



**QUEENSLAND STATE GOVERNMENT REPORTING  
COOMERA ANGLICAN COLLEGE ANNUAL REPORT 2013  
(Based on 2012 Data)**

**SCHOOL DETAILS**

Coomera Anglican College commenced in 1997 and enjoyed a successful sixteenth year of operation in 2012. It is owned by the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane and is a member of the Association of Independent Schools in Queensland (ISQ). Coomera Anglican College is a member of the Associated Private Schools (APS) sporting association on the Gold Coast.

**School sector:** Independent

**School's address:** 8 Days Road, Upper Coomera

**Total enrolments:** 1367 (domestic), 1382 (incl International) from Preparatory to Year 12

**Year levels offered:** Preparatory to Year 12 and 75 place Early Learning Centre

**Co-educational or single sex:** Co-educational

**Characteristics of student body:**

Students are all day students, mostly residing within a 15 minute drive from the College. There were 15 International Full Fee Paying students - 9 girls and 6 boys.

Ratio of Girls to Boys Primary (Preparatory - Year 6) \*401 girls - 358 boys - 53:47

Ratio of Girls to Boys Secondary (Years 7 - 12)\* 336 girls - 287 boys - 54:46

Total Ratio of Girls to Boys (Preparatory - Year 12)\*737 girls - 645 boys - 53:47

\*Including International students

**Distinctive curriculum offerings:**

Coomera Anglican College is divided into four distinct areas:

- Early Learning Centre (15 months - 5 years)
  - Primary (Preparatory - Year 6)
  - Junior Secondary (Years 7 - 9)
  - Senior Secondary (Years 10 - 12)
- Our Early Learning Centre embraces learning through play by employing 'Emergent Curriculum' and the incorporation of 'Belonging, Being and Becoming' - The Early Years Learning Framework. In 2012 the Centre introduced the Queensland Kindergarten Programme employing two, four year trained teachers to teach the Queensland Kindergarten Curriculum 40 weeks per year. This programme supports and prepares the children to transition smoothly into the College community. The learning and development areas of Identity, Connectedness, Wellbeing, Active learning and Communication are the focus for this programme. Language, literacy

and numeracy are integral parts of the programme and are supported with tools such as interactive whiteboards.

- Since its inception in 1997, Coomera Anglican College has operated formal Preparatory classes which provide students with a very positive and solid basis for the rest of their schooling. All Primary subject areas are covered, with specialty areas including weekly contact for library skill development, Chinese language and culture, Physical Education, Music and Drama.
- There is strong emphasis on literacy, numeracy and catering for individual, personal differences among students. Smaller class skills based mathematics is offered up to Year 10. Spelling Mastery and Literacy is a skill based programme that is offered up to Year 6.
- In the Primary years, students develop their information and communication technology skills (ICTs) through a comprehensive development programme which includes specialist computer skill lessons and ICTs embedded throughout the curriculum. Students have access to a range of ICT equipment including classroom based computers and slate devices, laptop trolleys, and equipment for producing high quality multi-media including audio recorders, video and still cameras.
- In the Secondary year levels, ICTs are initially taught explicitly but then are used within all other subjects as authentic tools for research, study and production within the various subject areas. Teachers are supported in their use of online and class-based technology mentors called eXperts. Elective offerings in Years 8 - 12 include a range of technology based subjects.
- The College wireless network allows staff to access the internet from anywhere in the College, enhancing student learning through access to the latest resources. Data projectors in all teaching rooms enable these resources to be visible to a whole class and interactive technologies are utilised in classrooms.
- In 2012 the College launched the eMind laptop programme with students in Years 7 and 10 being issued with laptops. This programme provides the opportunity for innovative pedagogy to be developed and delivered through the College's use of modern technology infrastructure and a suite of highly effective support systems. The College's focus on using the best available technology twinned with best-practice approaches to delivering quality curriculum and pedagogy places our students at the leading edge of twenty-first century learning. Teachers have undergone initial training in the use of mobile technologies within the classroom and continue to receive ongoing training in blended learning. ICT use and curriculum planning is based on modern pedagogical principles.
- The Primary and Secondary campuses continue to work on implementing and embedding the College's Habits of Mind framework. This is a significant development which will assist and support all aspects of teaching and learning at the College. The embedding of Habits of Mind within all aspects of teaching and learning began in 2012 after extensive planning. Though this significant initiative is still being developed, teachers now use the Habits of Mind in their planning, teaching,

assessment and reporting. The Habits are also being embedded in the College's successful behaviour management system.

