

2022



San Clemente High School

About this report

San Clemente High School (the 'High School') is registered by the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) and managed by the Catholic Schools Office (CSO), Maitland-Newcastle. The CSO as the 'approved authority' for the diocesan registration system formed under Section 39 of the NSW Education Act (1990), is responsible for monitoring the compliance of member schools in the manner that has been approved by the Minister of Education. The Annual School Report (the 'Report'), provides parents and the wider community with fair, accurate and objective information about various aspects of school performance and development. Additionally, the Report complements and is supplementary to other forms of regular communication to the High School community regarding initiatives, activities and programs which support the learning and wellbeing of its students.

Detailed information about the High School's improvement journey is documented in the Strategic Improvement Plan (SIP) which is developed, implemented and evaluated in consultation with key stakeholders. Further information about the contents of this Report may be obtained by contacting the High School directly or by visiting the High School's website. Information can also be obtained from the My School website.

Message from key groups in our community

Principal's Message

It is with pleasure that I present to you the Annual Report, 2022, for San Clemente High School, Mayfield. San Clemente is a Catholic Co-educational, Year 7-10 Systemic School in the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle.

San Clemente was founded as a school for girls by the Dominican Sisters in 1916 and began operation the following year. The school was moved to its present site in 1919. In 1976 San Clemente High School became the first Diocesan Catholic High School to be staffed by lay people. Another milestone occurred in 1983 when boys were enrolled for the first time.

The school derives its name from San Clemente, a basilica in Rome, the name reflecting the Spanish origins of the Dominicans.

San Clemente embraces the traditions of the Dominican sisters. Our motto is and students are encouraged to follow it by being true to themselves, one another, their families and community.

We aim to send into the world students who are confident and accomplished, possessing the knowledge and skills to make a significant contribution to our society.

Unlike 2020 and 2021 we were able to return to more normal school routine following the COVID-19 pandemic resulting in long periods of learning from home. At San Clemente we were aware of the need to provide extra support to our families in different ways following the pandemic to alleviate some of

Parent Body Message

The transition to a Parent Engagement Group (PEG) from the traditional Parents and Friends continues as the planning for school growth and development evolves.

Student Body Message

San Clemente is a school that offers its students a wide range of appealing activities including athletics and swimming carnivals, representative and school sport, music and drama concerts, retreats, leadership days, debating, public speaking, faculty excursions, school camps (Years 7) and several other extra curricular opportunities. It was refreshing that these activities could be reinstated following the COVID years. These activities along with a positive atmosphere help to make San Clemente an enjoyable place in which to learn. At the end of 2022 elections were held for a Student Leadership Team to comprise new members, four of which are School Captains and two representatives for each of the Ministry, Stewardship and Cultural portfolios. Four Student House Captains and four Sport House Captains complete the team. The inclusion of an Aboriginal portfolio took place for the 2023 Student Leadership Team.

The students at San Clemente appreciate the voice that the Student Leadership Team gives the student body. Students are able to contribute ideas and suggestions to continue to enhance the San Clemente community. With the goal of providing the most optimal environment for education, the Student Leader role is to support the school to ensure that any changes ultimately benefit the students.

The Student Leadership Team meet with the Year 10 LOWE and members of the School Executive to discuss initiatives and enact change in the school.

Scope for students in Years 7-9 to become involved in leadership was also broadened in preparation for the 2023 school year.

Year 10 SLT Representative

School Features

San Clemente was founded by the Dominican Order of nuns in 1916 in a weatherboard building in Kerr Street, Mayfield. In 1919 following the purchase of property formerly known as "Redcliff", "a stately home in spacious grounds", the school was moved to its present site and continued as a secondary school for young ladies under the administration of the sisters of St. Dominic.

During the sixty years from 1916 San Clemente High School, as both a boarding school and day school, became well known for the ladylike behaviour of its students and for the high standard of achievement of its graduates in both civic and business affairs. At various times the buildings were modified and extended to accommodate the growing school population. In 1976 San Clemente High School became the first Catholic High School in the Maitland Diocese to be staffed entirely by lay people. Another milestone in San Clemente's history was reached in 1983 when boys were enrolled in Year 7.

San Clemente is named after the Basilica of San Clemente in Rome. The present Basilica has been under the care of the Irish Dominicans since 1623, when Pope Urban VIII gifted it to the persecuted and exiled Irish Dominican Fathers.

San Clemente caters for students from Year 7 to Year 10 and is located on the corner of Havelock and Crebert Streets, Mayfield..

San Clemente welcomes students from Wallsend/Maryland, Fletcher/Minmi regions in the west and Tighes Hill, Hamilton, Mayfield, Islington Stockton and Waratah in the central/inner city region.

With the opening of Catherine McAuley College in Medowie in 2021 San Clemente included St Patrick's Wallsend to our Feeder School. This year we have successfully marketed to attract students in our feeder areas to enrol 180 students in Year 7 2023. The school will continue to prioritise this initiative in the coming years to bolster enrolments at San Clemente.

