

# New Life Christian College



## ANNUAL REPORT 2013

New Life Christian College was founded in 1989 as Southern Christian Academy and later became known as Calvary Christian College. In 2003, the name changed to New Life College and in 2007 the word 'Christian' was added to the college name to give clarity to the wider community that New Life College was a school that is founded and run on Christian principles.

In 2003 the governance of the College was offered to and taken over by New Life Christian Community, a vibrant and growing church in Fremantle. The College is governed by the New Life College Council, which is made up of school and church representatives as well as professionals from within the wider Christian community.

New Life Christian College is an open enrolment school, where all enquiries are considered with the understanding and acceptance that, as a Christian school, New Life teaches from a Biblical world view and all students are required to be fully involved in the day to day activities of the College.

New Life provides excellent education and pastoral care to students from Kindergarten to Year 7, creating an environment in which each of our students can become the best that they can be. New Life encourages academic excellence and Godly values. These values are extremely important to the spiritual, social, emotional and academic development of each child. Values of honesty, respect, perseverance, responsibility, compassion, self-control and giving are promoted and students are guided towards growing in maturity and wisdom for life.

### Enrolments

Enrolment figures are reported to the State and Commonwealth Governments in February and August of each year. The figures for 2013 were:

February 2013 – Census Data		August 2013 – Census Data	
Kindergarten	14	Kindergarten	17
Pre-Primary	12	Pre-Primary	11
Primary	82	Primary	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>107</b>

### Student Attendance

Of the 199 school days, 189 were school attendance days for students. The 10 days difference was allocated to ten days of preparation and professional development time for staff at the start or end of each term.

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## Post Primary School Destinations

A history of students graduating from New Life Christian College would show that they enroll in the following high schools; Somerville and Winthrop (now Kennedy) Baptist College, Thornlie Christian College, Dale Christian School, Carey Baptist College, Leeming SHS or Seaton Catholic College.

## Literacy & Numeracy Benchmark Tests

During 2013 students in Years 3, 5 and 7 completed the NAPLAN Benchmark Assessments.

A summary of the performance versus benchmarks is shown in the table following:

	<b>No. of Students</b>	<b>Numeracy</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Punctuation &amp; Grammar</b>	<b>Spelling</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	7 students 1 student=14.3%	100% above benchmark	100% at or above benchmark	100% above benchmark	100% at or above benchmark	100% at or above benchmark
<b>Year 5</b>	10 students 1 student=10%	100% at or above benchmark	100% at or above benchmark	90% at or above benchmark	100% at or above benchmark	100% at or above benchmark
<b>Year 7</b>	5 students 1 student=20%	100% above Benchmark	100% above benchmark	100% above benchmark	100% above benchmark	100% above benchmark

The benchmark referred to is the national minimum standard achievement band for each test for each year group.

Gains in Reading and Numeracy from Year 3 to Year 5 were greater than the average national gains.

## Teacher Qualifications

Of the six classroom teachers in the College during 2013, all six had graduate teaching qualifications (ranging from a Diploma in Education, a Bachelor of Arts or a Bachelor of Education) with four staff holding post graduate teaching qualifications.

## Staff Composition

8 Full Time Staff - 3 Male  
5 Female

10 Part Time Staff - 0 Male  
10 Female

There are no indigenous staff.

## Parent / Teacher / Student Satisfaction

It has been found that the satisfaction rating of the College community is generally very good. Parents report that they are very satisfied with the educational standards and the pastoral care being received by students. A high degree of interest has been expressed by current parents in attendance at a high school if the Minister of Education approves our application to register a high school at New Life Christian College.

Parents are always encouraged to speak with teachers should they have concerns with any aspect of the day to day functioning of the College. Parents are also aware that the Principal is available should they wish to speak with him on any matter whether it be an area of concern or a celebration of great things being achieved.

### Student Attendance

The Student Attendance Register (Class Roll) is completed twice each day by teachers, once at the beginning of the day and again after lunch. At the completion of each roll call the Attendance Registers are forwarded to the College office and any unexplained absence is followed up with a phone call or email from the College to the parent or guardian to confirm absence for the day. A record of all variances is maintained.

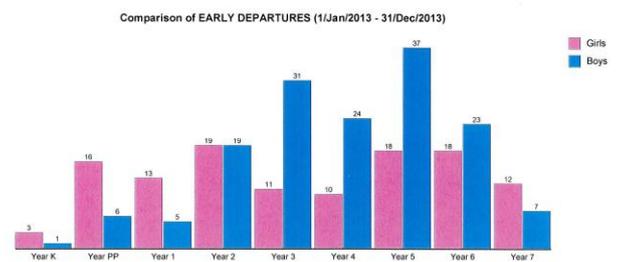
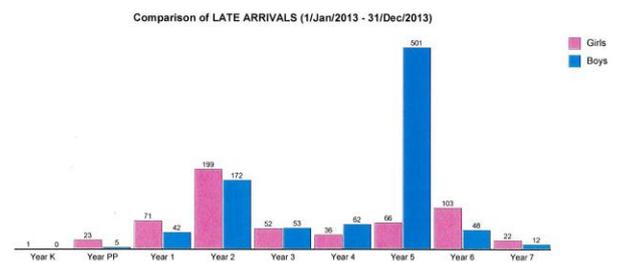
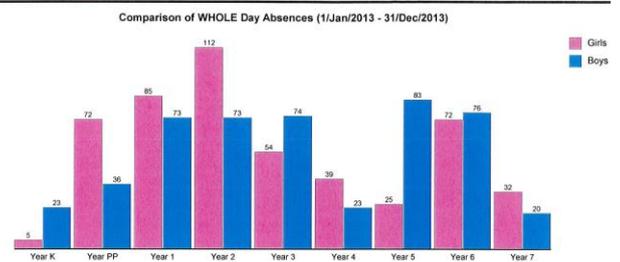
The graphs on the right indicate the total annual absences, late arrivals and early departures for boys and girls in each year group.

Absences are for reasons ranging from illness to family holidays or trips taken during the school term.

Early departures are for medical and dental appointments as well as other non-school-related activities that students leave to attend before the end of the school day.

Late arrivals are recorded through late notes that are completed on late arrival. The peak for year 5 boys is primarily due to a family that, due to parent work schedules, is late each day.

Absence Summaries (NON-School Absences Only)



### School Income

Percentage breakdown of school income for the year is as follows:

Tuition Fees	—	25%
Commonwealth Government Grants	—	49%
State Government Grants	—	22%
Private / Other	—	4%

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