



## Summary statement

# 2017 Sacred Heart Cathedral School Community Survey

We were delighted with the number of responses to the recent survey – 66 in total.

- 32 respondents had children in the junior school
- 28 respondents had children in the middle school
- 27 respondents had children in the senior school

We are very appreciative of our community taking the time to give feedback and ideas to the Board of Trustees for the future direction of the school. This survey together with feedback we have received from the Pasifika Fono, Filipino Consultation and Whanau group meeting will be used in the schools strategic and annual plan.

The quantitative response results to each of the questions were overwhelmingly positive or very positive. We have below focused on the comments received and tried to summarise some of the themes and our proposed next steps to address, or progress, matters identified.

If you have any questions or follow up matters relating to the survey feel free to contact the Board Chair, Frank McLaughlin (PH: 0274446112) or any Board Member.

### ***Spiritual:***

92% of respondents thought that Sacred Heart Cathedral School fulfils its primary purpose of providing a Catholic Education based on excellence.

There is great enthusiasm for Special Character and Liturgies.

Meditation and liturgies added to the Spiritual dimension of the school.

Father James is active within our school supporting students, families and staff.

**Next steps:** Keep providing opportunities for students to be involved in Masses and Liturgies. Encourage families to attend a Mass at the Cathedral at least once per term.

### ***Learning:***

There were a wide range of views on homework. Most families are still in favour of some type of homework to support learning at home.

There were many themes and areas for development to consider including stretching individuals, providing learning support and increased use of technology.

Respondents were positive about the standard of learning at Sacred Heart Cathedral School.

**Next steps:** School to explore other means to support learning at home.

School to continue to sharpen focus on appropriate programmes to support learning needs.

### ***Behaviour and Well Being:***

Respondents were happy with the way issues are dealt with at Sacred Heart Cathedral School.

**Next steps:** In early 2018 we will share with families as to how the school supports and uses positive behaviour strategies.

To have an information session for families on cyber safety.

### ***Leadership:***

There was a very positive response to how the school is led and governed.

**Next steps:** Continue to share what is happening at the governance and management level ensuring the community is regularly informed.

### ***Community and culture:***

The school is commended on the way it respects the bicultural, diversity and multi-cultural views of the community. Reporting to parents, Masses, Liturgies and Curriculum Information sessions are well attended by our community.

The survey showed high levels of participation and we are encouraged to keep going with the wide range of events we provide.

**Next steps:** Continue to strengthen the way we celebrate culture.  
Establish a social action programme to support families at our school.  
Investigate senior school student event for the start of 2018.  
Investigate year 8 leavers' dinner.

***After School Care:***

Families are very supportive of the after school care programme provided at Sacred Heart Cathedral School due mainly to the convenience, flexibility and affordability of the service.

Parents have been encouraging of the healthier food options the service has provided.

**Next steps:** To have a meeting at the start of the year introducing the service to families.  
Provide a range of activities to further enhance the After School Care Programme. E.g. sport and culture.

***General:***

Sacred Heart Cathedral School is providing a good range of activities to support learning and wellbeing.

**Next step:**

Continue to use the local environment to enhance Physical Education/Learning Programmes.

***Overall experience:***

**“The school is perfect.”**

**“My children are very happy at the school and they really like their teachers.”**

**“Very happy with everything at Sacred Heart Cathedral School”**

**“Sacred Heart Cathedral School is an excellent school”**

**“Thank you to the staff who are genuinely dedicated to our children and lead by example in a Christ –like manner.”**

**“We regularly recommend you to our friends and family.”**