



Christian Outreach College
Brisbane

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Christian Outreach College Brisbane exists to provide high quality Christian education that prepares students to make a difference in their world.

Our Mission is

- 1) To develop the student as a Christian disciple
 - 2) To develop the student for life in its various dimensions
- within the framework of a biblical worldview, and by a commitment to service, quality and innovation.

Our Vision is to grow to a great school – Queensland’s leading Christian school of first choice - through boldly developing an exceptional learning environment which prepares students for their future.

Our Core Values are

- Uncompromisingly Christian values
- High quality education
- Academic rigour
- College pride
- Caring environment

School sector: Independent

- A member of Independent Schools Queensland
- A member of Christian Schools Australia

School’s address: 322 Wecker Road Mansfield, Qld, 4122

Total enrolments: 1460 (at February state government census date) in Christian Outreach College Brisbane and 58 in Christian Outreach International College. Enrolments typically rise during the academic year.

Year levels offered: Preparatory – Year 12

Co-educational or single sex: Coeducational

Distinctive curriculum offerings:

- Primary school: extension “Mathstrumentals” for talented mathematics students; “Writers Circle”; independently negotiated research contracts for Science & SOSE; “Artastic” for talented Art students
- Acceleration programs for highly talented mathematics students (primary and secondary)
- ESL support from Preparatory to Year 12
- Special needs support from Preparatory to Year 12
- COCB’s Science Speaker Series - a program whereby secondary science students are exposed to acclaimed practising scientists and researchers
- Nova Arts - a three-year senior school distinctive, with extension studies that may include silver smithing, animation, design, circus techniques, business, values and ethics, stagecraft and production
- Careerstart - a program for vocationally oriented students, including school based apprenticeships, TAFE programs and vocational subjects
- Academic streaming in some subjects and some single-gender classes in middle school

Extra-curricular activities:

- Christian Outreach College Academy - an after hours tutoring service providing for individual and group tutoring for secondary students, study skills, Chinese, and an independent learning centre
- Academy of Arts – a tutoring program in instrumental music, voice, speech & drama
- Sports coaching clinics in targeted sports areas
- Club basketball, soccer (in association with Citipointe Church Brisbane), rugby (emerging)

Social climate:

COCB has identified a caring environment as one of its five core values, informed by our Biblical world view. Child protection, behaviour management and anti-bullying policies and programs are in place.

The school is characterised by good student behaviour, positive reinforcement and recognition of good behaviour, and strong pastoral care structures.

The College implemented behaviour management policies several years ago but increasingly is looking to prevention rather than response.

The secondary school embraces the notion of developing self-managing students.

Staff structures support student pastoral care through Heads of Year (Preparatory to Year 12) and pastoral care groups (7-12).

Both schools have Directors of Student Care or Management.

A Coordinator of Student Services (social worker) provides further support to staff and students.

Parental involvement:

Parents are involved in primary school class activities at the discretion of the class teacher and Year level coordinator. Involvement includes assisting in class with reading, development of resources and assisting with excursions.

Parents are involved from time-to-time in focus groups in the strategic planning process and reporting back.

Parents also assist with sports days as volunteers.

Parents are actively recruited by the Development Office for work as volunteers in arranging Development Office or Year level functions, known as "Coffee Connections".

The Parents and Friends Association meets monthly, and is actively engaged in social activities and fund-raising for the benefit of students.

Presentation of Information: <http://www.brisbane.coc.edu.au/>

For further information on the school and its policies: contact the Registrar via College Reception 3347 5899

STAFFING INFORMATION

Qualifications of all teachers: Christian Outreach College Brisbane includes listings of staff, including their qualifications, in the College Annual (Year Book) and on the College website.

Qualification	Percentage of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Doctorate	1%
Masters	13%
Bachelor Degree	77%
Diploma	9%

Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development: The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2007 was \$61 242.

The major professional development initiatives were as follows:

The involvement of the teaching staff in professional development activities during 2007 was 100%

Average staff attendance for the school, based on unplanned absences of sick and emergency leave periods of up to 5 days:

For permanent and temporary staff and school leaders the staff attendance rate was 98.2% in 2007

Proportion of teaching staff retained from the previous year: From the end of 2006, 88% of staff were retained for the entire 2007 school year.

