



# Star of the Sea

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## Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School Rockingham

### School Performance Information 2016

#### Part 1- Information relating to schools

The following information is a Federal Government requirement and pertains to the 2016 school year.

##### 1. CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School, Rockingham is situated in the centre of Rockingham and is easily accessible from the suburbs of Rockingham, Safety Bay, Waikiki, Warnbro, Baldivis, Port Kennedy, Shoalwater Bay, Cooloongup, Hillman and Leda.

As a West Australian Catholic school we are part of the system of schools supported by Catholic Education Western Australia (CEWA). At the local level we are integral in the life of the local parish of "Our Lady of Lourdes." A fundamental role that goes with that is to provide a faith education for the children of the parish school. We do this by delivering a Religious Education Program using units of work prepared by the Religious Education Section CEWA. These units are used in all WA Catholic schools. The core philosophy of the school is based on Gospel values. Class Masses are conducted on a weekly basis and there are opportunities for the children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

Star of the Sea is a triple stream school catering for children in our 3 Year-Old Kindergarten through to Year Six. The Kindergarten programs are part time i.e. Pre-Kindy 3 Year Olds attend one-two full days per week and the Kindy 4 Year Olds attend 3 full days per week.

We recognise parents as the first and most important educators of their children and parents are strongly encouraged to participate fully in the life of the school. There are many opportunities to do this, for example, by way of offering classroom assistance, volunteering in the canteen and being active members of the Parents and Friends' Association or the School Board.

We have every reason to be proud of the standard of education we offer and this is done in a friendly and caring environment. Every child is encouraged to reach their full potential through a broad curriculum which covers the areas outlined in the WA National Curriculum. The curriculum includes tuition in the specialist areas of Science, ICT, PE, LOTE (Indonesian), HASS (History and Social Sciences) and Music. Support is given to integrating Information and Communication Technology into classrooms across learning areas. There is an instrumental program, a support program for children with learning difficulties and those with special needs. The school is well resourced and there has been a recent upgrade of computer infrastructure and facilities. All classes have interactive whiteboards, and there are



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excellent sporting and playground facilities with a large oval. Out of School Hours and Vacation Care is available on site.

## 2. TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS

In 2016, Star of the Sea employs 56 staff as teachers and teacher assistants. All teachers are suitably qualified members of the Western Australian College of Teaching and hold current Working with Children Clearance checks.

Diploma	Associate Diploma	Bachelor Degree	Master Degree
6	3	40	1

### Staff Training

All staff have the opportunity to undertake professional learning, development and growth. The strategies to deliver these aspects of professional learning range from internal/external opportunities to mentoring, coaching and professional partnerships, regional PD days, guest speakers; CEWA Teaching and Learning Conference and CEWA PD for teacher leaders.

## 3. WORKFORCE COMPOSITION

A summary of the workforce composition in 2016 at Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School is as follows:

Male	Female	Teaching	Non-Teaching (Education Assistants/Administration)	Full-time	Part-time	Indigenous
9	61	34	36	37	33	2

## 4. STUDENT ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Average **Whole** School attendance for 2016 was 86%.

By **Year Level** attendance for 2016 was as follows:

Year Level	KG	PP	Y01	Y02	Y03	Y04	Y05	Y06
<b>Attendance %</b>	89.75	84.98	80.60	78.14	93.22	88.06	93.15	81.33

### Process for Dealing with Non-attendance

All absentees are recorded in the class Electronic Attendance Register by each class teacher. If a child is absent an explanation for absence is sought by texting parent or guardian. All absences must be explained in writing or by e-mail by the child's parent/guardian, and all notes are filed. The classroom teacher regularly follows up any unexplained absences with a reminder note and/ or phone call. Registers are reviewed each term to ensure correct procedures are followed. Where attendance is an issue, the situation is monitored and a discussion between the class teacher, Leadership Team and parent/guardian follows.



## 5. NAPLAN ANNUAL ASSESSMENTS - 2016

These scores are based on the Average scores compared with State Average

YEAR 3 SUBJECT	SOTS'S MEAN	NATIONAL MEAN	SCHOOLS' MEAN
Numeracy	382.4	402.2	
Reading	402.1	425.7	
Writing	421.5	420.5	
Grammar	405.4	436.3	
Spelling	420.4	420.1	

YEAR 5 SUBJECT	SOTS'S MEAN	NATIONAL MEAN	SCHOOLS' MEAN
Numeracy	462.9	492.9	
Reading	495.4	501.7	
Writing	473.4	475.4	
Grammar	496.0	505.0	
Spelling	497.8	492.9	

### Value Added

In addition to the core teaching outcomes in the nine learning areas, during 2016 the students had many opportunities to learn and develop in the safe supportive environment our school offers.

Star of the Sea offers many educational opportunities for our children to experience right on our doorstep and once again staff have taken advantage of this while also moving further afield.

