



MACKILLOP
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Welcome From the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, Faculty and Staff,



It is with great pleasure that I present to you the 2023 Annual Report for MacKillop Catholic College.

As we reflect on the events and accomplishments of the past year, I am delighted to share with you a reflection on the positive culture that permeated throughout our school community in 2023.

At MacKillop Catholic College, we believe that fostering a positive and inclusive culture is fundamental to the success and well-being of our students, staff, and families. It is this culture of respect, collaboration, and support that sets us apart and enables us to create an environment where every individual can thrive and reach their full potential.

One of the hallmarks of our positive culture is our commitment to the values of compassion, integrity, and excellence. These values serve as the guiding principles that shape our interactions, decisions, and actions, both inside and outside the classroom. Through daily acts of kindness, empathy, and respect, our students and staff embody these values, creating a school community where everyone feels valued, respected, and empowered to succeed.

In 2023, our positive culture was evident in various aspects of school life, from the way students supported and encouraged each other in their academic pursuits to the camaraderie and sportsmanship displayed on the playing field. Whether it was participating in community service projects, collaborating on group assignments, or cheering on classmates at school events, our students demonstrated a genuine sense of unity, empathy, and belonging that truly exemplifies the spirit of our College.

As we look ahead to the future, it is my hope that we will continue to build upon the strong foundation of positive culture that defines our College. I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our supportive families for their continued partnership and commitment to our values. Together, we have created a school community that truly embodies the spirit of compassion, integrity, and excellence.

Wishing you all continued blessings and success in the year ahead.

Yours Sincerely,

Lucas Hurley

Vision, Mission and Values

MacKillop Catholic College aims to propagate a vision that is created through Christ. Inspired by our patron and Saint, Mary MacKillop, we share the Word of our Lord to ignite the flame of Christ and encourage a community that:

- Serves the lord
- Exhibits a strong sense of compassion and justice
- Leads with courageous spirit
- Participates in an inclusive community that values positive relationships



The History

The first construction stage of MacKillop Catholic College begun in 2011. The completion of Stage 1 in 2012 commenced MacKillop's first year as a college, with 105 total enrolments. In the years since, MacKillop Catholic College has progressively established itself within its environment, expanding the facilities and creating cultural, social, and economic connections.

Sixteen Mile Camp resides on the eastern side of the college, holding significant historical value as a military base. On the western side of the College is situated a site which is of significance to local Indigenous people. MacKillop Catholic College is bound on its southern side by Lambrick Avenue and the College playing fields, and on the north by Northern Territory conservation land.

Now in the 12th year, MacKillop students are aware of the surrounds of the College and understand their significance. With guidance from staff and the wider community, they are able to interact with these surrounding sites and apply a greater value to their place of learning. Through connecting with place and people, MacKillop Catholic College students will learn what it is to have courage, be a leader, nourish relationships, and respect those around them.



Workforce Composition and Qualifications

POSITION TYPE	HEAD COUNT	FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT
Administrative and Clerical, including officers and assistants:	63	40
Principal:	1	1
RTO Trainers:	2	2
Teaching Staff, including Librarians:	63	61.14
Grand Total:	128	104.14

QUALIFICATION:	NUMBER OF TEACHERS QUALIFIED TO THIS LEVEL IN 2023:
Graduate / Associate / Advanced Diploma	2
Bachelor's Degree	42
Master's Degree	24
Doctorate	0

