



# Australian Christian College - Burnie **Annual Report 2022**



# Principal's Report

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When life is hard, God is GOOD. In 2022 we saw the end of Covid restrictions, but not the end of Covid. As we worked through the loss of students and staff that moved away, we saw God rebuilding our school with students from around the world and new staff members. God gave us new strength and a new vision for our school. Learning how to deal with Covid, students and staff that had to work from home for a short time. This gave us new thoughts about individual education and assessments. To enhance our personal teaching and learning techniques to grow the students and staff. These are all blessings of God as we go through the challenges of life, health and education.

We continued on in faith and the students were happy with their excursions/incursions and the staff worked together to produce a consistent constructive learning environment. It was wonderful to expand and be involved more with the community, even though having to use precautions and mindful of the health of the school.

Despite the difficulties in an unsettled world, God has continued to bless our school and we look forward to seeing his plan for our future. As students and staff come and go He is faithful to supply the needs and growth for Australian Christian College in Burnie.

His Servant and yours,



**Ron West**  
*Principal*



# ACC Burnie **Staff**

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2022 started off like most schools looking for more staff. In need of a High School Math/Science teacher, but God supplied that need at the end of Term 2 with Phillip Tucker. We were also joined by Jennifer Langford to teach our Kinder department. We said goodbye to Riette duPlessis at the end of the year as she continued on to pursue her dreams in WA. Mr Stringer joined us to drive the bus and to be our Chaplain.

## **Australian Christian College Burnie Teaching Staff**

Ron West (BA Christian Ed, MEd DigTech)

Carolyn Godman (BEd)

Phillip Tucker (BEd)

Caroline Keung (BBisAdmin, MEd)

Jennifer Langford (BEd)

Riette duPlessis (BEd)

## **Australian Christian College Burnie Administration Staff**

Helen Noble

## **Australian Christian College Burnie Grounds and Cleaning Staff**

Damian Bissett - Groundsman

Sandra Hamilton - Cleaner

## **Australian Christian College Burnie Bus Driving Staff**

Clifford Stringer

Rodney Ziersch

## Staff Professional Development

While Covid stopped some of our staff from going to face to face PD's, there was plenty to learn online. Some teachers had the privilege of doing some PD's in person and the rest were via the Zoom.

Here is a list of some of them:

- St. Johns First Aid
- ACC Burnie as PD
  - Explicit Direct Instruction
  - Blended Learning
- G 2 G Training
- Canvas - Online training
- COVID Training
- DIBELS Testing
- STAR Maths/Reading Assessments

Two teachers trained to become Proficient Teachers and completed the process in 2022.



# ACC Burnie Students

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During this stressful time of Covid, many students were looking to ACC to give them a steady helping hand. The High School was filling up and very active with students looking for a bit of security during a dark time in their lives. God continued to bless as the school continued to grow.



## Student Attendance

While some students were still dealing with Covid and anxiety, most were able to attend school on a regular basis.

Student Attendance for the 2022 school year was:

Primary = 93.75%

High School = 90.5%

## Mission and Service

ACC Burnie students were very thankful for what they have, especially in the middle of a pandemic. The students raised money for those less fortunate through bake sales and sausage sizzles. They especially wanted to raise money and gifts to put in the Operation Christmas Shoebox for students around the world. This became the largest fundraiser with more than 95 shoeboxes coming from only 25 students.

## Trips/Camps

It was sad that trips and camps were still being discouraged during 2022 due to Covid restrictions, but the upper primary's have been planning and preparing for their big trip to Canberra in 2022. Although this was delayed for several months, it was great to finally go on the big excursion in October. Much time has been spent in raising money, planning and looking forward to the big trip to explore our nation's capital.