At a glance the following list gives a snapshot of the broad range of experiences offered to our students:

- Sacramental programs
- In term swimming lessons
- Interschool cross country
- Interschool swimming
- Interschool athletics
- Before school sport training
- Individual instrumental tuition
- Performing Arts
- Buddy classes



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- Learning Assistance Program
- School Psychologist
- Student Leaders
- Making Jesus Real
- Student Council
- Gardening Club
- Aboriginal Playgroup
- Aboriginal Homework Classes
- Homework Classes
- Maths Club
- Gifted and Talented
- Parent education seminars
- Gardening Club
- Sustainability – Friday Markets
- Involvement in charitable works

## **Parent, Student and Teacher Satisfaction**

Verbal feedback given has been generally positive due to minimal turnover of staff and their participation in all school activities. It has been noted there is a marked improvement and engagement with the students and parents at Star of the Sea.

## **Post School Destination**

96 Year 6 students completed their Primary School Education at the end of 2016.

The majority of graduating students went to Kolbe Catholic College. The remaining graduates went to CBC Fremantle, Iona Presentation College, Seton Catholic College and a small percentage went to Safety Bay High School & Rockingham High School.

## **7. SCHOOL INCOME**

School income information can be found by visiting the ACARA website [www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au)



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## Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School, Rockingham School Performance Data 2016

### Part 2- School Community report

#### 1. REPORT FROM CURRENT 2016 BOARD CHAIR

Report from current Board Chair

Board Key Achievements – 2016

- Successful appointment of 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Principal and Staff
- Financial position - remains strong at end of 2016 – No debt
- School Refurbishment and capital works –Improved facilities and infrastructure in place – Focus has been Learning Environments
- Long term school vision and future capital works - Progress continuing/underway
- ICT infrastructure – Moving forward with the growth
- Staff and student engagement rates maintained - Attendance and retention
- SOTS brand - Well respected in region; student numbers steady

Board Key Focus 2016 & beyond

- 2017 budget approved –Budget is balanced.
- 2017 School Fees - minimal increase – approx. 2%.
- Prudent financial management – Provisions for future capital expenditure.
- Continuation of capital development and refurbishment for 2017 – Funded out of recurrent cashflows.
- Implementation of next phase of ICT strategy – Maintaining the current standard with the Computer/IPAD devices / student ratio for use in classrooms. New 1 :1 policy.
- Continued delivery of quality outcomes to students and staff - student numbers and retention rates.

#### 2. STATEMENT OF PROVISIONAL BUDGET

##### Income Sources for 2017

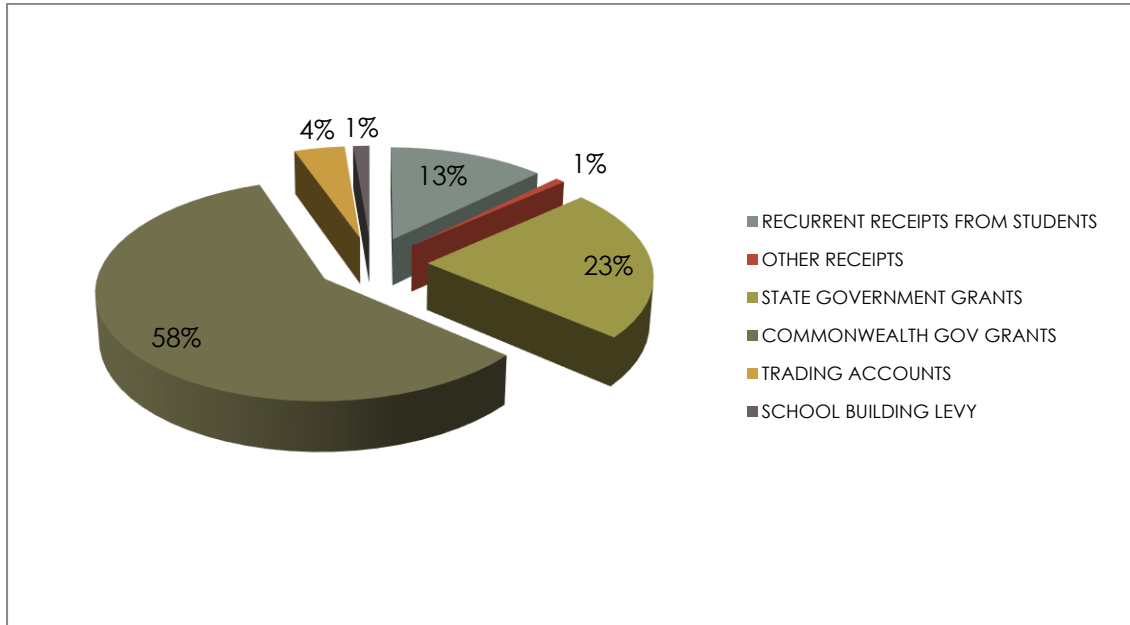
- Commonwealth Grants
- State Government Grants
- School Fees
- Building Levy
- Special Grants.



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## INCOME 2016



## EXPENSES 2016

