BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL on PARTNERSHIP

Marymount is committed to working in partnership to provide a welcoming environment that values the uniqueness and dignity of everyone.

Goals for 2006

We intend to:
1. Enhance pastoral care of students (Priority 3)
2. Further develop understanding of lifelong learning and outcomes based education for teachers, parents and students (Priority 1)
3. Enhance pastoral care of families (Priority 3)
4. Provision of ongoing support for parents of students with special needs (Priority 3)
5. Strengthen positive relationships already established amongst staff (Priority 4)

Achievements in 2006

1. Fostered pastoral care of students through review of buddy program; year level liturgies and assemblies; subschool sporting events and implementation of Peer Mediation program.
2. Guest and visiting speakers addressed parents and staff, with a particular focus on Mathematics and consultation with community to develop a new policy on homework.
3. Established and implemented Patron Parent Program.
4. Established parent network and held formal/informal gatherings relevant to needs of group e.g., guest speakers.
5. Held Enneagram workshop and published and circulated follow-up newsletters; held School Officer meetings each semester and held principal/staff meetings each semester.
BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL on CHRISTIANITY

Marymount promotes an authentic Christianity embracing the person and vision of Jesus in a community with a strong Catholic identity.

Goals for 2006
We intend to:
1. Provide further opportunities for experiences of prayer (Priority 2)
2. Increase and enhance the visual signs of our faith and Catholic symbolism in the school environment (Priority 2)
3. Continue strengthening our relationships with the Parish Pastoral Team, College and the wider parish community (Priority 6)
4. Review and complete whole school Religious Education programme (Priority 2)

Achievements in 2006
1. Offered and facilitated different types of prayer for staff e.g., meditation, small group, prayer cards and participated in Gold Coast Catholic Schools’ Year Seven Leadership Liturgy.
2. Purchased and displayed appropriate resources e.g., Stations of the Cross for Frank Shine Walk and classroom resources.
3. Continued strengthening links with Parish and College through regular formal/informal meetings; continued to foster relationship with Ozanam Villa.
4. Completed overview of outcomes addressed and aligned them with new reporting expectations; implemented whole school Religious Education program.

BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL on RENEWAL PRACTICES

The Marymount community will implement and monitor local, systemic and archdiocesan strategic renewal priorities.

Goals for 2006
We intend to:
1. Celebrate fifty years of Infant Saviour Burleigh Parish (Priority 5/6/8)
2. Prepare for introduction of Preparatory year (Priority 8)
3. Provide structures to better address the needs of our large school population (Priority 8)

Achievements in 2006
1. Successfully planned, promoted and celebrated significant parish events e.g., Parish Dinner; Marymount Fair and Anniversary Mass.
2. Successfully prepared for the introduction of Prep Year e.g., staff selection and professional development; purchase of appropriate resources; Parent Information Evening and Orientation Morning for Prep students.
3. Sub group staff meetings were held throughout the year.
BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL on TEACHING AND LEARNING

Members of the Marymount community will be empowered through high quality teaching and learning to be reflective self-directed learners.

Goals for 2006

We intend to:
1. Develop tool for monitoring student learning (Priority 1/9)
2. Develop Whole School Literacy Strategy (Priority 1)
3. Implement new Mathematics syllabus (Priority 1)
4. Continue to promote and implement Middle Schooling philosophy and pedagogy (Priority 1/5/6)
5. Provide professional development for staff in the integration of technology (Priority 4/7)
6. Develop a Whole School Curriculum Framework (Priority 1/9)
7. Preparation for participation in Gold Coast Catholic Schools’ Conference (Priority 1/4/5)
8. Introduce French Cultural Literacy Program (Priority 1)
9. Review our Homework Policy (Priority 1/5)
10. Enhance the already established educational links with New Caledonia (Priority 5)
11. Continue to promote and implement Early Years philosophy and pedagogy (Priority 1/5/6)

Achievements in 2006

1. Monitoring tool selected and key personnel trained in its use.
2. Commenced development of whole school literacy framework; whole staff Professional Development (PD) with Sue Hall and Early Years staff PD with Pat Edgar.
3. Conducted staff PD in Numeracy and implemented Go Maths program throughout the school.
4. Middle Years staff meetings held throughout the year; staff continuing Tertiary studies in Middle Schooling and activities supporting the philosophy of Middle Years have continued e.g., Musical, Woodwork, and Rotations.
5. Staff workshops held throughout the year; individual Information Communication Technology (ICT) assistance available as required and new tools for professional development were investigated.
6. Initial discussions on the development of a Whole School Curriculum Framework occurred and staff worked collaboratively in the development of integrated outcomes based units of work.
7. Actively participated in the planning of the conference and communicated information to staff.
8. Successfully introduced and implemented French Cultural Literacy Program.
9. Consultative review of Homework Policy was completed and a new policy formulated and communicated to the school community.
10. Staff participated in French language course; staff delegation to Noumea and school billeting of Sacre Couer students.
11. Regular meetings were held throughout the year in preparation for Prep 2007 and Early Years Meetings were held focussing on Literacy.
BROAD STRATEGIC GOAL on SCHOOL, ENVIRONMENT and RESOURCES

Marymount provides for high quality Catholic education in a safe, well equipped and forward looking environment.

Goals for 2006
We intend to:
1. Complete Block Grant Authority (BGA) building project (Priority 8)
2. Continue General Learning Area (GLA) refurbishment program (Priority 8)
3. Communicate key school policies to parents and visitors (Priority 5)
4. Effect joint resourcing between Primary School and College in terms of P.E. and Sport (Priority 6)
5. Submit application for two extra classrooms for E block and refurbishment of B and D blocks (16 classrooms) and Learning Enhancement Centre (Priority 8)
6. Remove the power lines (Priority 8)
7. Redevelop top fields (Priority 8)
8. Develop site master plan (Priority 8)
9. Air condition new school buildings (Priority 8)
10. Upgrade technology resources (Priority 7)

Achievements in 2006
1. Construction of Early Years Centre and refurbishment of Library; existing Year One classrooms; Preschool and Administration block has commenced.
2. Annual maintenance program continued and development of new five year maintenance plan commenced.
3. Key school policies published and made available on the school website and from the office in brochure form e.g., school Anti-Bullying Policy, Special Needs Enrolment Policy and Grievance Policy.
4. Investing in Our Schools Program (IOSP) application successful. These funds, as well as joint P&F funds, were used to heat the swimming pool and purchase and install pool covers.
5. 2007 BGA application on hold.
6. Negotiations with Energex and local community have continued and we anticipate the removal of powerlines within the next twelve months.
7. Top fields to be redeveloped in conjunction with future development of new parish facilities.
8. Development of whole site plan currently being undertaken in conjunction with relevant stakeholders.
9. Plans and budget for Early Years Centre have incorporated air conditioning.
10. New colour photocopiers; computers for teachers’ desks; printers; two iPods and an Apple laptop; interactive white boards and electronic storage and retrieval system purchased this year.