## Sport

There are many benefits to physical activity in the school environment. These include cognitive development, social integration, personal wellbeing along with many health benefits. We continued many of our already regular events once Covid-19 restrictions were eased while adding other new and exciting opportunities for our students as the opportunities arose. These included the following:

- Primary and High School Swimming training (three weeks)
- Primary Softball
- Primary And High School Gymnastics
- High School Tennis training
- Northern Christian Schools Cross Country Meet
- High School Badminton





## Performing Arts

We continue to look at this area as an area of growth for our school. With the purchase of new pianos and guitars, the Music program is up and thriving to engage the lives of our students. The high school band along with the primary's have produced some beautiful music and have done well at our assemblies.





## Excursions

Educational excursions and incursions add to the learning of all students. Not only does it deepen understanding in an area of study, it can also open the eyes of students to the greater world. While again the events of 2022 impacted this area, we still managed to give our students some excursions in the year. Some of the highlights are listed below.

- Excursions/Incursions
- Devonport Maritime Excursion
- Book Week - "Dreaming with eyes open"
- Outdoor Classroom Day
- Primary First Aid Day
- Robotman Day
- Science Week Presentations
- Bunnings Gardening Day
- Primary School Picnic Day
- High School Picnic Day
- Next Level Day
- Footy Colours Day
- Science Rocket Day
- RACT Road Safety Day
- Primary Plastic Recycle
- Primary Library/Museum Day









# Parent **Engagement**

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Parent engagement is another area that is a high focus for the College. Primarily, research shows that a strong parent/school relationship has a high impact on student improvement. ACC Tasmania encourages this relationship to grow and strengthen through a variety of well-planned and organised events. Due to Covid Restrictions some of these events were limited this year.

- Canberra Parent Meetings
- Parent/Teacher Meetings
- Limited Assemblies

# School **Improvement**

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Throughout the year several projects took place to make it a better environment for the students to return to. Some are listed here:

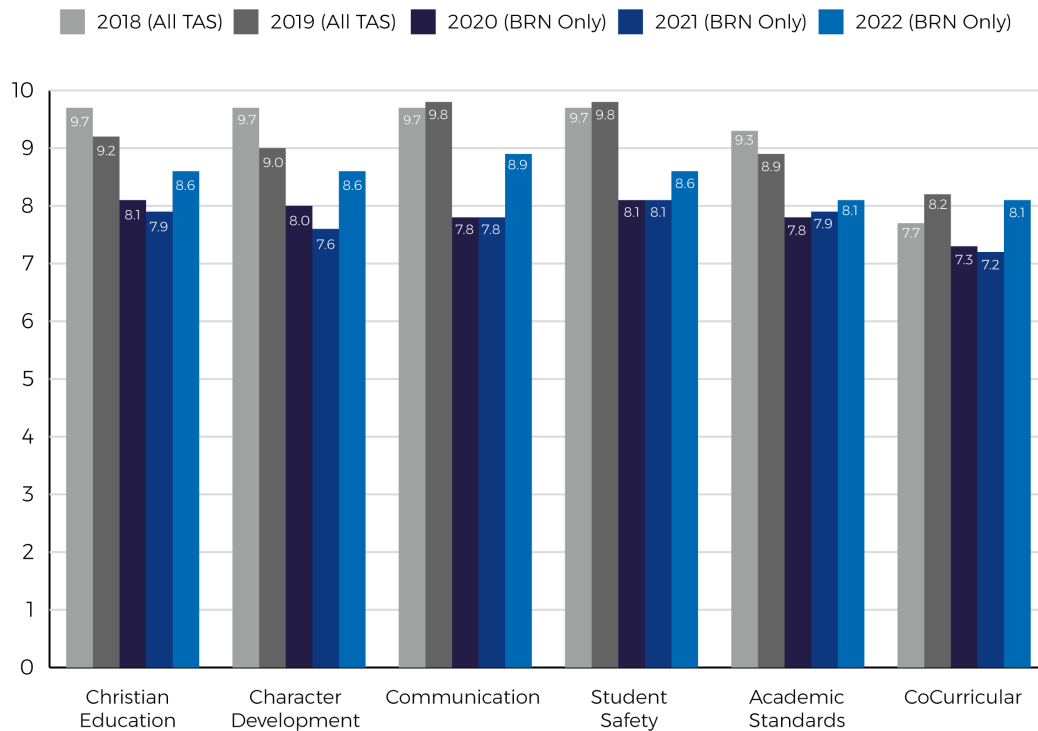
- High School Outdoor Classroom
- IT Upgrade
- Security Cameras installed