- Our Heads of Year and Student Counsellor provide Personal Development and Values based programmes and training to all other staff members in order to maintain a consistent approach to discipline and values education. Our Learning Support staff provide specialist educational support to students and teachers where required.
- An Integrated and Thematic Curriculum is a feature of Primary and Junior Secondary. This approach offers children and young adolescents a smooth, positive and well-supported experience during their transition to senior schooling. Year 7 and 8 students are exposed to all Key Learning Areas while Year 9 students are able to make their first elective choices. Subject electives cover Chinese language, Business, Sciences, Visual Art, Performing Arts, Manual Arts, Food Technology, Robotics and Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). A full list of subject offerings is available on our website or by request.
- Senior Secondary students are prepared for the world beyond school, through a diverse range of subjects and training opportunities. Whilst the majority of students study QSA subjects, students can study some vocational subjects and school-based traineeships and apprenticeships are available for those who see their future in trades and other areas. There are multiple pathways available to students working through their senior years of schooling.
- A sophisticated array of on-line technologies allows parents and students to access a wide range of resources including student reports, online activities, homework information and assessment calendars through the College's public website. This provides parents with regular contact with teaching staff.
- To ensure that our Secondary students have access to academic assistance beyond the classroom, a range of subject based after-school tutorials is available.

### **Extra-curricular activities:**

All students are encouraged to participate in our diverse programme of cocurricular activities in order to foster a sense of balance, belonging, and to facilitate mental, spiritual, cultural, physical, social and emotional growth.

Activities range from a large selection of additional sports, outdoor education, arts and drama, academic excellence and extension both in fun, club experiences and challenging, stimulating competition. A full range of cocurricular offerings can be viewed on our website.

Our students achieved high level awards in Mathematics, Science, English and Chinese competitions in 2012.

Coomera Anglican College students have also achieved some remarkable results in a broad range of sports, cheerleading, public speaking, debating, Art, Music, Drama, Dance and other activities in 2012.

The College sport teams (Years 4 - 12) all train after school as part of our commitment to APS sport.

## SCHOOL CULTURE

### **Pastoral Care:**

The College has strong pastoral care programmes from the Early Learning Centre to Year 12. This is based on our Anglican ethos and a strong values culture. Imagine, listen, respect - *iLR* - is the language of our values culture and is strongly represented in a variety of ways throughout our programmes and behaviour guidance systems. *iLR* describes the 'way we do things' and the approach we take to developing strong interpersonal relationships in our students and community members.

Pastoral Care is a key component of our student welfare. A Preparatory - Year 6 Student Coordinator assists Primary Class teachers with student welfare; and Heads of Year, House Coordinators and Pastoral Care teachers take on that responsibility in the Secondary Campus. The Heads of Year liaise with the Head of Campus and Student Counsellor to develop the formal Pastoral Care programme across the College.

Our Student Counsellors, both registered psychologists, work with staff, students and families in the pastoral care and welfare of students. Coomera Anglican College embraces the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane's Child Protection Policy. The Raise Responsibility System provides a framework, together with *iLR*, for behaviour guidance and self-regulation across the College.

### **Anti-Bullying:**

A strong anti-bullying policy is in place throughout the College. At the start of each year, students are provided with a brochure which outlines the basics of the policy. This is reinforced through assemblies, Year Level meetings and Personal Development classes each term. A copy of the brochure is made available to parents and they are familiarised with the policy. Teaching students and parents about cyberbullying is an important aspect of our anti-bullying policy. We have an extensive array of resources on our website for parents and students to access, and students are taught about what constitutes cyberbullying and how to keep safe on-line, during assemblies and class sessions. Information sessions for parents about cyber safety have also been run. Students have completed confidential on-line surveys which indicate a low level of bullying at our College. Our proactive approach helps to keep this in hand.

In 2012 Coomera Anglican College was recognised for the work we have done in educating our students, staff and families about cyber safety. To this end we are working towards *eSmart* accreditation. Awareness of cyber safety has become a regular part of our communication to our College community for a number of years and our students are well versed in what constitutes appropriate online behaviour.

Our College approach to behaviour management revolves around our use of The Raise Responsibility System and our values culture: *iLR - imagine, listen, respect*. Using a common approach from the Early Learning Centre to Year 12 enables familiarity and consistency in application. Students have learnt to self-regulate which allows teachers to focus on teaching.

**Parental involvement:**

An active Parents and Friends' Association (PAFA) provides an avenue for parents to be involved in the College. Primary class coordinators provide a focus person for the parents of each class, and parents can volunteer to assist in the classroom with interest areas such as literacy, maths, sport or art.

PAFA also offers several parent social events throughout the year, including Trivia Night, Community Fair, Golf Day, coffee mornings in our College Cafe, dinners and afternoon sausage sizzles. In addition to the whole PAFA organisation, support groups have formed in interest areas such as Rowing, Art, Music and Sport.

To keep parents informed about our curriculum and how they can be involved in their child's education, Parent Information Evenings are arranged for all year levels. Partnerships for Success Evenings, held throughout the year, also encourage strong partnerships between our parents and the College.

