



# Australian Christian College - Burnie **Annual Report 2024**



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# Principal's Report

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2024 was an eventful school year in the life of ACC Burnie and I am delighted to share the highlights of our progress and achievements in the 2024 Annual Report.

The school maintained a focus on its Christian heritage and the celebration of the unique purpose God has gifted in the lives of each student. The ACCB staff continued to provide Christ focussed pastoral support and direction in the character formation of the students. This is an absolute strength of the community where children are Well Known, Well Loved and Well Taught. There was also strong growth in student numbers within our high school this year, with a 44% increase in enrolments from 9 to 13. We pray that each new student felt welcomed and happy as they have settled into the positive Christian culture at the school.

I sincerely thank all stakeholders who celebrated our students' achievements with us in 2024, across academics, sports, the arts, and personal growth. I also acknowledge our dedicated staff, who worked tirelessly to offer exceptional educational experiences and comprehensive support to our students, both inside and outside the classroom.

Parental involvement continues to be a vital part of our collective success. The ACC Parents, Family and Friends engagement in school events and activities strengthened our community connections and enhanced the educational experience for every student.

Throughout the year, we witnessed consistent growth and a range of achievements that reflect the dedication and resilience of our community. From everyday successes to major milestones, each accomplishment has played a role in building a positive culture and advancing our mission. While some achievements were highly visible and celebrated, others, though quieter, were equally significant in shaping the experiences of our students and staff. Together, these moments highlight the ongoing commitment to excellence that defines our school.

In closing, I express profound gratitude to the dedicated ACCB staff and volunteers for their unwavering commitment. To the families, thank you for entrusting us with another year of your child's education and personal growth. I would like to recognise the hard work and dedication of Mr Ron West as Principal and leader of the ACC Burnie school throughout the year. My prayer is that ACC Burnie will continue to grow in grace and strength through the coming years.

**Felicity Carrett**  
*Acting Principal*

# Student Cohort - On Campus (by the numbers)

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Students	End 2023	End 2024	Increase / Decrease
Primary (inc Kinder)	16	10	-6
Secondary	9	13	+4
TOTAL	25	23	-2

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## ACC Burnie Staff

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### Australian Christian College Launceston Teaching Staff List

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Ron West - Principal (BA Christian Ed, MEd DigTech)

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Carolyn Godman - Prep to Yr 6 (BEd)

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Carolyn Oliver - Secondary English/Humanities (BA, BEd, MA, MEd)

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Russ White - Secondary Maths/Science (BEd)

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Sonia Wilson - Early Primary Teacher (BA, BEd)

### Australian Christian College Burnie Administration Staff

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Dani Penrith

Helen Noble (retired Term 2, 2024)

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### Australian Christian College Burnie Cleaning Staff

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Genvieve Synnott (April/May 2024)

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### Australian Christian College Burnie Bus Driver

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Cliff Stringer

Rodney Ziersch (retired end of 2024)

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### Australian Christian College Burnie - Chaplain

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Thomas Cross - Chaplain

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# Staff Professional Development

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Throughout the year, staff participated in a range of professional development. While ACC Burnie delivers many in-house opportunities, staff also attended Independent Schools Tasmania sessions both online and face-to-face. Listed below are some of the PD's that staff participated in:

- “Adjustments for students on the Spectrum”  
by Russ White
- Good2Great
- First Aid & CPR
- EI Pulse
- DIBELS reading benchmarking



# Sport

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Physical activity and sport gives students the opportunity to develop lifelong physical, mental and social skills. Outside of our weekly Physical Education sessions, students also participated in local school and inter school events. Some of the highlighted activities were:

- Swimming Program (Term 4 x 10 weeks)
- Northern Christian Schools Cross-Country
- Northern Christian Schools Swimming Carnival
- Gymnastics
- Futsal

# Excursions, Incursions and Camps

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- Students participated in a variety across multiple learning areas. Some of these events included:
  - Wynyard Picnic Day
  - Burnie Nature Park Exploration
  - Recreation Day at the principals home
  - Bowling Day



## Parent, Staff and Student Survey

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During 2024 ACC Burnie parents reported an overall positive partnership with the school. The survey reports on 7 key areas measured annually including: Christian Education, Academic Standard, Character Development, Communication, Student Safety, Co-curricular and Classroom Behaviour.

