



GEELONG LUTHERAN
COLLEGE

St John's Newtown Campus

Annual Report



2020

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CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

School Profile

St John's Lutheran School, known as Geelong Lutheran College St John's Newtown, is dedicated to improving the quality of education for all students under its care. It is a Child Safe organisation with a zero tolerance for child abuse and is committed to acting in the best interests of children.

As a school of the Lutheran Church of Australia Victorian District we are dedicated to providing an education for students that is informed by strong Christian principles and underpinned by the values that make all our Lutheran schools across Australia unique. St John's values the individual child. Lifelong Learning is fostered in our school which encourages living in the community and reflecting characteristics of God through our core values of wisdom, honour and purpose.

St John's Lutheran Parish established St John's Lutheran School in 1962 to provide a Prep to Year 6 quality education for the people of the City of Greater Geelong in a Christian environment. Set within the urban precinct of Geelong, our School has built an excellent, well-established reputation within the community over many years. St John's Lutheran Kindergarten was established in 1963.

At Geelong Lutheran College St John's Newtown, we strive to provide a learning environment centred on the Word of Christ, which celebrates the diversity and giftedness of all within our community. Education is a learning journey in which we acknowledge parents as primary educators and feel privileged to join in partnership with them through their child's education.

The ministry and mission of St John's provides the framework for our student wellbeing, learning and teaching programs. These programs enable us to foster a passion for lifelong learning and for the holistic development of each student. Pastoral care is one of the main focuses, integrating personal and social wellbeing and resilience. Our students are challenged to think as global citizens, consider the needs of those beyond their local community and to recognise the responsibilities their education provides as they take their places in work, social and family networks of the 21st century.



Vision

Geelong Lutheran College St John's Newtown shares its vision with all Australian Lutheran Schools, based on the inspired Word of God and endeavours to prepare our students to live a positive and rewarding life.

Through sensitivity to and an understanding of faith, students at St John's:

- value themselves so that they are excited by their life journey and inquisitive about their world and its future;
- are open to life's possibilities, to the social and inner needs of others and to injustices in our society; and
- are valued as unique and exceptional individuals who make a unique contribution to the world around them.

Our vision is to be a leading, innovative, Christ-centred learning community that inspires students to be caring, confident and creative citizens.

We are continuing to implement the College's 2019-2023 Strategic Vision. This document was developed by the College Council in consultation with the College Staff, students and parents. It outlines what we aspire to achieve through the five Strategic Priorities and how we will do this. This Vision provides the road map for the future of our College.

Further details about the College can be found on our website at www.glc.vic.edu.au.

Characteristics of the Student Body

Student enrolment at the DET Census in August 2020 was 267 students comprised of:

Year	Students	Boys	Girls
Prep	44	17	27
Yr 1	32	14	18
Yr 2	48	28	20
Yr 3	29	15	14
Yr 4	44	22	22
Yr 5	42	16	26
Yr 6	28	13	15
Total	267	125	142



At the 2020 DET Census in August, 1 indigenous student was enrolled at the College.

Mission and Ministry

Christian education is woven into every aspect of life at the College and we are proud of our distinctly Lutheran identity. Central to the mission and ministry of St John's is the teaching and learning of Christian Studies. Students from Prep through to Year 6 continued to develop their understandings of faith and religion through the weekly teaching of Christian Studies. This has been supported by the Christian Studies Curriculum Framework.

Weekly worship continues to be a focal point for our students, staff, parents and wider community. Led by various members of our leadership, the Parish Pastor, students and staff, our worship services are a highlight which continue to allow each student to develop their faith journey. This is supported by staff devotion, morning devotions in classes and opening and closing services during the year.

Staff continue to be enriched in their faith journey through the Equip program for Christian Studies teachers. Teachers of Christian Studies are required to complete this important program which has been developed by Lutheran Education Australia in conjunction with the Church and schools. Serving our community continues to be a focal point throughout the College with activities spread across the year levels.



SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

Teacher Standards & Qualifications

Geelong Lutheran College St John's Newtown and St John's Lutheran Kindergarten values the dedication and experience of its staff. In 2020, St John's had a total of 36 staff with 22 of these actively involved in the work of teaching. The school is committed to ensuring that staff are employed with appropriate qualifications who will actively support the Christian ethos of the school. St John's will continually develop the staff both professionally and personally through professional growth opportunities.

