Kirwan) and Tamara Templeton (St Anthony's Catholic College, Deeragun), who achieved national certification as Lead Teachers, a recognition of exemplary teaching practice and professional expertise. This prestigious certification highlights teachers' commitment to excellence in education and their impact on student learning and school improvement.









# 6 GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

Governance and Sustainability to manage stewardship of resources.

**IT'S ABOUT:** 

- · Striving for system-wide initiatives and improvements that align with best practice.
- · Strengthening responsibility mechanisms through accountable and transparent measures.
- Using resources sustainably by caring for our natural and built environment.

#### STRENGTHENING POLICY AND PRACTICE

Throughout 2024, TCE continued to strengthen policy frameworks in response to emerging challenges in school environments. One key development was the creation of Guideline for the Taking and Storage of Images on Personal Devices, which provides practical direction for schools to be rolled out in early 2025.

Another area of focus was the safe conduct of student camps, excursions, immersions, and sporting trips with new approaches explored to ensure student wellbeing while maintaining meaningful learning experiences. This work positively increased awareness of risk management and promoted safer practices across schools.

### INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY **GOVERNANCE**

Following extensive consultation in late 2024, TCE formalised its structures, processes, and mandates guiding IT governance across TCE's Information Technology Services and school-based IT functions.

This produced an IT Governance Framework, designed to align TCE's IT strategy with its educational and operational objectives, ensuring that IT investments support and enhance the Strategic Directions 2022-2026.

Key areas of focus include asset and service management, business continuity, enterprise software, cybersecurity, incident response, and risk management.

### **HUMAN RESOURCE** INFORMATION SYSTEM **TRANSITION**

As part of our ongoing commitment to implementing system-wide initiatives and improvements that align and strengthen organisational best practice. TCE transitioned to a new Human Resource Information System (HRIS), Aurion in 2024.

This transition involved collaboration across payroll, recruitment, supply, contracting, capability, and compliance functions. Further enhancements to operations will be phased in through the Aurion platform in 2025.





# 6 GOVERNANCE AND SUSTAINABILITY

## **ENVIRONMENTAL** SUSTAINABILITY

Following the completion of the Solar Project Stage 3, 2024 marked the first full operational year of solar panels and battery systems installed across the Diocese.

Throughout the year, the systems generated over 8.6 million kilowatt hours of electricity – equivalent to the annual consumption of approximately 1,176 residential homes or the carbon capture of 171,787 trees. Performance reports from the solar provider indicate that schools are effectively optimising solar energy use with 60–70% of their power needs being met by on-site generation, significantly reducing reliance on grid electricity.

#### **CYBER SECURITY**

In late 2024, the TCE ITS Cyber Safety and Security team was formed to ensure technical controls to secure and protect TCE's digital environment. As part of this, TCE formalised annual Cyber Security Awareness Training and implemented a dedicated risk management application to streamline and modernise compliance management. This platform provides a single location for risk assessments, compliance tracking and policy management.





## **FINANCIAL REPORT**

<b>Income Statement</b> For The Year Ended 31 December 20	24	
	2024 \$	2023 \$
Operating Revenue		
Recurrent State Grant	53,511,001	44,295,754
Recurrent Commonwealth Grant	208,333,687	208,333,687
Tuition Fees and Levies	42,812,384	41,841,091
Trading activity Income	6,743,224	5,753,216
Other Income	6,506,135	4,946,697
Operating Revenue	317,906,431	305,170,445
Operating Expenditure		
Property occupancy and utilities expenses	15,791,943	14,315,564
Employee benefits expense	232,345,884	221,009,585
Depreciation and amortisation expense	16,542,803	15,578,446
Teaching material expenses	13,932,512	14,531,062
Professional Standards claims expense	-1,513,250	46,300,000
Trading activity expenses	5,127,317	4,762,174
Plant and equipment expenses	3,119,689	3,887,870
Insurance	3,687,062	4,309,628
Lease payments for short-term and low value leases	889,367	1,031,806
Consultants and professional fees	2,062,231	2,564,739
Boarding expenses	2,167,448	1,875,857
Licences, levies and memberships	5,302,582	4,382,063
Other expenses	7,623,477	7,899,572
Finance costs	2,396,783	1,583,867
Total Expenditure	309,475,848	344,032,233
Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	8,430,583	-38,861,788
Capital grants and subsidies revenue	26,259,088	16,706,805
Total Surplus	34,689,671	-22,154,983
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## Defining Features of our Catholic Schools

#### **Catholic schools of the future:**

- Have a consistent commitment to Gospel values;
- Play an integral role in the evangelising mission of the Church;
- · Model God's love for all by being a renewing community where all are valued, affirmed and empowered;
- Be staffed by qualified, competent people who give witness to Gospel values;
- Be communities of learning that provide quality, relevant, and holistic education;
- Be sacred places where the spiritual life is nurtured; and
- Be welcoming and open to all who seek a Catholic education.

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