**Parents** report being happy with the school scoring the school in all 7 areas at or above 89% satisfaction rate, with the strongest positive area identified in the parent survey as student safety. We take pride that students feel safe and have a sense of belonging at our school! *"Our children have made huge progress in their attitudes towards learning, also becoming more confident, wanting to ask questions & wanting to take part in class discussions.....I have enjoyed seeing our children grow & excel."* (2024 Parent)

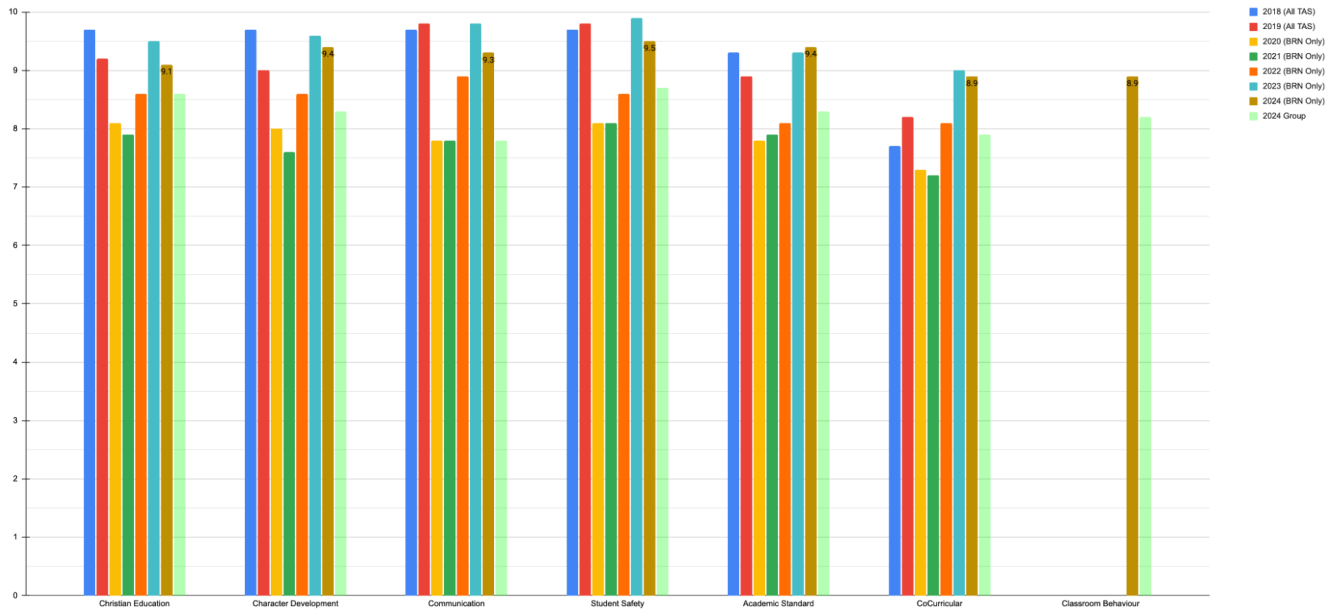
This is echoed in the **Student** survey with 100% of students (Y5-Y10) reporting they feel safe or very safe and 100% indicating they are happy or mostly happy at the school.

*"I feel safe because my school has a comfortable environment and the teachers and students are very friendly. The classrooms are clean and I really enjoy being at the school."* (2024 Student)