All teachers except one hold a tertiary qualification at degree level or higher. All teachers at St John's are appropriately qualified and are registered with the Victorian Institute of Teaching.

Qualifications

Masters	2
Bachelor	15
Diploma	5
Certificate	1
Total Teachers	23



All staff members are trained in LEA's Valuing Safe Communities to ensure compliance with the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) requirements for workers within the Church. An approved Child Protection training program has been implemented for all staff and volunteers in the school which is undertaken at the beginning of each year. New employees to the school are trained as part of staff induction. Relevant staff members are also trained or updated in First Aid, Anaphylaxis Management and Asthma Management.

Staff members are briefed on OH&S requirements and this is revisited regularly throughout the year during staff meetings as a standing item on the agenda.



Workforce Composition

The workforce composition at Geelong Lutheran College St John's Newtown consists of:

Staffing

1	Head of College
1	Principal
1	Head of Primary
18	Primary Teachers
8	School Officers
1	Wellbeing Officer
30	Total



Student Attendance at School

St John's 2020 AVERAGE STUDENT ATTENDANCE RATE BY YEAR LEVEL	%
Prep	91.97%
Year 1	90.35%
Year 2	91.59%
Year 3	93.24%
Year 4	90.59%
Year 5	92.62%
Year 6	94.58%
TOTAL	92.13%

These figures may vary from that on the My School website as that figure is determined over a time limited audit.

St John's student attendance for 2020 was 92.13%.

St John's takes attendance seriously and as such expects that parents notify the school of a child's absence and present a written notification of the reason for absence on return to school. Parents/care givers are contacted by phone if the school is not informed of a child's absence.

Unexplained absences are followed by communication with parents/care- givers to explore ways in which the issues can be resolved. Parents are informed if levels of attendance are alarming or undergo significant change.

Parent, Student and Teacher Satisfaction

At Geelong Lutheran College St John's Newtown, the level of satisfaction is reported and gained through formal Satisfaction Surveys through the College Newsletter, Parent/Teacher Interviews, Parent Information Sessions, Parent Forums, the College Magazine, Assemblies, Staff Meetings, Annual Reviews and Student forum meetings.

The integrated teaching of the French language from Kindergarten and Prep to Year 6 has been well received this year.



St John's committed to an ongoing School Improvement process. The school enjoys a high level of involvement and support of parents through various channels: Information Nights, Parent/Teacher Interviews and Parents & Friends. This is indicative of the important partnership that exists between home and school.

St John's regularly reports on events, programs and activities that have a positive impact on the wellbeing of all members of our community. At all times we endeavour to inform the community of events to build community spirit, recognise excellence and provide incentives for the future.

'There is something quite unique about St John's which is obvious to anyone who enters the school grounds. The school places a lot of emphasis on the overall wellbeing of its students while offering a great education. It has a nurturing, inclusive school environment that gives the students the best opportunity to thrive. We couldn't be happier with our decision to send our son and daughter to St John's and strongly recommend it to anyone.' St John's parent

