



Plenty Valley

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

In Christ: Wisdom & Knowledge



Community Report 2018

Introduction from the Principal



Plenty Valley Christian College has served families for more than 35 years based on a firm belief that parents and teachers, working in partnership in the education of their children, create a powerful and complimentary support structure for children.

We believe that children are created in the image of our Heavenly Father; that each one is unique, valued and created with intent.

Our purpose as a college, is to support Christian families in the education of their children through a Christian worldview, to nurture and equip them to become servants of the Kingdom of God and citizens of their nation and world.

At Plenty Valley Christian College, our students are Nurtured to Thrive and Empowered to Influence. 2018 was a consolidation year with

our new structure that focused on the academic development of students as well as recognising that all age groups have particular wellbeing needs.

Teaching is a very rewarding job. It has its challenges and absorbs much personal energy and time. However, we believe that partnering with parents to nurture and guide children, to be the best they can be, is what drives our commitment to education.

Plenty Valley Christian College is well known as a caring community. We believe that when a child feels cared for they are freed to develop their academic and personal gifts. Our sub-school structure identifies as smaller communities that encourage the feeling of being cared for and of belonging in the College.

When Jesus called his disciples, he chose a group of diverse

individuals. Amongst other things the group contained academics, revolutionaries and fishermen. They came together under a strong vision which moulded them to be stronger and more influential together than they could hope to be as separate individuals.

We desire that our students are well educated and able to critique their culture so that they become positive influencers and strong leaders in on our community.

We believe that embracing diversity recognises God's plan for his children, directing that diversity into the discipline helps us become who we were created to be and the joy of working as part of a team or community helps us achieve more together and enjoy it more than we could be by ourselves.

John Metcalfe
Principal





Highlights

Like any community, Plenty Valley Christian College depends on all members' gifts and talents to become something greater than the individuals who make it up. We appreciate the Board of Directors role in high levels of governance right through to the interest and enthusiasm of the most recent families enrolled at the College.

Highlights at any school are always an example of students putting their gifts and talents to good use. Less obvious but, still a highlight is the hours of work that staff put into making it possible for students to develop their unique mixture of gifts and talents and to give them the opportunity to shine.

Students looking beyond themselves

An important part of growth and development is the movement away from a self-centred view of life to empathising and considering others and pushing our limits.

In 2018 students from primary and secondary were involved in a number of events that are designed to help them to develop.

Yr 10 students had the opportunity to join the annual Mission Awareness Tours to Thailand and Vanuatu. During these trips they assisted orphanages and schools while they gained valuable insight into how blessed we are in Australian and what it is like on the teacher side of the classroom.

That capability was applied in Relay for Life, Walk in My Shoes, or Yr 6 preparing re-entry packs for newly released prisoners.

The Student Community Improvement Program (SCIP) is a week for the Year 9 students to volunteer their time to assist in their local community.

Opportunities to Grow

Plenty Valley Christian College has an organised year level camp program that takes students out of their comfort zone to learn more about themselves and the world

that God has created. These include Yr 3 and 4 musical play "The Three Trees," Yr 9 City Cite camp that explores central city living and other camps that include high ropes and hikes through virgin bush. Yr 6 treks to Canberra to learn about government and the development of our capital.

Extended year-level excursions are also frequent events in the yearly calendar. Primary students travel to Mill Valley Ranch and Canberra. Year 9 program that includes the Woolongara experience in Victoria's high country.



Staff

Our staff members continued to develop their competence in their craft through Professional Development opportunities. Primary staff committed to International Baccalaureate PYP workshops on the weekends to deepen their understanding and professionalism. Secondary staff developed their understanding of their subject specialisation as well as developmental needs of student

Academic Pursuits

Schools are largely about academic pursuits and Plenty Valley students continued to show that they could achieve at all levels with resolve and hard work. Our Year 12 students set the bar high displaying collegiate work ethics and high personal expectations.

A number of national and international competitions were a part of the academic challenge in the College. Primary students

extended their abilities by competing in the Tournament of the Minds and Maths Olympiad

Kinder and Early Years

Our 4-year-old Kinder continue to grow through the year and our 3-year-old Kinder filled up under the nurture and guidance of our Kinder staff team.

The Early Years building has proven to be a great boost to our College with students enjoy the all in one building structure and staff taking advantage of the architecture to collaborate between classes.

Sport Opportunities

Plenty Valley Christian College is proud to be able to provide interschool sporting opportunities in fourteen sports activities across Years 5 – 12. Our primary and

secondary house carnivals are always one of the highlights of the sporting year.

Plenty Valley Secondary Students had a successful year in the Eastern Independent Schools, Melbourne weekly interschool sport in 2018 in most sporting events taking out the senior boys AFL Grand Final and Yr 8/9 Girls Netball. The girls AFL team were valiant runner-ups.

Many of our Primary and Secondary students represented the College in District and Division Swimming and Cross Country.