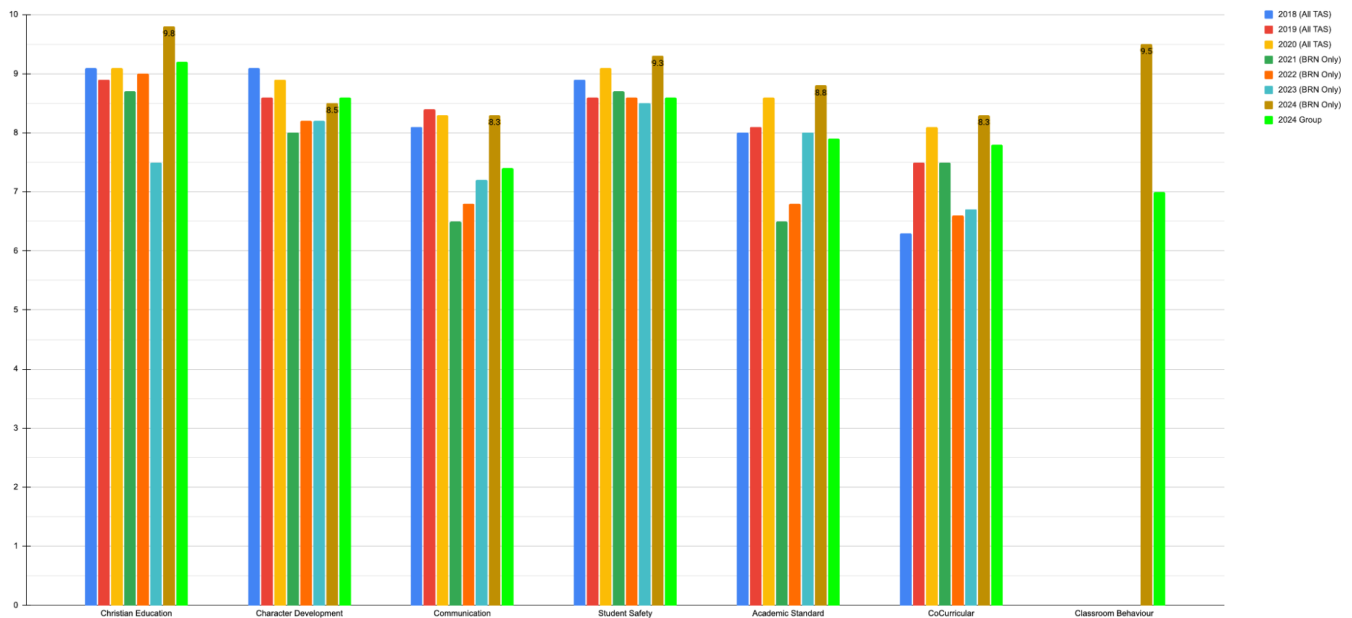
ACC Burnie **Staff** are the heart and soul of our school and the 2024 survey reflects a work community where a 83% score shows there is room for improvement and growth around communication and co-curricular activities for the students with a pleasing report of 95% of staff reporting good student behaviour in the classroom.