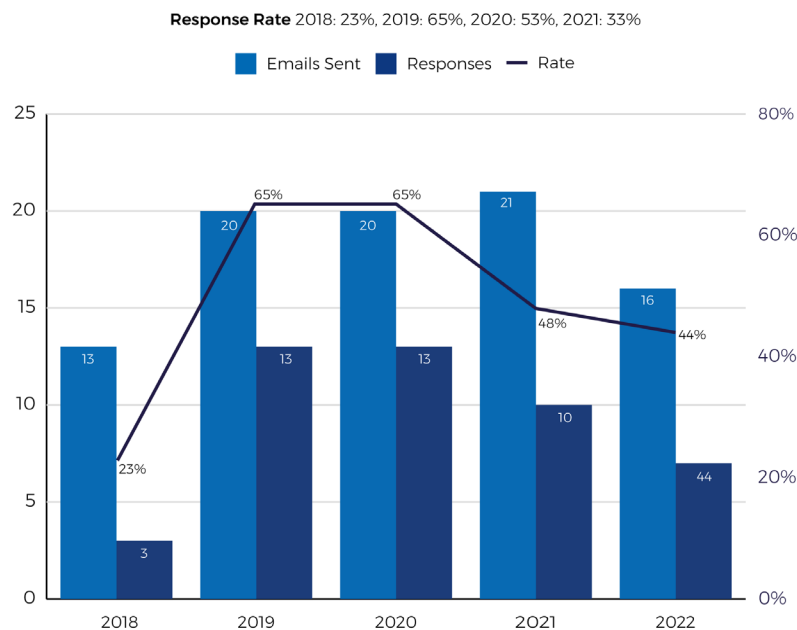
# Annual Survey Results

Each year ACC invites each of its stakeholders to participate in an online survey. The results are used to highlight areas for improvement. In the graphs below the grey columns indicate the ratings in 2020 while the blue indicate the ratings for 2021. Notice that the parent survey also asked an additional question in 2021 about the support received during COVID restrictions.