Attendance and Enrolments

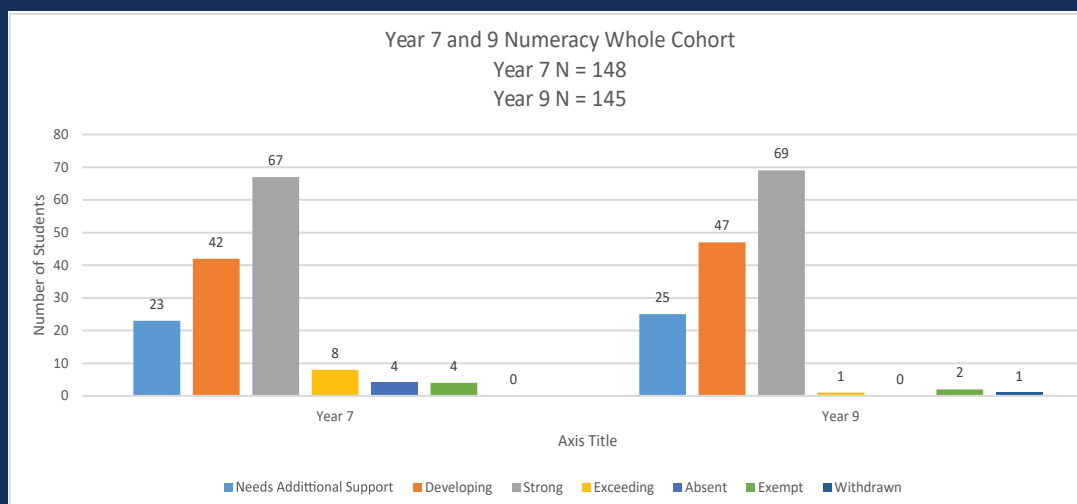
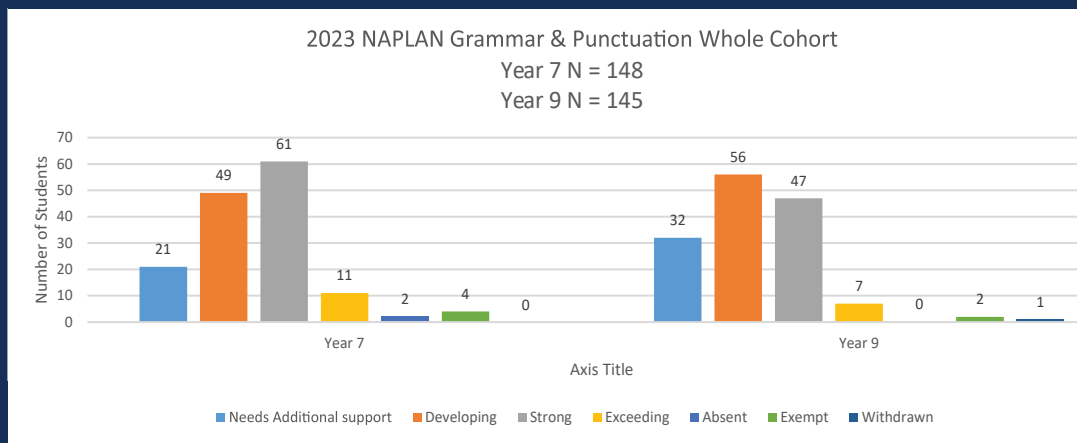
Our attendance data is a reflection of the quality learning and community that students experience at MacKillop Catholic College.

Collection Data		Avg. Active Enrolment	Highest Active Enrolment	Avg. Attendance
Middle Years	Indigenous	56	58	82.70%
	Non-Indigenous	353	362	87.67%
Senior Years	Indigenous	31	33	80.57%
	Non-Indigenous	260	267	86.06%
Total		700	720	84.25%



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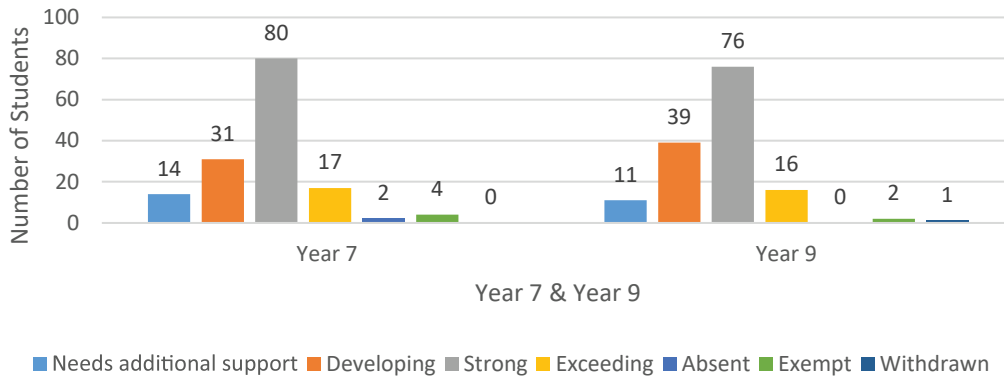
In 2023, MacKillop had a total of 293 students undertake the NAPLAN assessment suite. Of this 293, 148 came from Year 7 and 145 came from Year 9. Across both Year groups there were 2 absent counts, 6 exemption counts and 1 withdrawal count. MacKillop's total completion rate was 100%. This was an excellent result and above the national completion rate of 95%. From 2023, NAPLAN results are reported against proficiency standards with 4 proficiency levels for each assessment area at each year level. The NAPLAN measurement scales, and time series have also been reset. As such, data collected this year is unable to be compared with previous year's results. The achievement expressed in terms of the four new proficiency standards for each discipline examined is visualised on the graphs below –