**School Satisfaction and Opinion Survey:**

The College Leaders operate with an open door policy, and welcome communication from the parent body at all times. Surveys are conducted regularly where families are asked for feedback and suggestions to improve facilities and programmes. These are collated and passed to relevant departments and the Senior Leadership Team, who use these outcomes in planning for the following year and into the future.

Overall, a large number of parents comment on the warm and friendly atmosphere and genuine interest and support from staff for individual children. Our values system also rates very highly as do the large range of activities available to students and our academic results.

Some parent comments from these surveys are available on the front page of our website.

Student surveys reveal that students are very comfortable and feel safe and happy at Coomera Anglican College.

Staff satisfaction levels are reflected in the high staff retention rate and willing involvement in voluntary activities.

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**INCOME BY FUNDING SOURCE**

Information regarding College income is available by logging on to the *My School* website: <http://www.myschool.edu.au>

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**STAFFING INFORMATION****Staff Composition:**

In 2012 the College employed a total of 157 staff. In 2012 there was no Indigenous staff member employed.

Staff Composition Table

Status	Teaching	Non-Teaching	Early Learning Centre	Total
Full Time	76	*19	8	103
Part Time	13	**8	11	32
Term Time		22		22
<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>19</b>	<b><u>157</u></b>

\* Includes Foundation Staff

\*\* Includes Outside School Hours Care/Vacation Care staff and Uniform Shop staff

#### Staff Qualifications:

Qualification	Highest Qualification of staff (%)
Doctorate or higher	1.74%
Masters	13.04%
Honours Degree	6.08%
Bachelor Degree	40.87%
Post Graduate Diploma	14.78%
Diploma	10.43%
Certificate	13.04%

- Most support staff have **Certificate** qualifications - Education Support or Teacher Aide and many have Senior First Aid Certificates.
- All support staff must have a current Blue Card.
- All support staff dealing with children in Health Rooms must have First Aid qualifications.
- All Early Learning Centre staff have appropriate qualifications from **Certificate, Diploma and Degree.**
- All teachers coaching sport teams have current First Aid certificates.

#### Staff Development:

The Staff Development needs are analysed each year, in each campus, based on personal appraisal, educational trends, academic results, State and Federal government reports and accountabilities, parent surveys and feedback from tertiary institutions.

The introduction of the eMind Laptop programme saw the approach to teaching evolve steadily through the year. The focus of professional development for staff was to maximise the benefit of having this technology.

We have been refining the way the College supports the improvement of teaching practice and learning activities through our push to 'Make Learning Visible'. This guides us to make the learning that happens within classrooms easier to see, judge, encourage and support by the use of explicit guidance and objectives, high levels of feedback regarding the progress of learning and the use of differentiated instruction, where teachers ensure that all students can access the learning programmes at the College in appropriate and supported ways regardless of their abilities or prior experience.

Through a continued focus on improvement and development, Coomera Anglican College is well placed to take advantage of the various government and professional initiatives over the next few years. Indeed, in many cases the College is already ahead of the game with many of the measures that are likely to be implemented at the local, state and national level, already being dealt with by the College.

Of great significance is the College's teacher observation and mentoring process which has been wholeheartedly adopted by our teachers. The first part of this process is called the 'Teacher Induction Professional Portfolio' scheme (TIPP). The TIPP scheme supports new teachers to the College and involves them being observed and mentored by Heads of Faculty and Senior Leaders of the College. The second part of the process, in which all continuing teachers participate, is the 'Teachers Observing Professional Practice' scheme (TOPP). In TOPP, teachers are allocated a partner teacher and each of the pair takes it in turn to observe a lesson and then be observed teaching. These processes promote the professional sharing of ideas, techniques and resources, and support our teachers in their professional development.

During 2012, the College eLearning initiatives have been focused on peer tutoring, mentoring and building capacity in teachers to instruct and support colleagues to become more fluent and confident implementers of technology in the classroom. Two teachers have reached the status of 'Peer Coaching Facilitator' via a joint Microsoft and ELH (Expanding Learning Horizons) training course.

There is an annual budget allowance which is split between curriculum and campus areas equally, according to the number of staff in each so that professional development is undertaken annually in each area.

In 2012, \$40,578 (College) and \$2,113 (ELC) was expended on teacher professional development. A substantial amount of in-house professional development was run at no cost to the College and supplemented the off campus training done by staff.

All teaching staff were involved in professional development activities during 2012.

**Staff Attendance and Retention:**

From the end of 2011, 88.5% of staff were retained for 2012.

Staff attendance rate for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders in 2012 was 97.87%.