Finance, Facilities and Resources

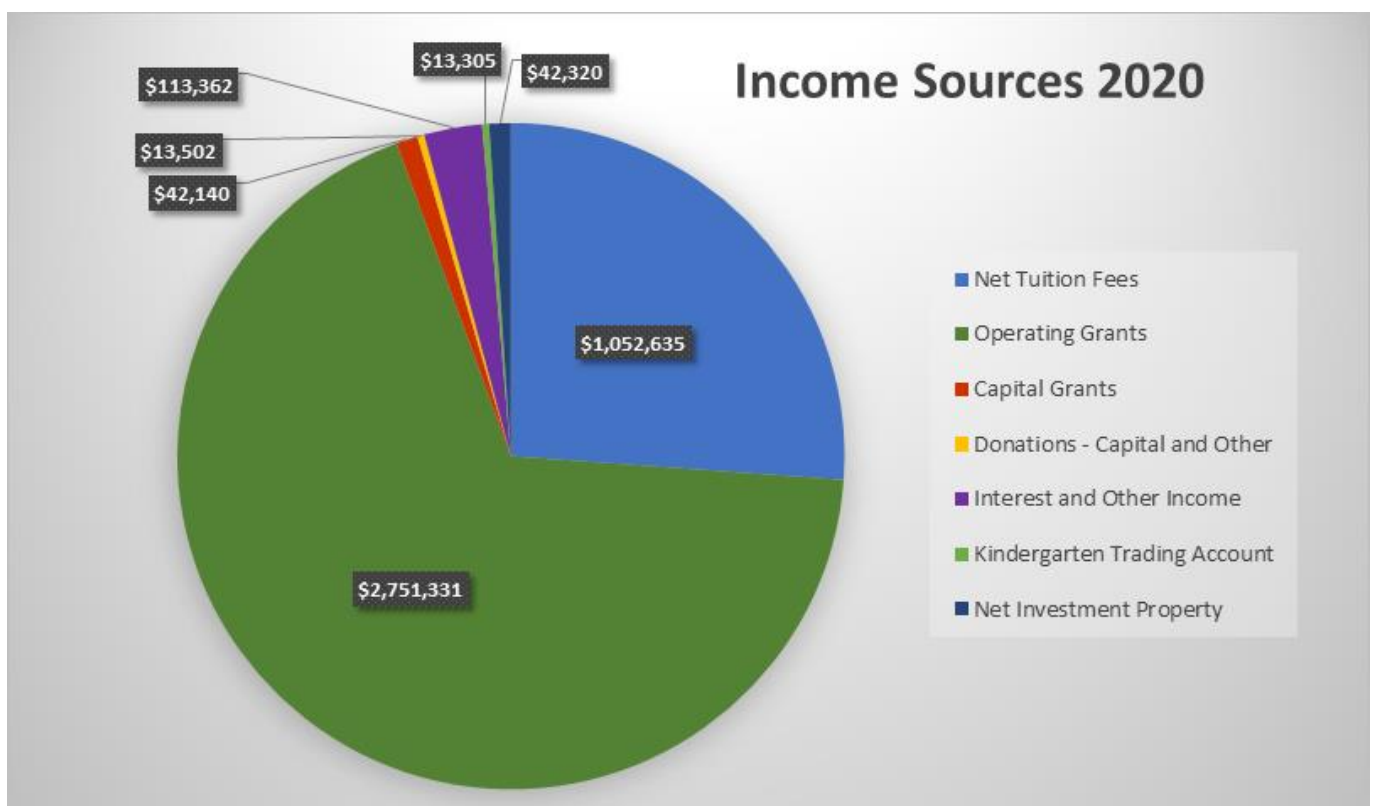
The School continued to operate based on a sound financial position in 2019. It remains focussed on providing an affordable Christian education to the local Geelong community.

Below is a summary of the Geelong Lutheran College St John's Newtown's income sources for 2019 which are also provided to the appropriate Government bodies and published on our website and by the Victorian Registrations and Qualifications Authority as part of this report.

The School's financial performance information has also been provided to the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) and is available for the community to access from their website at <https://www.acnc.gov.au/charity>

**INCOME SOURCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER, 2020**

INCOME SOURCES	2020	
Net Tuition Fees	\$1,052,635	26.1%
Operating Grants	\$2,751,331	68.3%
Capital Grants	\$42,140	1.0%
Donations - Capital and Other	\$13,502	0.3%
Interest and Other Income	\$113,362	2.8%
Kindergarten Trading Account	\$13,305	0.3%
Net Investment Property	\$42,320	1.1%
	\$4,028,595	





Governance

Geelong Lutheran College Council

Chairman	Craig Tischler
Vice-Chairman	Jan Baker
Member	Gavan Cramer
Member	Christine Schulz
Member	Mark Gerhardy
Member	Hannah Hedt
St John's Rep	Matthew Luttrell
Head of College	Jill Lange-Mohr OAM
Business Manager	Paul Riddle
Pastor	Rev David Spike
Pastor	Rev Milton Fritsch

Geelong Lutheran College St John's Newtown is a school of the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) and, as such, is part of the mission and ministry of the Church to the wider community. St John's Lutheran School is owned by St John's Lutheran Church, Geelong and is governed by GLC College under an agreement with the LCA – Victorian District. The College has an important relationship with the LCA-VD through Lutheran Education Victoria, New South Wales and Tasmania (LEVNT), which is a regional administrative, support and oversight organisation.

SCHOOL DETAILS

College Contact Information

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