



Araluen Christian College 2020 Annual School Report



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Vision Statement

The vision statement of NT Christian Schools is, *'We desire to be a Christian community, learning together to live life as God intended, offering hope for the world'*.

Mission Statement

Araluen Christian College partners with families, guiding each child's journey of living and learning, providing hope in Christ for their future.

This means as a community we:

- Value all people and see them as created equal in the sight of God.
- Value parent involvement and see it as essential in the development and sustaining of the College community.
- Provide educational programs for the development of the whole person – intellectual, social, emotional, physical and spiritual.
- Recognise that when encouraged in a caring Christian environment children feel safe and are likely to reach their full potential.
- Expect all parents, staff and students to support the principles and College ethos and uphold them.



Principal's message

Araluen Christian College is nestled at the foot of the Macdonnell Ranges, amongst God's unique desert creation. This stunning scenery reminds us continually that our help as a College comes from the maker of heaven and earth, as we daily partner with parents to guide their child's learning journey not only academically but also for life as God intended. We desire the knowledge students acquire through their time at the College to impact their life choices, service for others and care of God's world.

2020 was a year of monitoring College Wide Positive Behaviours throughout the College to ensure the standard that had been set in 2019 continued to provide learning environments where students and staff felt safe and could apply themselves to their learning.

Formational Learning was implemented at the College throughout the year. Staff were supported with readings, Professional Development and listening to various speakers.

The Social and Emotional programme 'You Can Do It' was implemented in the College through teachers taking weekly lessons in classrooms. This programme is and has made a difference in the lives of our students and how they respond to different circumstances.

Teachers were involved in professional development throughout the year (Students with Disabilities in Education, Language Friendly Classrooms, iMaths and Jolly phonics). Professional Learning Communities were set up amongst staff with a focus on Formational Learning.

In 2020 the College added another way for our students to care for their place. The College added paper recycling to its already existing program of composting, recycling containers, Nude Food and students taking home rubbish that can't be recycled.

Staffing within the primary school was stable for most of the year. Middle school staffing throughout 2020 stayed the same.

Parent partnership is a vital and essential part of the College. We are thankful for the parents who partnered with us by supporting the College in many varied ways. It was great to have parents contribute to the process the College went through for Master Planning.

The end of 2020 saw the College rebrand with a new College logo. The logo was designed to reflected the College Values (caring for yourself, others, your learning and our place) along with the College Mission statement of partnering with others while providing hope in Christ.

I am continually thankful for God's grace, provision and enabling for the College throughout 2020.

Rosemary Lindsey
Principal

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Staffing Information

All teachers have a minimum of four years training and are registered with the NT Teacher Registration Board.

Principal	Qualifications	FTE
Rosemary Lindsey	Dip Tch, Grad Dip Sp. Ed	1.00
Middle School Coordinator	Qualifications	FTE
Jason Clark	Dip Tch, B. Tch	1.00
Primary Teachers	Qualifications	FTE
Beverley Ashdale	B.Ed. Grad Dip Ed	1.00
Simon Emery	B.Ed. Low Pri, Grad Dip App Ling, Grad Dip Chr Stud	1.00
Dianne Lavell	B. Tch, Educational Studies	1.00
Janette Azarcon	Bach of Primary Education	1.00
Susannah Timmins	B.Ed.	1.00
Penny Dempster	Dip Tch Early Childhood Grad Dip Education Literacy M. Education	1.00
Middle School Teachers	Qualifications	FTE
Nick Harder	B.Arch, Grad Dip Ed. Pri	1.00
Tom Daly	B.Sc. (Biomedical) Grad Dip Divinity, M. Teach (secondary)	0.40
Other Teachers	Qualifications	FTE
Sasha Cameron	BA Grad Dip Ed (French and ESL)	0.40
Wendy Croutz	BA Hons in Primary Education Diploma in Education	0.20
Lisa Pearce	BA.Sc Child Studies B.Ed (1 year primary/junior)	0.40

