

# - Principal's Report 2011

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- **Strategic Renewal:**

Strengths identified in **Religious and Evangelising Mission** are:

We have committed staff who are well qualified to teach religion.

We have created a bank of resources for our RE programme on our server.

Teachers have a clear understanding of what to teach and how.

Students have a well-developed knowledge of our faith.

Strengths identified in **Budgeting and Finance** are:

Good links in communication between the school and other Parish and BCE agencies.

Weekly meetings are held between Principal and Financial Secretary.

Professional engagement from all staff is evident regarding the purchasing of resources and accessioning through the library.

Professional engagement exists for staff with the class/curriculum budget.

Strengths identified in **Gifted Education** are:

School's acknowledgement that we have a large cohort of highly achieving students.

Teachers positively embrace differences and gifts and talents in their classes and differentiate the curriculum accordingly.

Parental support is present in our provision for high achieving students.

Strengths identified in **Professional Practice** are:

Positive school culture

Healthy staff morale

Effective performance appraisal processes

Commitment to ongoing high quality teaching and learning

Strengths identified in **Evangelization and Faith Formation** are:

Parish involvement. "School families are enriched by the faith formation which is intrinsic to life and learning at ST Agatha's."

School community continuing to offer high quality support, engagement and appreciation for our evangelization and faith formation.

Active staff participation and involvement in all areas of the Sacramental life and faith formation of the students.

Weekly Leadership team meetings with the Parish Administrator.

### Other Major developments in 2011:

- *We continued to promote our 1-1 laptop programme by offering the opportunity to Yrs. 4- 7 in 2012. We have received great support from parents, staff and students for the programme which is both contemporary and futures oriented.*
- *We continue to implement and resource the introduction of the new Australian Curriculum from Prep to Yr. 7. Discussions continue between administration of St Agatha's and St Rita's concerning the successful move for Yr. 7 and Yr. 8 in 2015 to ensure curriculum support and implementation for these students.*
- *Our staff continues to differentiate the curriculum for diverse learning needs to successfully cater for Students with Disabilities and for those who are more able learners.*
- *Our school has engaged the services of a Speech Pathologist to support Language development in the early years.*
- *Our Naplan data has again supported our teacher judgement in the academic profile of our cohort of students.*
- *Enrolments remain solid for Prep. We have grown from 317 in 2009 to 352 in 2012. Our projected enrolments should top 363 in 2014 and settle at 351 in 2015 when Yr. 7 move to Secondary school. Staffing should not be drastically affected by this loss of one year level in 2015.*