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**KEY STUDENT OUTCOMES**

**Average student attendance rate:**

Average Student Attendance for each year level for 2012

Year Level	Ave Attendance Rate %	Year Level	Ave Attendance Rate %
Preparatory	94.82	Year 7	94.81
Year 1	94.94	Year 8	92.36
Year 2	94.36	Year 9	92.68
Year 3	95.18	Year 10	93.54
Year 4	95.29	Year 11	92.73
Year 5	95.19	Year 12	93.18
Year 6	94.94		

Average student attendance rate in 2012 was 94.20%.

### **Management of non-attendance:**

Families of absent students are telephoned each morning to establish the reason for the absence. Absences are recorded daily as Explained or Unexplained. Unexplained absences are followed up by class teachers, Heads of Year or Heads of Campus. Student absences are closely monitored.

### **Academic Results:**

#### NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAMME LITERACY AND NUMERACY (NAPLAN) TEST RESULTS for 2012

All children in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 prepare and sit for the National Assessment Programme Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) test. Our staff and students' efforts have been rewarded handsomely with the following results, which show scores above or well above National Average Scores in all areas.

Year 7 is a significant student intake year for new students to the College. As such, new "catch-up" programmes have been developed in Junior Secondary to help these students meet Coomera Anglican College curriculum standards for Year 7 and Year 8.

#### **NAPLAN TEST RESULTS for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in 2012**

<b>READING</b>			
	Average Score (Coomera Anglican College)	Average score (National)	% of our students at or above the National Minimum Standard
Year 3	435	419.6	99%
Year 5	528	493.6	98%
Year 7	556	541.5	97%
Year 9	607	574.8	99%

<b>WRITING</b>			
	Average Score (Coomera Anglican College)	Average score (National)	% of our students at or above the National Minimum Standard
Year 3	446	415.8	100%
Year 5	510	477.0	100%
Year 7	550	518.3	98%
Year 9	598	553.7	96%

<b>SPELLING</b>			
	Average Score (Coomera Anglican College)	Average score (National)	% of our students at or above the National Minimum Standard
Year 3	428	414.3	100%
Year 5	529	494.9	100%
Year 7	571	543.4	99%
Year 9	605	577.0	99%

<b>GRAMMAR AND PUNCTUATION</b>			
	Average Score (Coomera Anglican College)	Average score (National)	% of our students at or above the National Minimum Standard
Year 3	448	423.9	99%
Year 5	526	491.0	96%
Year 7	570	546.2	100%
Year 9	614	573.2	99%

<b>NUMERACY</b>			
	Average Score (Coomera Anglican College)	Average score (National)	% of our students at or above the National Minimum Standard
Year 3	417	395.5	99%
Year 5	533	488.7	100%
Year 7	559	538.1	99%
Year 9	604	584.2	100%

**Apparent student retention rate:**

<b>Year 10</b>		<b>Year 12</b>		<b>Year 10 - 12 Apparent Retention Rate</b>
<b>Year</b>	<b>Enrol</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Enrol</b>	
2006	87	2008	66	75.9%
2007	70	2009	54	77.1%
2008	74	2010	64	86.5%
2009	96	2011	96	100%
2010	105	2012	100	95.2%

For 2012 Year 12 student enrolment as a percentage of the Year 10 cohort is 95.2%

**Year 12 Outcomes:**

In 2012, our Year 12 students performed particularly well. While the following table indicates the strong performance of our students, it should be noted that 'leagues tables' do not necessarily reflect all the wonderful things that take place in any school. They are a mere snapshot of one aspect of a complex and total education. The value adding and holistic development of students that is a feature of our College cannot be measured in any table. Nevertheless, we are proud of the excellent results achieved by our Year 12 students in 2012.

<b>Outcomes for our Year 12 cohort 2012</b>	
Number of students awarded a Senior Statement	95
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement	-
Number of students who received an Overall Position (OP)	81
Number of students who are completing or completed a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SAT)	4
Number of students awarded one or more Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications	17
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education at the end of Year 12	87
Number of students awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD)	Not applicable
Percentage of Year 12 students who received an OP1 - 15 or an IBD	89%
Percentage of Year 12 students who are completing or completed a SAT or were awarded one or more of the following: QCE, IBD, VET qualification	96%
Percentage of Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) applicants receiving an offer	98%

**Post school destination information:**

Please note - This information will be published when available and prior to 30 September 2012.

**Contact person for further information:**

Ms Lorelle Armitage, Executive Assistant to the Principal can supply further information about our College policies ([larmitage@cac.qld.edu.au](mailto:larmitage@cac.qld.edu.au)). Further details are also available on the College website.

Our Enrolment Officer, Mrs Rachel Castles, can assist with a tour of the College Facilities or assist with enrolment enquiries. Phone: 07 5585 9900 or email: [rcastles@cac.qld.edu.au](mailto:rcastles@cac.qld.edu.au)