# Survey Results

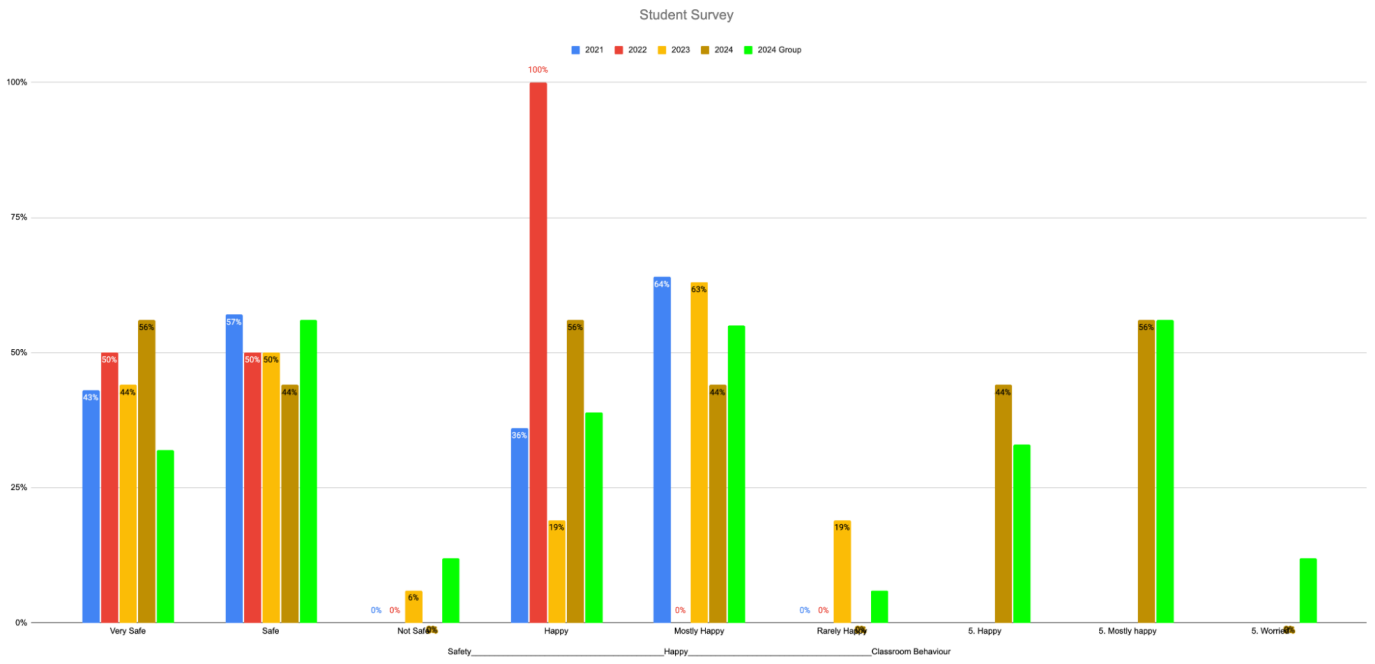
## Parent Survey



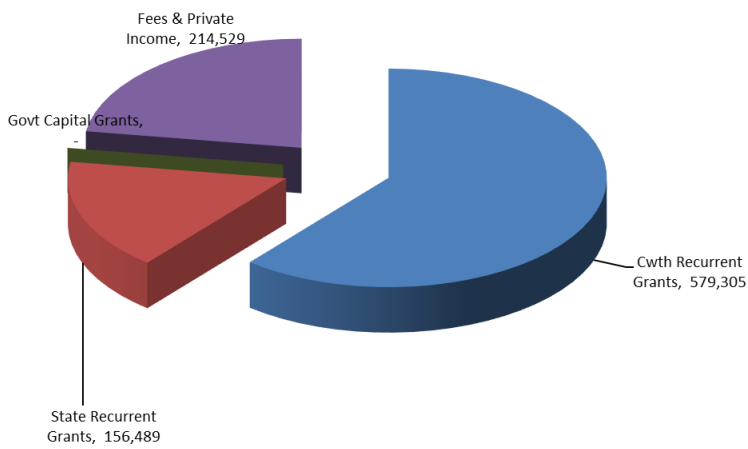
## Staff Survey



# Student Survey

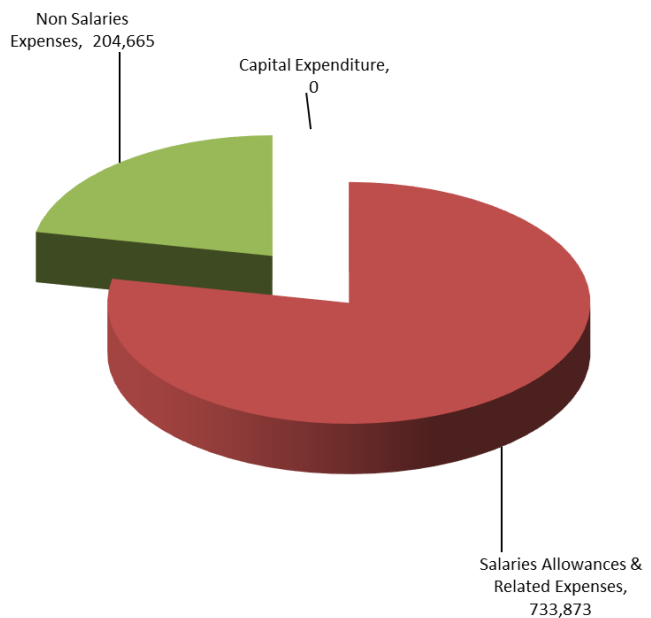


# School Finances



## Income 2024

<span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span> Commonwealth Recurrent Grants	<b>\$579,305</b>
<span style="color: #808080;">■</span> State Recurrent Grants	<b>\$156,489</b>
<span style="color: #000000;">■</span> Government Capital Grants	<b>\$0</b>
<span style="color: #000080;">■</span> Fees & Private Income	<b>\$214,529</b>



## Expenses 2024

<span style="color: #000080;">■</span> Capital Expenditure	<b>\$0</b>
<span style="color: #0056b3;">■</span> Salaries Allowances & Related Expenses	<b>\$733,873</b>
<span style="color: #808080;">■</span> Non Salaries Expenses	<b>\$204,665</b>



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