



**Plenty Valley**  
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
In Christ: Wisdom & Knowledge



# Community Report 2022

# Introduction from the Principal

With the Covid lockdown years behind us we looked forward to being back to normal. It was a year of finding our new normal with many things back, some modified and learning new ways to do community.

Unfortunately, we still had exclusion times imposed with symptoms or positive tests that made it difficult to field a full team and staff and students missed more than the usual amount of schooling. Both staff and students began the year with high hopes but quickly tired and we experienced higher levels of student anxiety requiring increased wellbeing time and staffing.

It became clear that some students enjoyed remote learning with no distractions from other students and the noise and energy of the classroom. Others found it almost impossible to work without the energy and interactions of others. All of us found the return to physically being together a challenge in one way or another but we were also glad to have our community back together.

The big realisation was that normal had changed. 2022 was a year of exploring what the new expectations and possibilities for education are. Our strong, supportive and resilient community continued to play a key role in us navigating another challenging year.

It was a pleasure to welcome parents back to the campus and to resurrect some community events that had been cancelled in the previous two years. Our parent picnic early in the year was well attended and continued into the night as all were reluctant to leave even when the local mob of kangaroos invaded the oval.

Through the year there were challenges of sickness and lack of teachers, but our community of learners worked together and reaffirmed our values in the things we did.

John Metcalfe  
**Principal**



## Our Vision

Plenty Valley Christian College is a Christ-centred college that pursues excellence in education and character, daring our students to be engaged, equipped, and empowered to transform their communities, local and global.





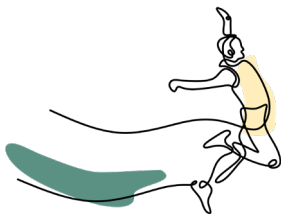
# Our Values

**Our values statement begins,**  
“Because we are image bearers of Christ, we ...”



## **Learn Courageously**

We are outwardly focused, we embrace and enjoy diversity, and foster a spirit of love, respect, grace, and gratitude.



## **Strive For Excellence**

In all aspects of learning and life, we give our very best.



## **Build Community**

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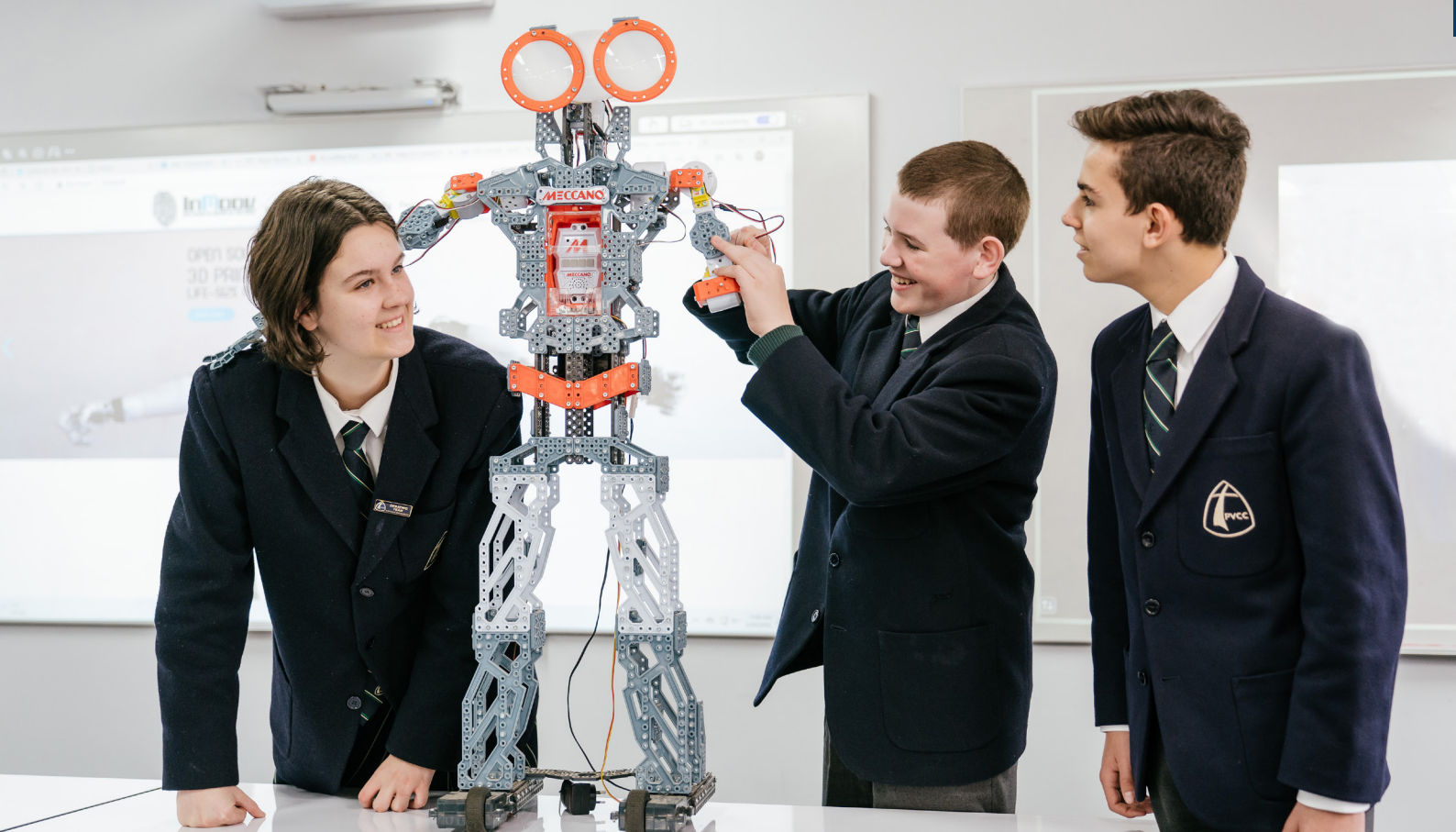
## **Actively Steward**