Academic Achievements

San Clemente High School values and encourages all students to reach their full academic potential. In a formal sense, this is recognised by our strong results in the 2022 ROSA. At our school Opening Liturgy this year we had the opportunity of acknowledging six students who were awarded six or more A grades in their subjects in the Record of School Achievement. Students who achieve strong academic results are recognised formally at Academic Award presentations twice during the year.

Traditionally throughout the course of the year outstanding achievements are gained by individuals and groups in debating (school and diocesan level), Mock Trial and public speaking competitions, however some of these events did not return to the calendar this year.

Student Profile

Student Enrolment

The High School caters for students in Years 7 – 10. Students attending this High School come from a variety of backgrounds and

Staffing Profile

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The following information describes the staffing profile for 2022:

Total number of staff	75
Number of full time teaching staff	40
Number of part time teaching staff	16
Number of non-teaching staff	19

Total number of teaching staff by NESA category

Teachers at this High School are either accredited as conditional, provisional or proficient as defined by the NSW Teacher Accreditation Act 2004. Accreditation at the levels of Highly Accomplished and Lead teacher are voluntary. The number of teachers within the Diocesan Schools System (systemic schools) at these levels is as follows:

- Conditional 101 teachers
- Provisional 50 teachers
- Proficient 1862 teachers
- 1 Highly Accomplished teacher
- 1 Lead teacher

Additionally, there are approximately 4 teachers who are currently actively engaged in the submission process at the higher levels of accreditation. Teacher status at individual schools can be sourced directly from the High School.

Professional Learning

The ongoing professional development of each staff member is highly valued. Professional learning can take many forms including whole school staff days, subject specific in services, meetings and conferences and a range of professional learning programs provided by the Catholic Schools Office (CSO). The High School takes responsibility for planning, implementing, evaluating and tracking of its staff professional learning and individual staff members take responsibility for their ongoing professional development. All teachers have been involved in professional learning opportunities during the year related to improving student outcomes.

Summary of professional learning at this school

There were a variety of high quality external conferences and workshops scheduled for staff during

Faculty meetings focused on the development of differentiation and data analysis, related to the school goal, were a highlight in the area of teaching and learning in 2022. Literacy and Numeracy remained a key area of focus and student learning growth and development. In 2022 the school established a renewed Professional Development Policy and Procedure to support staff through providing relevant opportunities that allow professional growth that is linked to the strategic directions of the School. This was further developed and enriched during 2022. The aim of this policy and procedure is to foster a culture of life-long learning for staff. In keeping with the Vision Statement of towards excellence and San Clemente aims to support staff to build on their strengths through an effective Professional Development strategy that provides members of staff with equity in opportunities for professional development.

Postgraduate studies have continued with some staff members completing external studies in Educational Leadership and Religious Education/Theology, as well as in other specialised areas.

Planning for the development of a new school goal for 2023 commenced with a focus on feedback for learning growth.

Catholic Identity and Mission

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle participate, under the leadership of the Bishop and in partnership with

Curriculum, Learning and Teaching

Secondary Curriculum

The Secondary Curriculum follows the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabus for each course offered as required for Registration and Accreditation under the Education Act 1990 (NSW) and implements the curriculum requirements of the Catholic Schools Office

The Curriculum is structured around the outcomes and content for each learning area and general capabilities for learning across the curriculum including literacy, numeracy, information and communication technology, critical and creative thinking, ethical behaviour, personal and social competence and intercultural understanding.

San Clemente High School, we are committed to developing a genuine love of learning in our students. Our young people today belong to an ever-changing world and it is important that they are equipped with the skills, knowledge and capacity to be successful learners. Our vision is to develop confident and independent

students are accelerated in their study program particularly in mathematics. Support and enrichment is provided for students with English as an additional language.

Teaching and Learning at San Clemente is vibrant, inclusive, supportive, welcoming and a pillar that defines the community.

Record of School Achievement (RoSA)

Eligible students who leave school before receiving their Higher School Certificate will receive the NSW Record of School Achievement (RoSA). The RoSA has been designed to provide grades for all Stage 5 (Year 10) and Stage 6 (Preliminary) courses completed during secondary education. In 2022, the number of students issued with a RoSA was 178.

Complaints Handling Policy

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has established a [Complaints Resolution Policy](#) which is implemented by our school and all systemic schools in the diocese. The rationale for the policy **is** that within the reality of the schooling experience, it is recognised that, from **time** to time, misunderstandings and differences of opinion will occur, and that these need to be resolved satisfactorily. Addressing such matters within a framework of dignity, respect and truth can provide powerful opportunities to model the love of Christ in the reality of our contemporary world. CSO monitors the implementation of this policy.

The full text of the [Complaints Resolution Policy](#) may be accessed on the High School's website, the administration office or at the CSO website.

Initiatives promoting respect and responsibility

The school has a strong Dominican history, with **a** motto of Veritas (truth). As a consequence, we speak and act out of a strong sense of respect and responsibility for ourselves, one another, our school, our community and the environment.