## Parent Survey

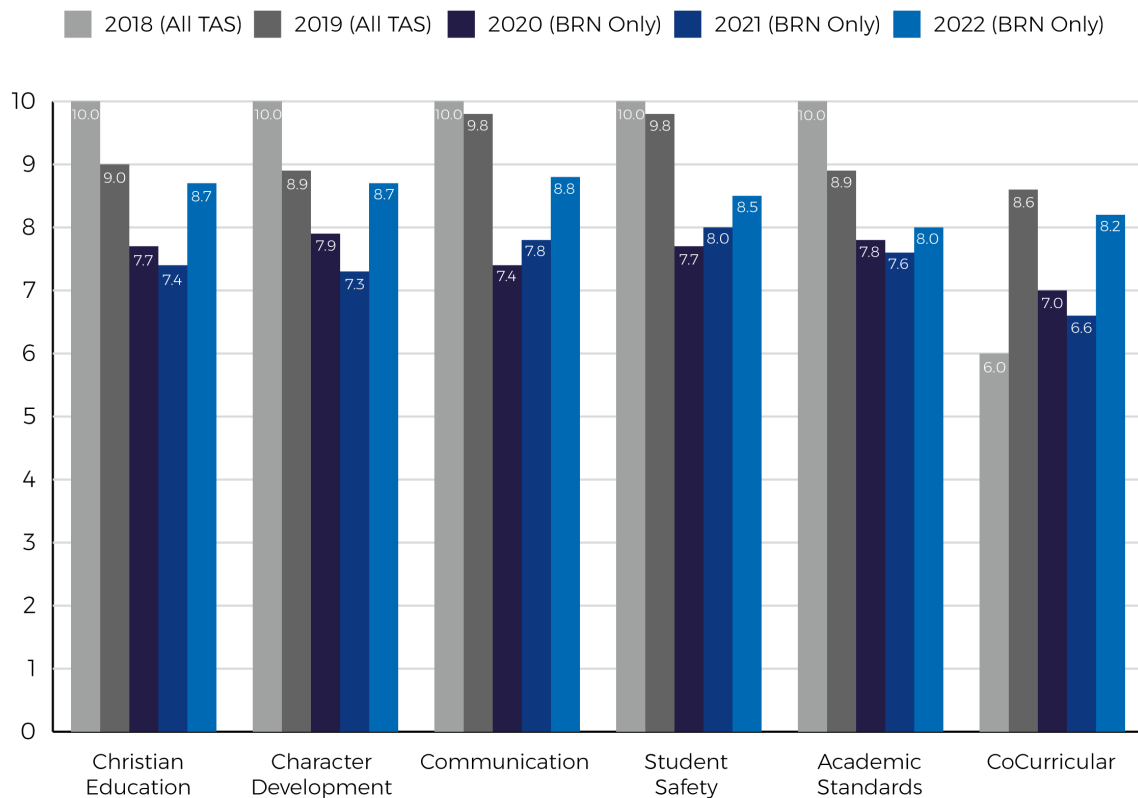


## Parent Survey Response Count

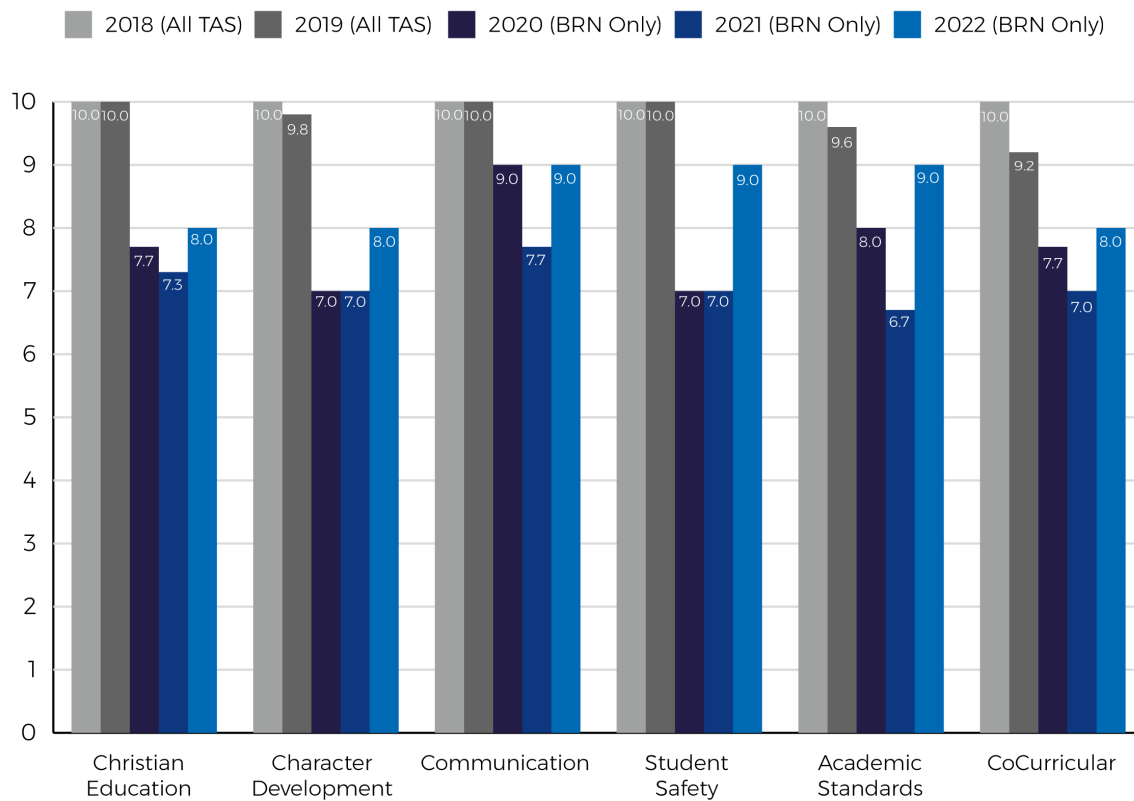




