

## School Improvement Plan (SIP) 2018



To continue to develop students' faith that will foster a call to Discipleship. To improve student outcomes through the use of data to inform learning and teaching in Maths and English. To enhance and embed wellbeing underpinned by the Diocesan Pastoral Care Framework.

## **KEY SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT GOALS AND ACTION PLAN FOR 2018**

Mission

In 2018 we will:

- Provide students and families with a new Mass experience through the use of live video streaming of Eucharistic celebrations and liturgies from a variety of Catholic sources.
- Pray the Ignatius prayer Examen which will be said weekly to provide students with a deeper understanding of knowing God and to strengthen personal reflection and response.
- Deepen the prayer life of students and families through modelled traditional and new prayer strategies for meal, thanksgiving, daily and ritual times in our school life.

Learning and Teaching

In 2018 we will:

- Employ a dedicated Literacy Teacher Coach who will work collaboratively with teachers to assess the needs of students and plan learning experiences that target students at their point of need. The Literacy Coach will model and co-teach in each class during the English block time and work with teachers to reflect on their practice.
- Conduct regular Collaborative Student Learning meetings each Wednesday morning between coaches, Assistant Principal, Learning Support teacher and grade teachers. Each grade is rostered to discuss the progress of individual students.
- Employ a dedicated Mathematics Teacher Coach who will work collaboratively with teachers to assess the needs of students and plan learning experiences that target students at their point of need. The Mathematics Coach will model and co-teach in each classroom during the Mathematics block time and work with teachers to reflect on their practice.
- Work with Professor Ron Ritchhart the designer of 'Cultures of Thinking' from Harvard University USA into our school in classroom with teachers and students.
- Embed the teaching of Coding K- 6 as part of a balanced Science and Technology curriculum. Using different coding programs and to continue to host coding camps in our school for the wider community
- Dedicated coordinators for Coding and Cultures of Thinking.

In 2018 we will:

- Teach weekly the expected behaviours required of students of OLR under the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework.
- Teach the Worry Woos program as part of a balanced social and emotional program.
- Continue to provide a regular lunch time play activities club for vulnerable students who require assistance with social engagement and play.
- Continue to provide for the pastoral needs of OLR families through the ongoing employment of a Family Liaison Officer (FLO).
- **4** Teach the Seasons program for children who have experienced loss or grief.
- Participate in the hire a friendly pet scheme for students who need companions on the journey.

**Physical Improvements** 

In 2018 we will:

- Complete the multi-purpose court with false turf and install netball rings on the back carpark.
- Install active playground options for children including Snakes and Ladders and Chess spaces.
- Complete the building of a new double storey block of 8 state of the art classrooms for use at the end of 2018.
- Continue to make renovations to the current Year 4 and 6 rooms to reflect Cultures of Thinking learning. This includes introduction of operable walls and purchasing agile furniture for individual, paired, group and whole class instruction.

## Staff Development

In 2018 we will:

- ✤ Offer training for all staff in dyslexia and autism spectrum disorder.
- Provide WHS, Child Protection, First Aid and student well-being training opportunities to meet expected and current standards.
- Strengthen individual staff Religious Literacy through refresher training in the practices of the Catholic Church.
- Continue to provide training of staff in Coding language.

In 2018 we will:

- Provide regular and timely information sessions on curriculum and school initiatives. Combined with Parent Council meetings twice a term.
- Elect a new Parent Council to oversee social events, undertake fundraising for the school and to act as an advisory board for the Principal on school decision making.
- Create opportunities for families to engage socially through a variety of activities which will also include events dedicated to necessary fundraising.
- Enter conversations with parents around nutrition and exercise to enhance the learning of their children.

	Our Hope	
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By the end of 2018 we will:

- Continue to grow school enrolments to around 350 students to help us sustain necessary funding to continue to improve as a school community of excellence.
- Begin a multi-disciplined class for high needs students operating out of our site catering for Catholic students from Terrigal, Kincumber, East Gosford and Wyoming Parishes.
- Have completed replacing student furniture in each classroom to meet modern and expected educational standards.
- Begin an enrichment class based on strong research principles which include those from the Newman model schools.
- Hold an official opening ceremony of our new school buildings to coincide with our 40<sup>th</sup> year celebrations.

Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and inspired by the example of Jesus Christ, we, the community of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic School Wyoming, strive to value and foster the sacredness, achievements and potential of each person.