2023 NAPLAN Spelling Whole Cohort

Year 7 N = 148

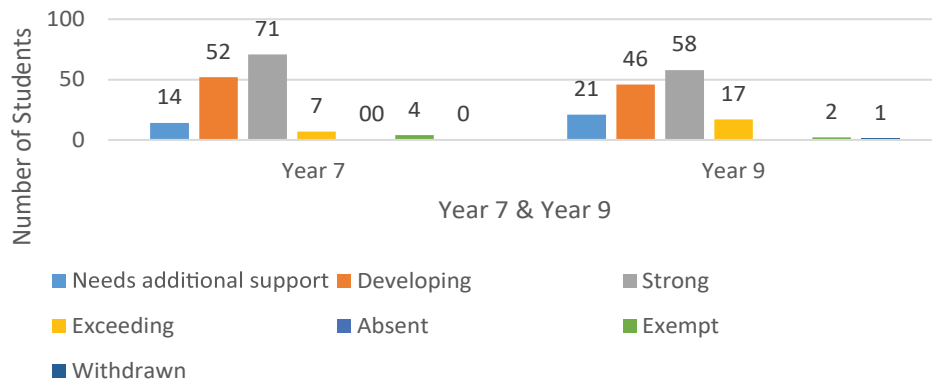
Year 9 N = 145



2023 NAPLAN Writing Whole Cohort

Year 7 N = 148

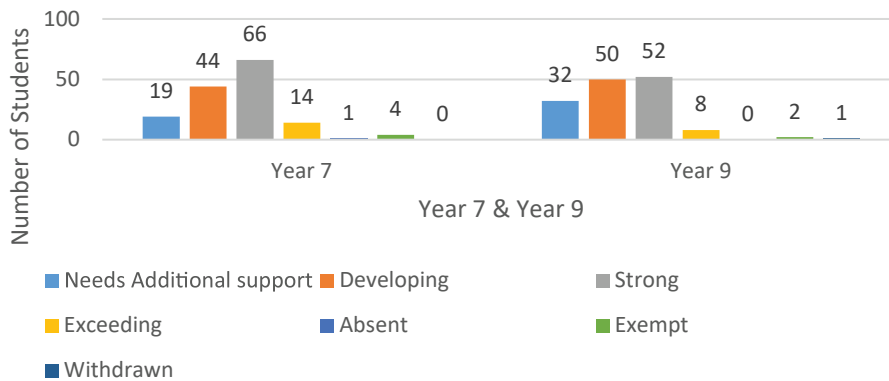
Year 9 N = 145



2023 NAPLAN Reading Whole Cohort

Year 7 N = 148

Year 9 N = 145



Parent Feedback

A survey was conducted to assess the satisfaction of the parents enrolling their students in the college.

72% of parents felt that school reports were clear and easy to understand

85% of parents had communication with their child's teachers

70% of parents support learning at home

70% of parents felt the College was inclusive

72% of parents felt their child had been treated fairly at school

70% of parents felt that the Catholic Identity of the College was strong

The areas of opportunity were identified as:

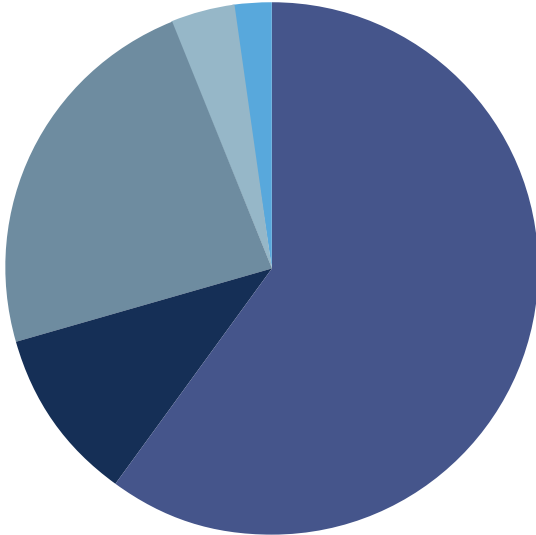
- Careers advice and opportunities
- Social and emotional development
- Parent involvement
- Homework

Finance, Facilities and Resources

Net Recurring Income Received in 2023:

Commonwealth Government Recurrent Funding	\$8,785,101	60.1%
NT Government Recurrent Funding	\$1,548,559	10.6%
Contribution from Families	\$3,414,884	23.4%
Other Recurrent Grants	\$554,066	3.8%
Trading Income	\$307,753	2.1%
SUBTOTAL	\$14,610,363	
Capital Grants	\$25,000	
TOTAL INCOME 2023	\$14,635,363	

- CWG
- NTG
- Families
- Other
- Trading



Achievements

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with pride and gratitude for the many achievements and milestones that we have accomplished together as a school community.



