

PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021

MARION

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SUNRISE
Christian School



YOUR WORD IS
A LAMP UNTO MY
FEET AND A LIGHT
UNTO MY PATH.

PSALM 119:105

In line with reporting obligations under the Schools Assistance Regulations 2009, the Australian Education Act 2013 requires independent schools to publicly report a range of school performance information.

The information that follows is in response to the criteria and requirements outlined by the Commonwealth Government.

The information relates to the 2021 School Year.

Contextual Information

Sunrise Christian School was founded in 1978, as a ministry of Adelaide Christian Centre (Sturt Street) who acted on a faith filled vision in obedience. The first Sunrise Christian School opened its doors in Fullarton and, by the grace of God, has expanded to six locations, including two in regional South Australia.

The school's governance, oversight and spiritual guidance is entrusted to Adelaide Christian Schools, an incorporated association that governs a number of schools including Temple Christian College and Discovery Christian College Queensland, as well as international schools Sunrise Bethel Christian School Papua New Guinea and Faith Christian College South Carolina in the United States.

This network allows for shared resources and teaching standards, ensuring Sunrise can provide the highest level of education. Along with this, it provides families and students the opportunity to be a part of a larger community, to build new relationships and opens doors into future education.

Since welcoming those first students in 1978, Sunrise has developed a reputation and tradition for providing excellence in a Christ-centred education. Our dedicated staff, who are all committed to Christ, work together with parents and their local church to ensure that each child's learning experience is happy, challenging and successful.

Sunrise Marion provides Christ-centred education from ELC to year 9. The Middle School years 7 - 9 have a clear pathway to their Senior years through a sister-school partnership with Temple Christian College at Mile End.



Our Mission

Sunrise Christian School exists to provide a welcoming, family-orientated and Christ-centered learning environment. Generations of social influencers and disciples of faith are engaged, motivated and empowered in a holistic, biblically-based manner to develop a love of learning.

At the core of our philosophy is the understanding that faith is inherent in every aspect of life. Therefore, we do not teach 'Bible' or 'Christian Studies' as a separate subject. To do so is to imply that faith is separate to the rest of life. The Biblically based curriculum has been developed within the school over the last three decades to produce a quality cyclic approach, using traditional methods of pedagogy (teaching) in conjunction with the best of the current practice.

Our school, in close partnership with parents, endeavours to create the greatest opportunities for each child to discover and embrace their God-given talents, and then, as faithful Christians, apply those gifts to enrich the world and communities we live in.

OUR VALUES

Developing
Christian
character

An extension
of the home

Building
Christian
community

Innovative
teaching and
learning



Workplace Information



TEACHERS' QUALIFICATIONS

Permanent teaching staff hold the following primary qualification:

Bachelor of Education	18
Bachelor plus Diploma	3
Diploma of Teaching/ Education	2

WORKFORCE COMPOSITION

*full time equivalent

Teaching staff FTE*	17.8
Female	17
Male	6
Non-teaching staff FTE*	10.2
Indigenous staff:	none disclosed

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

Sunrise Christian School invests in its staff through ongoing professional learning.

All teaching staff engaged in 9 days of in-school professional development in addition to the rolling review of curriculum and WHS that is a scheduled component of weekly staff meetings. Educators independently seek development opportunities that identify with their personal development plans or relevant areas of education.

The senior leadership and emerging leaders accessed seminars that were hosted by Australian Independent Schools of South Australia. Administrative staff were also involved with specialist training during the year.

Average expenditure for professional learning per teacher was \$991.

Student Information

STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Average student attendance **90.9 %**

RECEPTION	92.8 %
YEAR 1	91.8 %
YEAR 2	93.1 %
YEAR 3	91.4 %
YEAR 4	89.5 %
YEAR 5	88.9 %
YEAR 6	91.9 %
YEAR 7	87.4 %
YEAR 8	93.2 %
YEAR 9	89.9 %
YEAR 10	89.7 %

In 2021, Sunrise Marion student enrolment was 234; with 184 students in primary school and 50 in middle school years.

The safety and whereabouts of each student are tracked and monitored every school day.

School attendance data is recorded electronically through Teacher's Assistant. All unexplained absences are noted by office staff and parents are phoned or sent an SMS to ascertain the reason. Sunrise values communication and seeks to support families and students in sustained attendance.

STUDENT LEARNING

Outcomes in national literacy and numeracy testing (NAPLAN)

NAPLAN establishes a *National Minimum Standard* (NMS) to describe some of the skills and understandings students can generally demonstrate at their particular year of schooling, in a specific subject area or domain. At Sunrise, NMS data is read in conjunction with school reports to accurately support students to reach their potential.