Other Staff	Positions	FTE
Marg Healy	Office Staff	0.80
Annette Kerley	Office Staff	1.00
Stacey Clark	Office Staff	0.79
Richard Hutchins	ICT Support	0.30
Niamh Corcoran	Learning Support	1.00
Koedee Hatzimihail	Learning Support	0.65
Sarah McDonough	Learning Support/ Canteen Coordinator	0.41

Highlights of the college year

Camping and programs

No camps were held due to COVID

School Events

Community Pancake breakfast to start the year

Principal's Welcome Morning Tea

Greet, Eat and Meet evening

Crazy Hair Day

Photography Competition

Community Quiz Night

Jump Rope for Heart

Swimming Lessons T-9

Toon School Incursion

Bully No Way Day

Water Safety lessons (T-9)

Levi McGrath (singer)

Odd clothes day

Canteen Bag Fundraiser

Samaritan Purse Shoe Boxes

Scholastic Book Fair

National Science Week Exhibition

Footy Colours Day

Fathers/Mother's Day Stalls

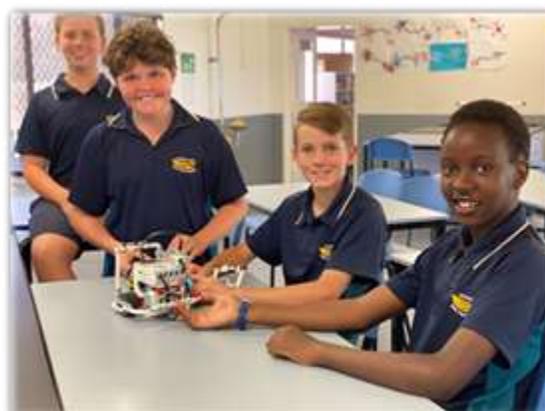
Are You Okay Day

Canteen Bandana Day

ACC Appreciation Dinner

Swim Fun Day

End of Year Celebration Evening



Nude Food Wednesdays

Primary School

Bluearth Physical Literacy Lessons
 First Aid Lessons
 Road Safety Lessons – Newlands Park
 Transition Information Night

Middle School

Middle School Character Building Day
 Middle School Information Night
 First Aid Lessons
 Middle School Hike
 First Lego League Challenge
 Vocation Education Training (Year 9)
 Year 7 Orientations
 Year 9 Leaving Assembly
 Year 9 Graduation
 2021 Information Night (Middle School)

School Assemblies

Dedication Service at the beginning of the school year
 Easter Assembly
 ANZAC Day Assembly
 Bully No Way Assembly
 Sports Day awards assembly
 Remembrance Day Assembly
 Year 9 Leaving Assembly

Sports Carnivals and Special Events

Cross Country
 Interschool Touch Football

Staff Wellbeing Events

2020 Start of the Year Staff breakfast
 Waffle Wednesday
 Staff get togethers
 Teacher Aid Appreciation Week
 Teacher Appreciation Week



Parents and community

Araluen Christian College values the partnership between parents and the College. As stated in the quote by Jane D Hull we recognise the power of positive involvement by parents in helping their children to be successful.

At the end of the day the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents. Jane. D. Hull

The Araluen Christian College council is an integral part of the College's governance structure. Councilors are made up of members from NT Christian School. We are forever thankful for the service, commitment and support the College council provides at Araluen Christian College.

In 2020 the council was represented by:

- Graeme Cheetham (Chairperson)
- Marsha Murphy (Secretary)
- Craig Phillis
- Nick Harder (Staff Representative)
- Sarah France

Facilities

Araluen Christian College, through its maintenance program, maintains its buildings, grounds and other infrastructure to provide an environment that is comfortable, pleasant and conducive to learning. The College is constantly monitoring and planning to improve its facilities.