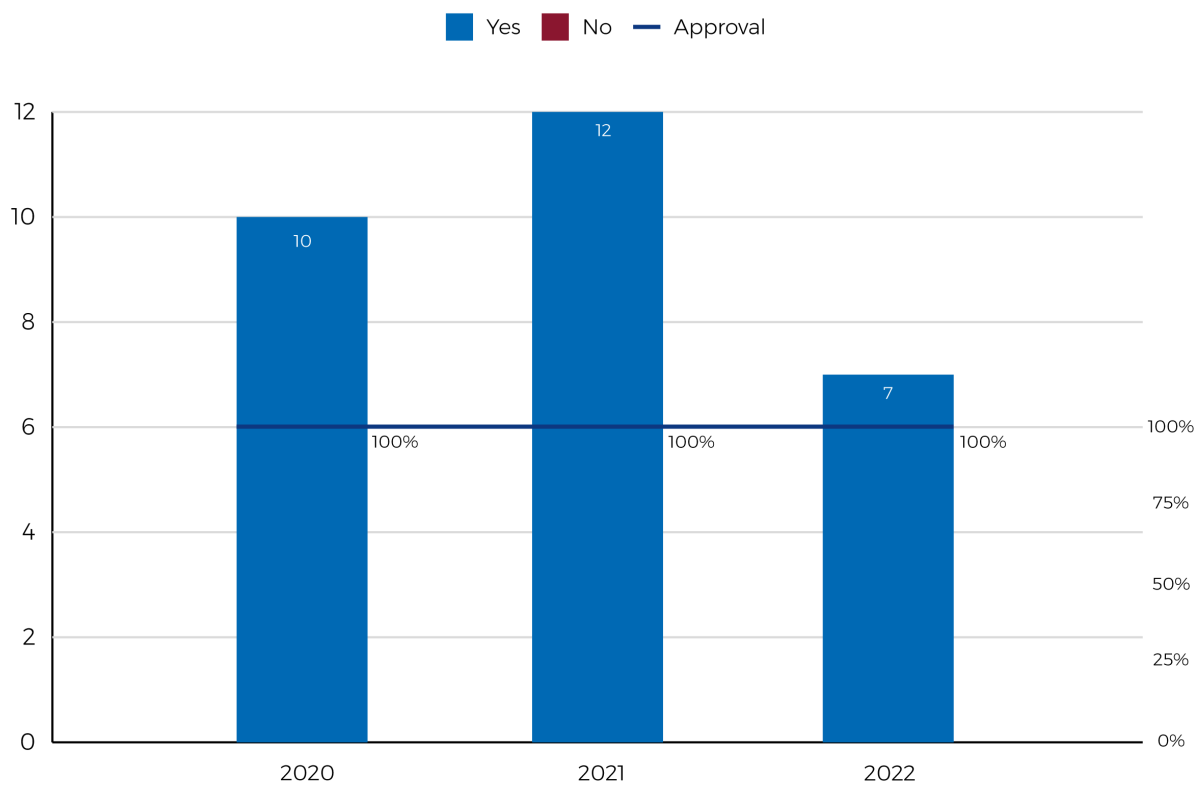
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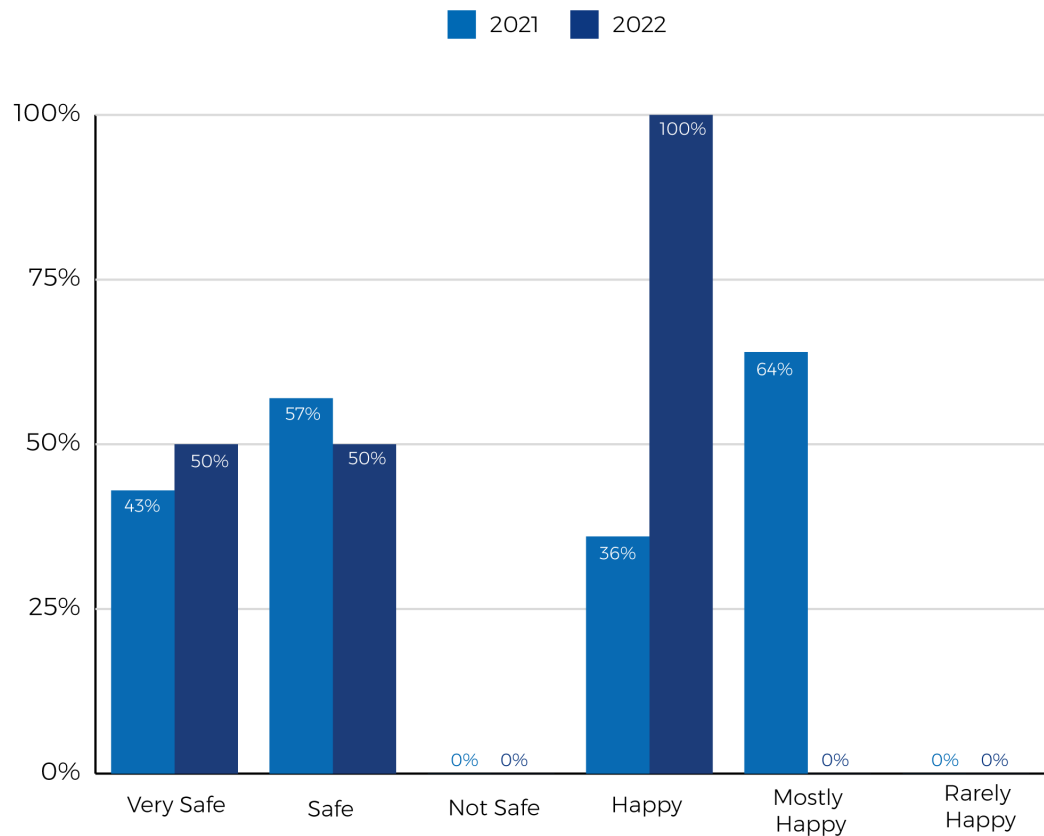
## Parent Survey (Secondary)