We use the gifts that God has given us to care for ourselves, for others, the environment, and the world **around us**.



## **Nurture Godly Character**

We endeavour to follow in the footsteps of Christ himself by being honest, integral, humble, kind, and empathetic.



## Highlights

Highlights at any school are always a record of the student's creativity, dedication, and achievement. Staff members, both teachers and support staff spend many hours ensuring that the students have the opportunity to explore and apply their God-given gifts and talents as individuals and as part of the community.

The Board of Plenty Valley Christian College met 11 times during 2022 to ensure that the college was well governed and pursuing its goals. They considered the current and strategic needs of the college and how to best serve the community.

Years 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12 and VCAL all were able to have camps this year, the family welcome back picnic, student planned and run Relay for Life and our celebration of creativity in all disciplines and Heart of the Valley exhibition all attracted greater than normal numbers of attendees and were huge successes. The Year 10 students undertook Work Experience, and Year 9 students undertook their community service (SCIP) week and their city experience week (City Cite).

Plenty Valley Christian College met together with Donvale Christian College in spite of COVID concerns for the Victorian Christian Education National State Conference which was held largely

online. And later that week the staff were able to spend a day of planning and development on a day retreat.

Our facilities and maintenance team continued to improve our learning spaces and the finishing touches were applied to our \$3.3 million walkways and verandahs building project.

## Staff

Our staff members are a unique group of professionals who are committed to the care and education of our students. They demonstrate this commitment by working to improve the experience of students at the college both academically and personally.

The understanding of young people and the effective ways to engage them meaningfully in their education continues to be the goal of great teachers. Students change, the world changes and circumstances change. Our staff are committed to ongoing professional and personal growth to give our students the opportunity to recognise who they are and to be all they were created to be.

## 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

## Parent Satisfaction

90% of parents were either happy or very happy to have their children enrolled at Plenty Valley Christian College. A further 7% were satisfied with the education their children were receiving. Parents found 2022 a challenging year to engage with the college because of lingering COVID considerations and restrictions. They indicated a desire to return to the community events and the opportunities to interact as a school community. This was reflected by the record involvement at events.

Families highlighted the communication, care and quality of teaching as some of the top attributes of the college in surveys.



## Facilities

Our facilities team continue to make their number one priority the provision of quality and effective educational facilities. The routine upgrade of facilities as well as the development of plans for new constructions mean that our students are well catered for in a modest built environment. The College board continued to plan for future growth of facilities to keep pace with the demand on places at the college while ensuring that they are good stewards of the fees from parents and government grants when available. During 2022 we completed the extensive walkway and verandas project as well as continuing the renewal of learning spaces and the community hub area that includes the library and staffroom.

## Teaching Staff

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

Teaching Staff undertake annual self-reflection and professional reviews, professional development, both internal and external, are a part of our professional responsibilities and peer observation and collaboration. These are aimed at keeping us fresh and improving our understanding and practice of our teaching craft.

One of our staff members identifies as an aboriginal Australian.

77% of staff reported that they were content or very content to work at Plenty Valley Christian College. A further 12% were satisfied to be working at the college.

Our Staff Retention Rate for 2022 was 83% up from 80.4% in the previous year and the average length of teacher service is 8.80 years up from 8.75 years.

## Secondary Sport Report

### Eastern Independent Schools, Melbourne Swimming

After winning Division 3 in 2021 Plenty Valley Christian College was promoted to EISM Division 2. The competition was of a much higher standard and against much larger EISM schools. Our early morning training sessions and commitment by students paid off with Plenty Valley finishing 4th (only 3 points off 3rd place).

### Eastern Independent Schools, Melbourne Athletics

Current national heptathlon champion Asher A had a great day out with five 1st places in shot put, long jump, discus, 100m, relay and a 2nd in high jump.

The PVCC team also won other first places to gain 6th place overall. Lewis H – long jump, high jump, triple jump; Olivia G – long jump, triple jump and Hayden A – 400m, 800m. Plenty Valley had many other commendable results to finish 6th overall for the carnival (3rd in the boys' aggregate).