Over the course of 2020 the following work was completed around the College:

Four Primary Classrooms

- Painted
- Recarpeted and new lino laid
- Blinds on windows and doors replaced
- Display boards installed
- Sliding cupboard doors replaced
- New whiteboards installed

Uniform Shop

- Painted
- Recarpeted and new lino laid
- Blinds on windows replaced

Staffroom

- Old notice board removed and wall painted
- New glass notice boards installed
- Storage cabinet installed
- New Carpet and lino laid

Master Planning

- Master Planning process was completed with the College Community and a master planning document has been drawn up

Grants applied for:

Block Grant Authority – applied for and received \$97 500 to renovate the junior outdoor learning space.



Critical Incidents

There were no critical incidents at Araluen Christian College in 2020.

School self-assessment

SIRF (School Improvement and Renewal Framework) occurred in two areas in 2020

Christian Identity

Commendations from this review were:

The gospel is evident in College policies and practices, especially with respect to relationships, teaching, school management and community-building.

The College fund-raising and outreach supports efforts to 'do justice' and 'love mercy'.

The College Community is aware of the College's vision and mission statements.

Staff are encouraged in their spiritual growth through regular devotions, prayer and professional learning about Christian education.

Students learn skills for building relationships, managing conflict through biblical peacemaking, supporting others in need and building community.

Recommendations from the SIRF

Staff to complete PeaceWise Personal Development

Students to begin to lead in some area of spiritual formation

Re-examine the role of School Chaplains

Keep advertising for a College Chaplain

Structure more service and social justice activities into the year

Finance, Facilities, and Resources

Commendations from this review were:

Effective facilities management promotes safety, comfort and optimum learning

The effective management of resources, including information and communication technologies, promotes efficiency and positive learning outcomes

Environmental stewardship and sustainability are key factors in decision making about learning and school management

Recommendations from the SIRF

Continue to add resources in areas where they are needed

Plan to replace student furniture

Budget for subject/class areas at the start of each semester

Key Priorities and Focus Areas for 2021

Christian Identity

- To reestablish a parent prayer group within the College at a time that is suitable for parents.
- For the College Mission Statement to be displayed around the College.
- For the 'Araluen Way' to be displayed in each classroom and the College office.
- For students to be actively involved in daily prayer.
- To further develop the use of restorative practices in the College Community.

Care and Wellbeing

- To have a person employed in the Chaplain role to partner with the College in the area of student wellbeing.
- To begin to set up and establish the 'Be You' Framework within the College.
- To promote health and wellbeing amongst the staff.

Schools and Programs

- Whole School Approach to teaching handwriting and spelling to be implemented throughout the College.
- For students and staff to work together to set individual learning goals for each term and gather data as evidence to show student achievement in relation to their individual goals.
- To develop an orientation program for Year 7 students that will teach them the skills needed to thrive in Middle School.
- To provide staff with Professional Development on differentiation.
- To provide training on the Disability Standards in Education to new staff within their first semester of their employment.
- Develop a flow chart that explains the process for assessing help for students who teachers identify with learning needs.
- To write a Biblical perspective for "You Can Do It" lessons.
- To refine the staff appraisal process across the College.
- To establish a quality assessment cycle timetable across the College.

Governance and Leadership

- To provide leadership development for Year 8/9 students through inviting Gavin Brown (Generations Pastor Alice Springs Baptist) into the College to run small group sessions throughout the school year.
- To implement data conversations with staff about individual student progress in their class once a semester.
- For students and the school community to participate in more service and social justice activities throughout the school year.
- For teachers to observe others teaching once a term.
- To establish teams that plan and reflect together within the College.

Community and Culture

- To provide College Captains with leadership roles within the College.
- To provide leadership development for Year 8/9 students through inviting Gavin Brown (Generations Pastor Alice Springs Baptist) into the College to run small group sessions throughout the school year.
- To begin to explore meaningful engagement opportunities with indigenous people.
- To celebrate as a College Harmony Day and Naidoc Week.

- To establish some bush foods in the College garden.

Finance and Resource

- To develop a College budget where teams and appointed personnel have responsibility for their section of the budget.
- To continue to develop specialty rooms within the College.
- To further develop the recycling that has been set up in the College.