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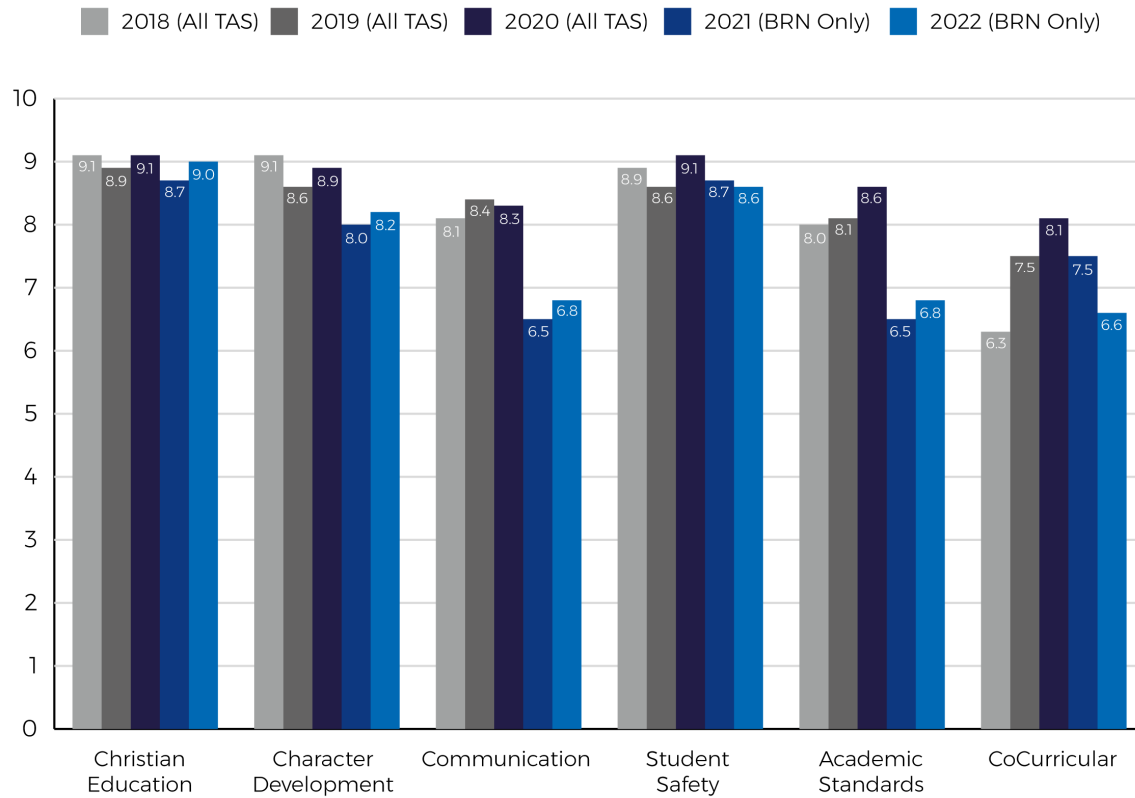