The Feldt Learning Centre, continued to operate throughout 2022. ~~This Centre supports a~~
number of EALD

School Improvement

The High School implements the system's review cycle of improvement which outlines the processes and benchmarks for creating the culture and practice of continuous improvement with students as the focus. Strategic Improvement Plans are future focused documents that map the High School's directions, aimed specifically at improving educational and wellbeing outcomes for all students through the following areas:

Catholic Culture and Mission
Learning

Each year, the High School develops a Strategic Improvement Plan indicating the intended key improvements for student learning outcomes. A copy of the school's Strategic Improvement Plan may be obtained from the High School administrative office.

Key Improvements Achieved

Planning for Catholic Formation and Mission in 2022 continued its focus on ongoing formation opportunities for staff and students including the Dominican Faith Formation program and the sacramental program.

The Year 10 Retreat program in Term 3 was again a highlight of Catholic formation and mission for our senior students. These initiatives were achieved in our 3 day program held at Colaroy in August.

Learning and Teaching further developed the use of differentiation and engagement in classrooms across the school with a collaborative approach to the development of a new whole school goal for the next two years, largely focussed on the Clarity approach guided by Lyn

Wellbeing and partnerships reflected the ongoing application of the now embedded Positive Education, five ways of wellbeing model which underpins all wellbeing matters at San Clemente and complements the Dominican Pillars; Prayer, Service, Study and Community.

The 2022 timetable with a five period day with a twenty minute Mentor session from Monday - Thursday, enabled deeper engagement opportunities for students working with their Mentors. PosEd initiatives form part of the use of this time and assist in knowing every student and how they learn.

In 2022 San Clemente offered a Sacramental program by invitation to all students and three students were confirmed in August this year on St Dominic's Day.

Priority Key Improvements for Next Year

development of teaching and learning initiatives in the area of catering for every learning need in every class and an additional initiative of the development of effective and varied feedback for student learning.

Leadership in 2022 revolved around consolidation of a stable Executive Team and ongoing professional development in effective teaching and learning initiatives for middle leaders and staff.

The planning for San Clemente to grow to a Year 7-12 Catholic College from 2026 formed a key aspect of school improvement for the coming years.

Community Satisfaction

Consultation with parents, students and teachers is valued and sought. Their feedback contributes to the planning and the achievement of improved outcomes for students. This year, the High School has used a variety of processes to gain information about the level of satisfaction with the High School from parents, students and teachers. The school undertakes extensive surveying of all stakeholder groups annually. This data is shared with the school community and contributes to the priorities for future planning.

Parent satisfaction

San Clemente continues to strive to be a welcoming and happy environment for all

Parent, Teacher, Student Conference opportunities were offered twice in the year and these face to face conferences were well attended. Discussion of student learning is the focus for these conferences.

Other initiatives engaging parents in the school community include:

An Open Evening to promote enrolments.

Year 8 Elective Information Program which presents valuable course overviews of all available electives. This assisted both students and parents to make informed choices.

Year 7 Transition Information Evening.

Parents invited and attended all prizegiving events.

Parents invited and attended Year 10 Graduation Liturgy.

Student satisfaction

Excellent student involvement is also evident in many areas of school life. Student leadership is a good indicator of student happiness. We have four Student Captains included in a Student leadership Team of sixteen Year 10 students and a very large number of Year 10 students assisted both

The majority of our Year 10 students move on to our senior school (St Francis College) for Years 11 and 12. However the school looks forward to retaining the majority of the 2025 Year 10 cohort as the first Year 11 group in 2026,

Annually we receive very affirming feedback from the staff at St Francis that our students have a great affection and very strong sense of connectedness with San Clemente.

Teacher satisfaction

San Clemente enjoys an excellent reputation for staff cohesion, unity and collegiality. It is a particularly close community in which care for one another is clearly evident in the daily life of the school. New staff members often comment on the friendly and welcoming feel to the school. San Clemente prides itself on the quality of its relationships within the community, particularly amongst the staff.

This is evidenced through the generosity of spirit and goodwill which is seen by so many staff who go above and beyond to support the students and each other. Each year, the school is inundated with volunteers for camps and the Year 10 Retreat, being part of Open Evenings and public events involving the school.

Overall, the staff retention rate is very high which is an indication of overall satisfaction in the school, however with reduced student numbers due to the opening of another Catholic School in our region this reflected differently for 2021 but has showed correction in 2022. The school places a great importance on staff wellbeing. This is evidenced through both Staff Meetings and Days devoted to the wellbeing of the staff.

Visitors to the school often comment on the good 'feel' they experience while spending time in the community. Staff are respected for their compassion, work ethic, professionalism and also sense of fun. This creates a relaxed, positive and happy learning environment.

Recurrent and Capital Income 2022	
Commonwealth Recurrent Grants ¹	\$7,817,099
Government Capital Grants ²	\$0
State Recurrent Grants ³	\$2,235,926
Fees and Private Income ⁴	\$1,805,711

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