BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL on Community

Strengthen positive relationships within and beyond the school community

Goals for 2009

We intend to:

- Review the communication with parents
- Review the pastoral care structure of the College
- Establish a marketing strategy for the College

Actions for 2009

- Review diary entry system
- Enhance relationships with Primary schools
- Develop the College Web site – including newsletter, assessment schedules, exam timetables, criteria for assessment
- Implement Markbook as a reporting tool
- Expand time for PT interviews
- Email newsletters and other communications home.
- Continue to encourage parent involvement in the College eg P&F, Board, Parent support groups
BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL on Resources and Organisation
To manage resources so as to deliver quality teaching and learning.
Develop the College Web site – include newsletter, assessment schedules, exam timetables, criteria

Goals for 2009

We intend to:

- Review the PAR structure
- Facilitate an ICT 5 year plan
- Develop College maintenance plan
- Improve staff and student access to ICT

Actions for 2009

- Review of pastoral care system for school
- Review of PAR structure
- Establish a College Maintenance plan,
- Provide staff laptops for integration of ICT into the classroom
- Refurbish 3 rooms of 30 computers in Rooms 1, 2, 3
- Redevelop area under library in accommodate another 2 computer labs
- Plan and implement the roll out of 150 Federally funded computers
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BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL on Faith and Mission
To promote and develop an authentic Catholic Community

Achievements for 2009
The College:
- Strengthened the culture of prayer within the College
- Continued the engagement in Catching Fire program
- Began to incorporate the Benedictine and Good Samaritan Charism into the College
- Increased community outreach programs through RE.

Actions for 2009
- Greater engagement of staff and students in prayer and liturgy
- Prayer space in the GSC
- Staff twilight retreat
- Staff/ student regular morning prayer
- Staff attended Prayer Fire & BCE inservices
- Included history of Good Samaritans into diary
- Covered Benedictine rule in RE classes
- Inclusion of Yr 10 in Community Outreach program
- Review and rewrite of College Vision and Mission statement

Still to be worked on
- Establish outdoor prayer space
BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL on Learning and Teaching
To promote and enhance quality pedagogy

Achievements for 2009

The College:

- Reviewed the senior timetable and its implications for Year 8, 9 and 10
- Continued to develop a culture of learning within the College
- Implementation of 6 lines in senior school

Still to be worked on

- Review junior curriculum re middle schooling issues

Actions for 2009

- Evaluated community input on 6 lines
- Design implementation strategy for 6 lines
- Established study club at lunchtimes
- Established an on-line tutoring service for students
- Secure the future of SOR as a subject within the College
- Developed strategies for QCS and Naplan preparation
- Appointed full time VET co-ordinator
- Broadened the scope of curriculum- SOR, Year 8, Graphics

Still to be worked on

- After school homework centre
BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL on Community

Strengthen positive relationships within and beyond the school community

Achievements for 2009

The College

- Reviewed the communication with parents
- Reviewed the pastoral care structure of the College
- Developed links with community organisations

Still to develop
- Establish a marketing strategy for the College

Actions for 2009

- Enhanced relationships with Primary schools through Yr 6 and 7 visits
- Developed the College Web site – including weekly newsletter, assessment schedules, exam timetables, criteria for assessment
- Implemented Markbook as a reporting tool
- Implemented a junior term 3 report
- Expanded time for PT interviews
- Emailed newsletters and other communications home.
- Increased parent involvement in the College eg P&F, Board, Parent support groups
- Use of service learning program to establish links to other community organisations
- Increased publicity of College activities.
BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL on Resources and Organisation
To manage resources so as to deliver quality teaching and learning.
Develop the College Web site – include newsletter, assessment schedules, exam timetables, criteria

Achievements for 2009

The College:
- Reviewed the PAR structure
- Facilitated an ICT 5 year plan
- Developed College maintenance plan
- Improved staff and student access to ICT

Actions for 2009
- Implemented new pastoral care and house structure for school
- Adjusted PAR structure.
- Developed a College Maintenance plan,
- Provided staff laptops for integration of ICT into the classroom
- Refurbished 3 rooms of 30 computers in Rooms 1,2,3
- Redeveloped area under library in accommodate another 2 computer labs
- Implemented the purchase of 120 Federally funded computers
- Developed ICT wireless and College intranet infrastructure
- Expansion of usable library space
- New student lockers
- Relocation of book hire and computer servers
- Stabilisation of rehabilitation of College grounds
- Resurfaced College driveway, car park
- Partial refurbish of Admin Block
- Air-conditioned Rooms 1,2,3 and staff lunch room

Still to work on
- Develop plan to distribute laptops to students in Year 9, 2010.
Parent, Teacher and Student Satisfaction with the School

Indications from the Parent surveys, Parents and Friends Association and the College Board, suggest that there is a high degree of satisfaction with the College. Parent participation is always a good indicator of satisfaction with the school and St. John’s has a culture of participation and support that seems to strengthen every year. Indicative of this support was the 300 strong parent body that turned out to the Trivia Night fundraiser for the netball and rugby tour of New Zealand.

In 2009 the College Board were instrumental in reviewing and rewriting of the College Vision and Mission Statements and broad Policies. Several members of the Board were invited to remain for the year despite their term of office having being completed. These members were a great guide and inspiration for the new members.

The Parents and Friends association agendas were positive and this parent body are consistently seeking ways to support the school financially. They have investigated many possibilities this year and have set their goal to finance a boardwalk down to the ovals. They have also provided funds for the PA system in the Multi-purpose Centre and multi-media facilities in the staff room.

The Student Representative Committee have again been busy promoting school functions and spirit. Their main contribution this year was the provision of a College Mascot – “Johnnie” the Dragon. “Johnnie” made his debut on St. John’s day and is a regular guest at school events, including welcoming our new intake from year 7.

The following areas of strength were drawn from school review components 1.1; 2.2; 3.4 & 4.3 indicate satisfaction with the school:

- Community service
- Retreats
- Social Action, Accreditation of Staff
- Quality Learning for all students
- Suitable co-curricula offerings
- Variety of learning experiences
- Effective transition from middle school to senior school
- Support for the disadvantaged and marginalised
- Students feel safe and well cared for
- Spirit of positiveness
- Pastoral care approach is highly regarded
Concluding Comments 2009

As outlined in the pages of this report, certainly much has been achieved at St John’s this year. Once again, we sincerely thank Brisbane Catholic Education, all staff, clergy, students, parents and members of the wider community for their contributions in many and varied ways to our highly successful year. Every contribution has been significant and every contributor a valued and unique member or friend of our special community. Next year we continue our new Strategic Renewal Cycle 2008 - 2012 and our developing priorities will be very much in line with the Brisbane Catholic Education School Renewal Priorities.

Our strategic priorities to be developed in 2010 will be centred on:

- Vision for Learning
- Learning support
- Professional Learning Community
- Learning & Teaching of Religion
- Partnerships

• Future

St. John’s College will continue to serve the Nambour & Sunshine coast community as a place where faith and life are fully integrated and a place that provides the excellence of an authentic Catholic education. Our rich past and proud traditions will continue to shape and enhance the spirit that embodies the St. John’s community.