The below table shows the percentage of students who achieved at or above the NAPLAN National Minimum Standards. (%)

	YEAR 3	YEAR 5	YEAR 7	YEAR 9
Reading	100	97	100	100
Writing	100	100	100	91
Spelling	96	94	100	100
Grammar & Punctuation	100	94	100	100
Numeracy	100	100	100	100

School Satisfaction

PARENT FEEDBACK

In 2021, the Principal and teaching staff were available by appointment, during informal meetings and parent/teacher interviews. Further to this, Sunrise conducted an online parent survey and found:

Over 84% of parents were satisfied or very satisfied with Sunrise Marion.

That Sunrise Marion was likely or very likely to accommodate their child's requirements in:

- Academics 85%
- Creative Arts 73%
- Christian Teachings 95%
- Learning Support 82%

That Sunrise Marion consistently delivered at a high or an exemplary standard in the:

- Quality of teaching staff 92%
- Curriculum and teaching performance 77%

STUDENT FEEDBACK

Sunrise Marion is committed to providing high levels of student satisfaction, and providing students with an empowered voice to speak into academic, social and spiritual concerns through respectful teacher relationships and formal platforms such as the student body Service and Leadership Team.

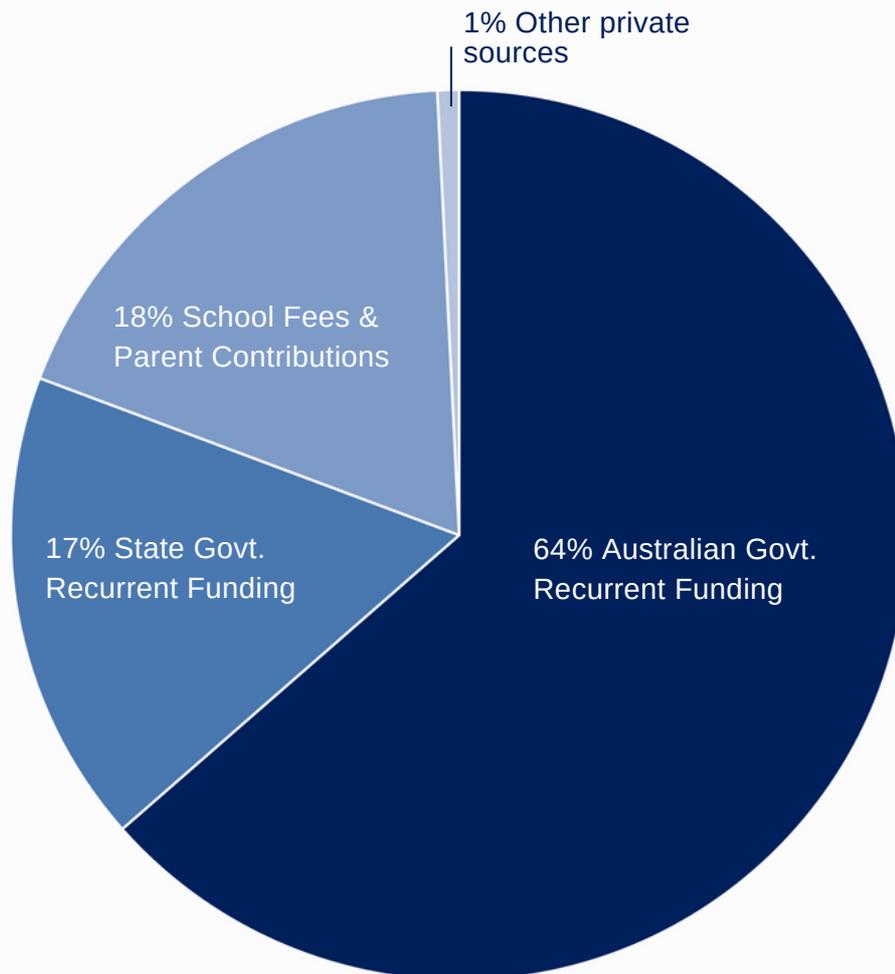
STAFF FEEDBACK

School leadership recognises that our staff are our most valuable resource, and that student outcomes are improved when staff are well supported and equipped, regularly trained and given professional development and are able to raise matters of concern with school leadership in an open and constructive manner.



School Income

BROKEN DOWN BY FUNDING SOURCE



The below table shows School income broken down by funding source in comparison to previous school years. (\$)

	2021	2020	2019
Australian Govt. Recurrent Funding	2,666,802	2,716,714	2,670,340
State Govt. Recurrent Funding	722,290	704,728	713,471
School Fees & Parent Contributions	776,014	740,722	802,370
Other private sources	11,349	6,252	19,715

TOGETHER
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