



Plenty Valley

CHRISTIAN COLLEGE
In Christ: Wisdom & Knowledge

COMMUNITY REPORT 2019

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 God; 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, and to nurture and equip students 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.

In 2019, the college community participated in the development of our Strategic Plan. The main goals of the plan fall into five important focus areas that capture the heart of the college.

The first is **People Matter** (Culture). The heart of our college culture is a Biblically based view of life. We know that we are loved and in response, we love others. The out working of that love embraces developing our gifts through life-long learning, wisdom, developing the skill of critiquing of dominant culture, and Christian service.

Learning Matters (Curriculum and Learning): we aim to build strong educational foundations and support pathways to future education and work. Our approach is to balance and maximise a framework of direct instruction, inquiry learning, and a transdisciplinary approach based on Transformation by Design.

Relationships Matter (Communication and Community): communication is essential for community to flourish. We want to make sure that all our members know who we are and how we interact.

Leadership Matters (Leadership and Governance): Embracing vision and strategic direction strengthens communities. Members enjoy both responsibilities and benefits when our leaders' base decisions on the established direction of the college.

Stewardship Matters (Finance and Resources): we have been blessed with resources that we need to use wisely for ourselves and the wider community.

The Board and our staff of our college are determined to ensure that our students receive the best comprehensive education available while building our community. We believe that this strategic direction will assist us to do that.

John Metcalfe
Principal





Highlights

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 enabling students to develop their unique mixture of gifts and talents and to give them the opportunity to shine.

Our values statement begins, **"Because we are image bearers of Christ, we ..."** It is fundamental to our lives that we know who we are and that helps us know how we should relate to others and the world around us. Being images of God, we know that we have wonderful gifts and talents and a purpose for them.

Build Community

This year the Board of Plenty Valley Christian College had a significant turnover of members new members were appointed and the whole board committed themselves to training and the development of good governance as part of a new era in community. Students continued to champion serving others by hosting the Relay for Life when the local community organising group were not in a position to continue. This demonstrates that our gifts are to be used for others. This is also a theme for our Yr. 6 Camp to Canberra.

Learn Courageously

Learning happens when we allow ourselves to be put into a position that requires us to go beyond our present experience and comfort zone. That takes courage. Sometimes only a little, but real steps forward require real courage. In a world where we strive to look in control and perfect it is hard to risk being wrong in front of your peers.

Our year level camps, excursions and trips are designed to take students out of the comfort zone of school and allow them to open their minds and develop courage in the face of the unknown.

Strive for Excellence

God created each of us uniquely and with a plan for our lives that requires us to use those gifts. To be the best that we can be in all aspects of our lives will allow us to find contentment in being who we were created to be. Excellence is being the very best we can be. We expect all of us to be excellent in all we undertake.

Actively Steward

We are blessed with our environment and the things that we use for education. It is important that we care for those things so that we, and others, continue to benefit from them. This includes our school environment, equipment from school or home and the gifts that we have as individuals and groups.

Our Values

Nurture Godly Character

Identifying and developing positive character is a key role of Plenty Valley Christian College. Teaching young people to look beyond themselves and invest in developing their gifts for others. We demonstrate this in our activities that focus on doing something for others. These include Mission Trips, the student-led Walk in My Shoes and Relay for Life, Yr. 6 preparing re-entry packs for newly released prisoners and the Yr. 9 Student Community Improvement Program.



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 2019 in most sporting events taking out Division 3 Swim Champions, Senior boys' hockey, Senior girls' football, Yr. 8/9 boys' hockey and Yr. 8/9 indoor cricket premiers

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



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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 90.32% and the average length of teacher service is eight years.

Student Attendance

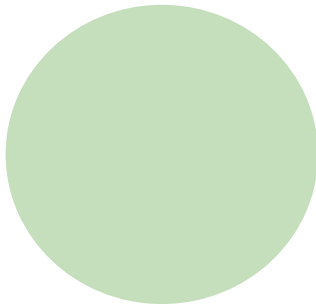
Attendance by Year Level

Year Level	% Attendance
Year 1	94%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	93%
Year 6	92%
Year 7	94%
Year 8	94%
Year 9	93%
Year 10	94%

Average attendance for the whole school is 93.4%. 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.