KEY STUDENT OUTCOMES

Average student attendance rate: The average attendance rate as a percentage in 2007 was 94.3%.

Reading, writing and numeracy:

BENCHMARK DATA 2007

READING			
Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (State)	% above benchmark
Year 3	561	527	99%
Year 5	635	606	90%
Year 7	700	672	94%

WRITING			
Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (State)	% above benchmark
Year 3	557	523	93%
Year 5	631	600	95%
Year 7	743	681	97%

NUMERACY			
Year	Average Score (School)	Average Score (State)	% above benchmark
Year 3	548	521	93%
Year 5	626	588	94%
Year 7	688	648	87%

Year	Reading Average Score		Percentage on or above benchmark	
	Previous Year	Current year	Previous Year	Current year
3	573	561	97%	99%
5	635	635	95%	90%
7	712	700		94%

Year	Writing Average Score		Percentage on or above benchmark	
	Previous Year	Current year	Previous Year	Current year
3	556	557		93%
5	656	631		95%
7	743	743		97%

Year	Numeracy Average Score		Percentage on or above benchmark	
	Previous Year	Current year	Previous Year	Current year
3	559	548	97%	93%
5	629	626	95%	94%
7	701	688		87%

Apparent retention rate:

Year	Year 8 Base	Year 12	Retention rate %
2005	145	152	104.8
2006	126	129	102.4
2007	149	137	91.9

Year 12 outcomes:

Outcomes for COCB Year 12 cohort 2007	
Total number of Senior Certificates awarded	128
Percentage of Overall Position (OP) –eligible students with OP 1-15	81%
Percentage of students awarded Senior Certificates and awarded a Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualification	54%
Percentage of students awarded Senior Certificates with OP-eligibility or awarded a VET qualification	97%
Percentage of Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) applicants receiving an offer	92%

Value Added:

Christian Outreach College Brisbane traditionally maintains a very high percentage of students above benchmarks for literacy and numeracy.

There is little variation from year to year since this figure is already very high, usually well in excess of 90%. Specialised programs are in place for students with disabilities.

COCB continues to develop extension programs, especially for academic courses but also vocational.

Professional development of the whole staff continues all-year-round. Professional development of senior staff has increasingly centred on high quality conferences, both national and international.

Pastoral care of students remains a priority with considerable resources being directed towards this important but difficult area.

Most COCB students choose an academic course, but for those whose career direction is more strictly vocational, preparatory programs are in place.

The International Student Outreach Program includes some experiences for invited highly successful students at a selective, academic school in Singapore with whom COCB has an association. These international student events have been particularly helpful in encouraging higher ability students.

COCB alumni are invariably engaged in further study, vocational training or the workforce.

Details of academic and competition results are provided annually on the College's website.

Parent, student and teacher satisfaction:

Christian Outreach College Brisbane tracks student destinations after Year 12.

COCB reports twice yearly on student performance and attendance and provides opportunities at least twice a year for parent/teacher interaction.

The Registrar tracks reasons for students leaving COCB and seeking enrolment elsewhere, and this data receives regular scrutiny.

Parental testimonies reveal a generally high level of satisfaction.

Student attendance rates are typically very high with daily checking on reasons for absences as well as daily reporting of absences.

Teacher retention rates are traditionally very high. This trend has been sustained throughout the history of the College.

How computers are used to assist learning:

COCB has one of the largest computer networks on Brisbane's southside. The student/computer ratio is approaching 1/2.

Virtually all classrooms have computer and internet access. Numerous computer laboratories are distributed throughout the school. Connectivity is by a Novell network.

COCB is not a laptop school, but recent surveys suggest that virtually all students also have access to computer and internet from home.

Increasingly, teachers are downloading information from the internet so that classes can quickly access such material.

Many classrooms have access to data projection which teachers use extensively. Interactive whiteboards are becoming more common in classrooms.

COCB also teaches a code of conduct for computer and internet use

School progress towards its goals each year:

COCB in 2007 was in the second year of its Strategic Plan "Towards 2010". This was developed through the use of focus groups drawn from College Board, Executive, staff and parents with the final plan printed for the whole College community in January 2006.

"Towards 2010" contains COCB's vision statement, mission statement, 5 core values, and ten strategic intents.

Annual operational plans are developed from this guiding document.

Copies of the strategic plan are available from the College Office or website.

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