Student Survey

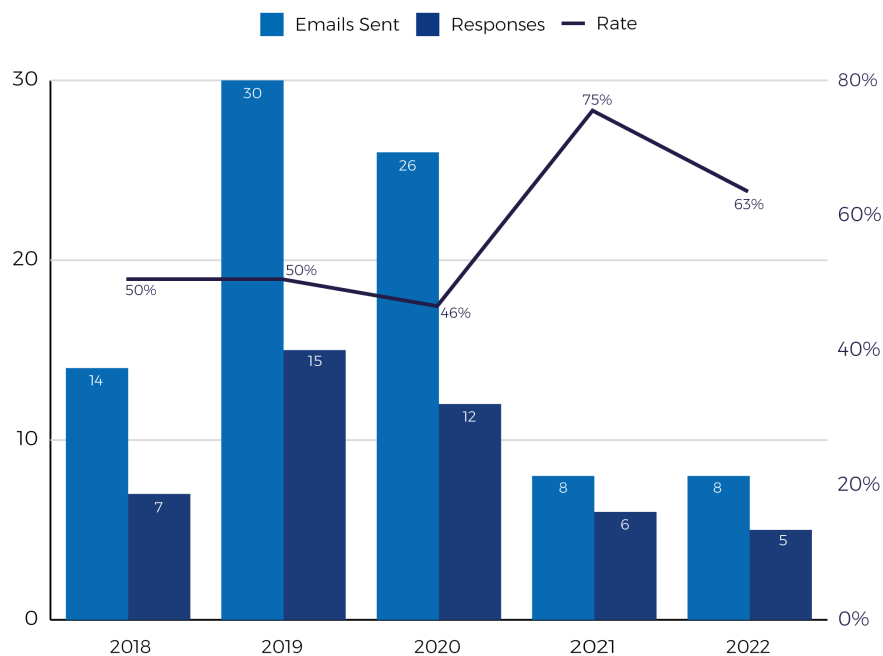




## Staff Survey



## Staff Survey Response Count



# School **Finances**

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## Income 2022

Commonwealth Recurrent Grants	<b>\$626,952</b>
State Recurrent Grants	<b>\$181,180</b>
Government Capital Grants	<b>\$0</b>
Fees & Private Income	<b>\$67,776</b>



## Expenses 2022

Capital Expenditure	<b>\$15,339</b>
Salaries Allowances & Related Expenses	<b>\$679,036</b>
Non Salaries Expenses	<b>\$186,861</b>





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