Year 12 Achievements

67 Year 12 students were enrolled in Year 12
All of our student obtained their Year 12 Credential

91.04% (61) of students were enrolled in VCE

8.96% (6) students were enrolled in Senior VCAL program

96% of students received at least one course offer from their tertiary applications.

93% of students enrolled into a Tertiary Course in 2020

8 students deferred their courses until 2021

2 students began their School based apprenticeship and continued with their apprenticeships – post Year 12

28 students completed their VET course and Certificates were awarded.

79% (53) students applied for tertiary courses in 2020

The 2019 College Dux was Joel Griffin – ATAR – 97.75

7.46% (5) students received an ATAR over 90+

29% of students received an ATAR over 80+ (increase of 16.5% from 2018)

49% of students received an ATAR over 70+

70% of students received an ATAR over 60+

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

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



NAPLAN Results

	Year 3	Year 5	Year 7	Year 9
Reading	100%	98%	100%	97%
Writing	100%	100%	95%	91%
Spelling	95%	100%	97%	97%
Grammar	100%	98%	98%	96%
Numeracy	97%	100%	100%	100%



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 2019 we completed a major upgrade for our Year 5 and 6 students who moved into newly refurbished classrooms at the commencement of Term 1. Other refurbishments across the campus included a weatherproof structure over the primary basketball court and foyer to the multi-purpose hall for greater sun and rain protection.

A nine-stage masterplan was designed for the future development of the college and will kick-off with an upgrade to the entry of the secondary school in 2021.

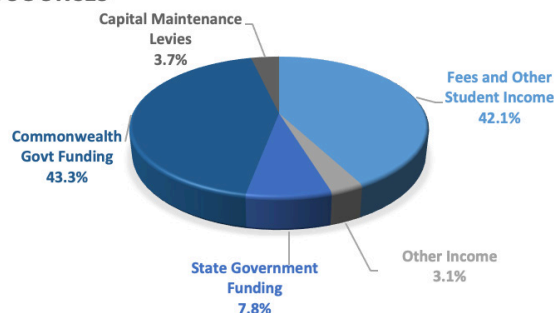
During the year we also invested in our systems and IT systems, improving financial reported and accounts receivable management.

RECURRENT INCOME	Actual \$
Fees and Other Student Income	6,018,725
Other Income	438,628
State Government Funding	1,111,211
Commonwealth Govt Funding	6,186,673
Capital Maintenance Levies	524,088
Total Recurrent Income	14,279,325

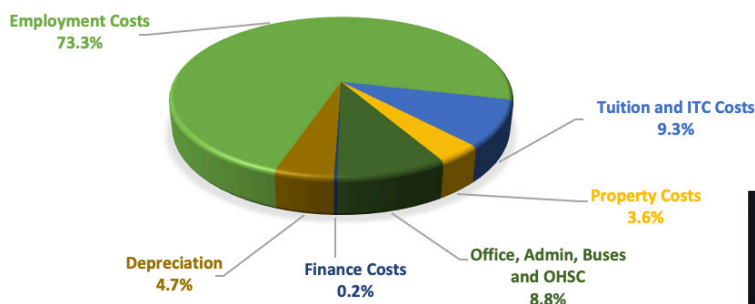
RECURRENT EXPENDITURE	Actual \$
Employment Costs	10,080,937
Tuition and ICT Costs	1,279,076
Property Cost	501,052
Office, Admin, Buses and OHSC	1,211,905
Finance Costs	32,856
Loan and Interest Payments	-
Depreciation	649,411
Total Recurrent Expenditure	13,755,237

Capital	Actual \$
Other Capital Income	524,088
Capital Grants VISBGA	-
Other	-
Total Capital Funds Available from 2018	524,088

INCOME SOURCES



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