

## 2008 SCHOOL PERFORMANCE DATA

The following information is a requirement of the Commonwealth Government and pertains to the 2008 calendar year.

### 1. Staff Attendance

On average, staff attended work 96.25% i.e. the average daily absence was 3.75%

### 2. Staff Retention

At the end of 2007, we farewelled

- Thirteen (13) teaching staff
- Six (6) non-teaching staff

### 3. Teacher Qualifications

Mercy College employs 95 teaching staff. Collectively, the qualifications held by teachers and the numbers who hold these qualifications are:

- Diplomas (three year trained) - 4
- Bachelors/Graduate Diplomas (four year trained) - 78
- Masters (five year trained) - 12
- Doctorate (six year trained) - 1

### 4. Expenditure and Teacher Participation in Professional Learning

All teaching staff participated in professional development courses in 2008. A small sample of these included:

- Religious Education Accreditation
- NuLit Data Analysis
- Curriculum Council 'Course of Study' days
- Educating students with special needs
- Assessment seminars
- Early childhood meetings

From the College's audited accounts, \$34 407 was spent on professional development for teaching staff. This is an average of \$441 per teaching staff member.

### 5. Student Attendance

An average of 93.88% of students attended school each day in 2008.

**6. The Percentage of Students achieving the national literacy and numeracy benchmarks and the percentage point change from 2007 - 2008**

Year	WALNA/MSE Test	%Students Meeting Benchmark 2008	%Students Meeting Benchmark 2007
3	Reading	93%	95%
3	Spelling	95%	78%
3	Writing	97%	91%
3	Numeracy	95%	86%
5	Reading	85%	100%
5	Spelling	93%	96%
5	Writing	96%	90%
5	Numeracy	97%	100%
7	Reading	95%	88%
7	Spelling	95%	80%
7	Writing	91%	91%
7	Numeracy	98%	89%
9	Reading	88%	93%
9	Writing	82%	97%
9	Numeracy	89%	90%

**7. Value Added**

Mercy College offers a wide variety of opportunities outside the classroom, all of which add to the teaching and learning program. These include:

- Retreats
- Student Councils
- Environmental groups
- Outdoor Education camps
- Interschool sport
- A variety of bands and choirs
- Dance groups
- Year Six and Year Seven camps
- ACC Sport – swimming, athletics, cross-country
- Competitions in public speaking, debating, chess
- Catholic Performing Arts Festival

**8. Average Standardised Assessment Results**

See (6)

## **9. Senior Secondary Outcomes**

The Mercy College Year Twelve Class of 2008 achieved outstanding results in both their University entrance exam (TEE) subjects and TAFE (VET) subjects. For the second year in a row:

- All 123 (100%) of our Year 12 2008 students achieved the Curriculum Council's WACE graduation. The State WACE graduation rate was 96%.
- Our Median TER score for our University (TEE) students exceeded 80.
- Our VET results in terms of hours worked (98 669), and complete TAFE qualifications awarded (360) placed Mercy College as the second highest achieving Catholic College in the State.

Furthermore:

- Mercy College took 36<sup>th</sup> place out of all schools throughout WA.
- Mercy College finished in the top 10 schools in the State in the following 5 subjects:  
Applicable Mathematics, Beliefs and Values, Physics, Small Business Management and Enterprise, Structured Workplace Learning: Business and Clerical.

## **10. Proportion of Year 9 students retained to Year 12**

Mercy College's retention rate from Year Nine students (2005) until Year Twelve students (2008) was 78%.

## **11. Post-school Destinations**

Of the 123 Year 12 students enrolled at the end of 2008:

- 54 (75%) of our TEE students received their first preference offer for a place at University.
- 22 (43%) of our TAFEWA / VET students received their first preference offer for a place at TAFEWA.

## **12. Student Satisfaction**

The results of the survey conducted with our Year Twelve students indicated, generally, a high level of satisfaction. The written survey reflected, in particular, the high levels of pastoral care and an appreciation of the efforts of staff.