Through our sporting program, we aim to provide the opportunity to try different sports and provide inspiration to pursue physical activity and service in the wider community activities.

Student Attendance

Attendance by Year Level

Year Level	% Attendance
Year 1	93
Year 2	93
Year 3	93
Year 4	93
Year 5	93
Year 6	93
Year 7	94
Year 8	95
Year 9	94
Year 10	93

Average attendance for the whole school is 93.5%. About half of these absences were medical related.

At Plenty Valley, we manage attendance of students by sending SMS text messages to parents if a student is absent without notice.

Absences of more than two days without notification are followed up by homeroom teachers. Ongoing absences are reported to the sub-school coordinator for further follow-up with families.



Teaching Staff

All teaching staff at Plenty Valley have met the requirements of the Victorian Institute of Teachers.

Teaching Staff regularly professional development, both internal and external, aimed at improving their understanding and practice of their teaching craft.

One of our staff members identifies as an aboriginal Australian.

Our current Staff Retention Rate is 87% and the average length of teacher service is eight years.



NAPLAN Results

	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar	Numeracy
Year 3	100%	100%	100%	96%	100%
Year 5	100%	86%	90%	96%	100%
Year 7	100%	98%	96%	97%	100%
Year 9	94%	99%	87%	94%	98%



Year 12 Achievements

75 Year 12 students were enrolled in VCE, VCAL or VET courses in 2018. All of our student obtained their Year 12 Credential.

96% (72) of students were enrolled in VCE.

4% (3) students were enrolled in VCAL.

92% of VCE students received an offer from their tertiary applications.

74% took up their offer and 7% deferred.

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6.9% of students received an ATAR over 90

12.5% of students received an ATAR over 80

29.1% of students received an ATAR over 70

15 students received an early offer through the Latrobe ASPIRE program.

6 students received an early offer through the ACU Community Achievement program.

22 VET Certificates were awarded.

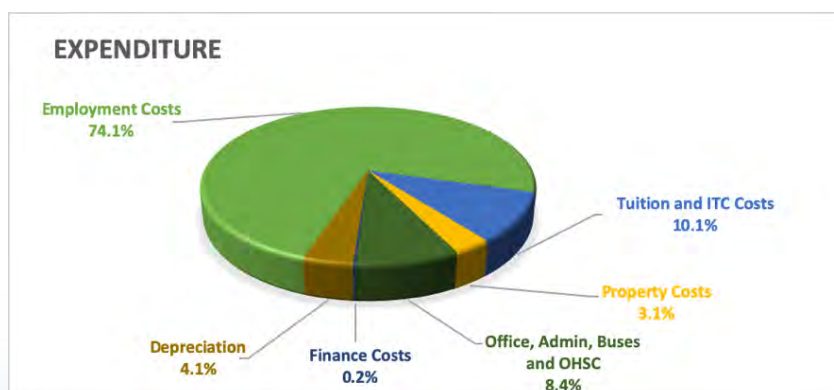
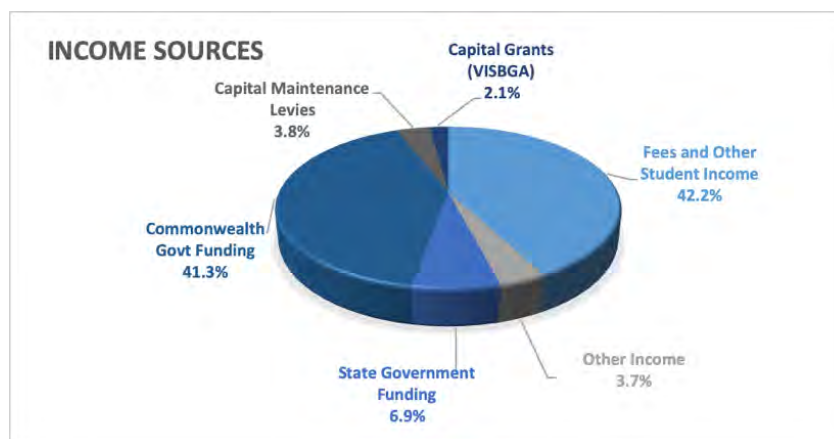


Financial Summary

The following financial summary is indicative of an ongoing healthy organisation, ready for the next phase of growth under careful watch by the College Executive and Board.

In 2018 we completed the construction of our new Early Years Building, which is home to 3 and 4-year-old kinder, Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students. The building related to the primary year levels was constructed with financial support from the Federal Government's Block Grant Authority which we are very grateful for. Due to timing of cash flow and thanks to the grant payments, we did not require any loans to build this new building.

We also completed a major upgrade for our Year 5 and 6 students who will move into newly refurbished classrooms at the commencement of Term 1, 2019. Other extensive refurbishments across the campus are planned for 2019 including a weatherproof structure over the primary basketball court and foyer to the multi-purpose hall for greater sun and rain protection.





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