Our champions were subsequently invited to the EISM Champions' Carnival. Asher A took home gold in discus and long jump and silver in 100m and shot put. Lewis H took gold in long jump.

### Eastern Independent Schools, Melbourne Cross Country

The EISM XC Carnival was held at Ruffey Lake Park in Doncaster with the college competing in Division 2. This was the first event since 2019. Some races fielded 70 runners creating a strong competition.

PVCC finished on the podium in the U16 boys with Hayden A taking the silver medal and Isaac C earned the bronze medal.

Our Open girls team won their age group with 4 runners in the top 15.

**EISM Weekly Sport 2022 Premiers**  
Senior Girls Hockey, Senior Boys Softball (2021 and 2022), Yr 8/9 Soccer, Yr 7 Mixed Tennis

This led to more students staying home longer than usual. Some students were longer absences as they struggled to return to full-time face-to-face schooling and the associated mental health issues.

## Careers

- There were 57 students enrolled in Year 12 -2022
- 54 students achieved their VCE Certificates
- 3 students achieved their Senior VCAL Certificates
- 42 Vocational and Education (VET) Certificates were awarded.

Our College Dux was Amaya Liyanage with an ATAR of 97.25. Amaya received an offer to study Arts/Master of Teaching at the University of Melbourne.

- 5 students received an ATAR over 90+
- 4 students were awarded University Scholarships
- 18 students (39%) received an ATAR of 80+
- 30 students (65%) received an ATAR above 70+
- 37 students (80%) received an ATAR above 60+
- The ATAR average for our students was 72.33 which was above the State average of 70.3
- 10 students were successful in their Latrobe ASPIRE applications and received an early offer. A number of students were also successful in Early entry programs at ACU, Deakin and Swinburne.

## Student Attendance

### Attendance Rates 2022

	Average Attendance % for 2022
Year 1	88
Year 2	90
Year 3	91
Year 4	92
Year 5	90
Year 6	89
Year 7	88
Year 8	88
Year 9	89
Year 10	87
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>89</b>

Attendance was just below 90% on average due to a college requirement that students needed to stay home for at least 5 days if they had Covid symptoms in 2022.

# NAPLAN Results

Participation in NAPLAN tests in 96% of students. Australian average participation 95%.

## Overall results

2022

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Compare to

● Students with similar background

● All Australian students

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# Financial Summary

College enrolments are growing strongly and are approximately 870 for 2023, with a figure of 900 forecast for 2024 including a new grade 5 class.

The college continues to invest in facilities with the completion of a new staffroom and the refurbishment of classrooms in 2022. Our new \$7m senior secondary building is due for completion in 2025. PVCC now employs over 130 staff.

## Revenue

Fees and Other Student Income	6,972,967	43%
Commonwealth Government Funding	7,525,612	46%
State Government Funding	1,281,156	8%
Capital Levy Income	432,531	3%
Other Income	100,386	1%

<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>16,312,652</b>
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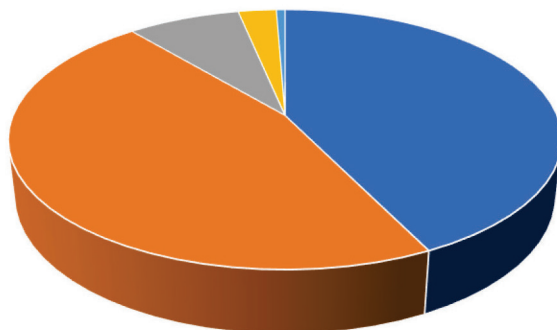
## Expenditure

Employment Costs	11,290,412	71%
Tuition, PD and ICT	1,417,577	9%
Property	555,397	4%
Administration	459,634	3%
Student Services	714,733	5%
Depreciation	841,363	5%
Other	544,564	3%

<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>15,823,680</b>
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<b>Surplus</b>	<b>488,972</b>
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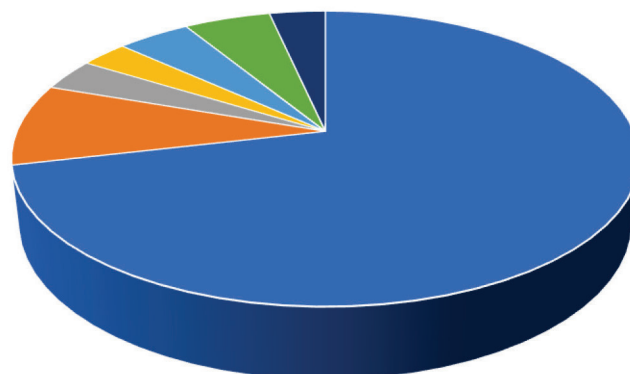
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- State Government Funding
- Other Income
- Commonwealth Government Funding
- Capital Levy Income

## PVCC 2022 Expenditure

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- Depreciation
- Other





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