Academic Excellence: One of the most remarkable achievements of 2023 has been the continued pursuit of academic excellence by our students. Across all grade levels, our students have demonstrated exceptional dedication to their studies, resulting in impressive academic achievements. Our commitment to fostering a dynamic and engaging learning environment, coupled with

the hard work of our students and the support of our dedicated faculty, has led to outstanding academic results by our Year 12 Graduates.

Arts and Culture: Creativity and artistic expression flourished at MacKillop Catholic College in 2023. Our students showcased their talents in various artistic disciplines, including music, visual arts, dance and drama, and creative writing. Through participation in school productions, art exhibitions, and music concerts, our students demonstrated their passion for the arts and enriched the cultural fabric of our school community.



STEM Innovation: In 2023, MacKillop Catholic College continued to prioritize innovation in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education. Our students participated in a STEM competition, showcasing their creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. We are proud to announce that several of our students won a national competition for their design of a propulsion system for a nuclear submarine.

Community Engagement: Service and compassion lie at the heart of our school ethos, and in 2023, our students embraced opportunities for community engagement with enthusiasm and empathy. Through fundraising events for charitable causes, our students demonstrated a commitment to making a positive difference in the lives of others. Through these experiences, they developed a sense of social responsibility and empathy that will serve them well beyond their years at MacKillop Catholic College.



Sports Achievements: Athleticism and sportsmanship were on full display throughout the year, as our students excelled in various sporting competitions and events. Our students demonstrated determination, teamwork, and resilience, earning numerous accolades, winning the rugby championships in both the Eels and Palmerston Cups.



Looking Ahead: As we celebrate the successes of 2023, we also look forward to the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Together, as a united school community, we will continue to uphold the values of excellence, integrity, and compassion that define MacKillop Catholic College.



Catholic Identity

I am pleased to present to you the 2023 report on how MacKillop Catholic College identified, celebrated, and promoted our Catholic Identity throughout the year.

Faith Formation and Religious Education: Our faith formation and religious education are integral components of our curriculum. In 2023, we continued to provide our students with opportunities to deepen their understanding of Catholic teachings, traditions, and values through engaging religious education classes, liturgical celebrations, and retreat experiences. Our dedicated faculty members played a crucial role in guiding our students on their spiritual journey and fostering a deeper relationship with God.

Liturgy and Worship: Throughout the year, we gathered as a school community to celebrate the richness of our Catholic faith through various liturgical and worship experiences. Weekly Masses, prayer services, and Sacramental celebrations provided students and staff with opportunities for spiritual nourishment and reflection. These gatherings served as important moments for prayer, praise, and communal worship, strengthening our sense of unity and connection as a Catholic community.



Catholic Social Teaching: Catholic Social Teaching provides a framework for understanding and addressing social issues from a perspective rooted in Gospel values. In 2023, our curriculum integrated the principles of Catholic Social Teaching across various subject areas, empowering our students to become informed and engaged citizens committed to building a more just and compassionate society. Through classroom discussions, service-learning projects, and guest speaker presentations, our students explored topics such as human dignity, solidarity, and the common good, applying these principles to real-world challenges.



Retreat Programs: In 2023, our retreat program for students in years 7, 9, and 12 proved to be highly effective in nurturing spiritual growth, fostering community bonds, and deepening students' understanding of their faith. These retreats provided invaluable opportunities for students to reflect on their personal beliefs, engage in meaningful prayer and worship, and explore the relevance of spirituality in their lives. Through a combination of reflective activities, group discussions, and

guided meditations, students were able to develop a deeper sense of self-awareness, empathy, and connection to their peers and the wider Catholic community. The retreats also served as important rites of passage for students transitioning into new stages of their academic and personal journeys, offering them guidance, support, and a sense of belonging as they navigate the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

Promotion of Catholic Identity: In addition to academic and extracurricular activities, we actively promoted our Catholic Identity through various school-wide events and initiatives. Our annual MacKillop Feast Day celebration, for example, highlighted the unique mission and identity of Catholic



education, fostering as some of our students received the Sacraments of Initiation into the Church. Furthermore, our partnership with local parishes and community organizations allowed us to extend the reach of our Catholic Identity beyond the walls of our school, strengthening our ties with the wider Church community.



Endorsements

College Principal

Lucas Hurley

Signature:



College Board Chairperson

Victor Asingo

Signature:



Director of Catholic Education

Paul Greaves

Signature:

