Kluthuthu Christian College
School Annual Report
2025



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Contextual Information[1]

Kluthuthu Christian College (KCC) is an independent, non–denominational and co-educational Christian College located in Napranum, far north Queensland. It is a school with a strong foundation in Biblical teachings and values, providing opportunities to both indigenous and non-indigenous students.

KCC enrols students from Prep to Year 7 offering the following:

Quality Christian education; small class sizes; a nurturing environment with caring, experienced and passionate teachers.

The College encourages family participation and engagement in their children's education and embraces language, culture and identity as an integral part of the curriculum.

The teaching and learning is closely aligned with the Alice Springs (Mparntwe) Education Declaration (2019) and adheres to the Australian National Curriculum.

School Sector: *

Independent

Year Levels Offered:

Foundation – Year 7.

Co-educational or Single Sex: *

Co-educational

Characteristics of the Student Body: *

Total Enrolments	Indigenous	Female	Male
42	42	17	25

[1] *Australian Education Regulation 2023 s60 (1)(a)*

Founder/Visionary's Message

The Dream

In August 2015, following a focused season of fasting and prayer, I had a life-defining dream. In this dream, I found myself walking into a large room that looked like a pool room. As I stood at the entrance, I noticed some Indigenous men gathered around a pool table. They called me over, and as I approached, one of them said, "He is here now; we can start a Christian school."



I then saw that the entire pool table was covered with a map of Australia. As I looked closely at the map, the word "Weipa" appeared in the far north, a place I did not know at the time. Upon waking, I felt compelled to investigate. A quick search on Google Maps revealed the exact map and location from my dream.

This became the beginning of our exploratory journey. Alongside my wife, Dr Avril Howard, I travelled to Weipa South (Napranum), arriving on 5 November 2015.

At this point, I could write at length about how God has brought this dream to fruition. However, I will leave that to others—the pioneers and supporters who responded to the dream and helped make it a reality.



My heartfelt gratitude goes to my wife for her selfless commitment of time and outstanding educational expertise, and to my children, whose unwavering support and encouragement helped make the realisation of this dream possible. Their support sustained me, especially during the long periods I spent away from home.

Transformation continues to be evident. Despite the challenges they face, KCC students are making remarkable progress. The community is noticing the difference, and families are continuing to come to the school.

They proudly say this school is **"Deadly".**

Mark Howard
Founding Visionary

Board Chairperson's Message

Perfect Peace in Turbulent Times

"All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace" (Isaiah 54:13).
Our 2025 theme, **Perfect Peace in Turbulent Times**, has reminded us that true peace is found not in circumstances but in our relationship with God. The promise of Isaiah 54:13 reflects the heart of Kluthuthu Christian College: that children "taught by the Lord" will experience His peace, wisdom and purpose. This vision continues to guide every aspect of our College life.

As I reflect on the year, I am deeply grateful for God's faithfulness and provision. Throughout 2025, the College continued to grow in both capacity and impact, serving the families of Napranum and Weipa through Christ-centred education. A major milestone was the successful introduction of Year 7, an important step toward providing a continuous Christian education pathway for our community. This achievement reflects the trust of our families and our commitment to educational excellence grounded in a Biblical worldview.

Christian education is about more than academic success. It is about nurturing the whole child, spiritually, academically, culturally, emotionally and socially, so that every student is equipped to fulfil God's purpose for their life and contribute positively to their community. I would like to sincerely thank our Founding Visionary, Mark Howard, Principal Vernon Clark, Business Manager Nicholas Nicolaou, our Board of Directors, who are featured in the photograph below, for their faithful leadership, service and stewardship throughout the year. I also extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff for their ongoing commitment, professionalism and care. Together, their contributions have been instrumental in the continued growth and success of the College.

My sincere gratitude also goes to our families for entrusting us with the education of their children, and to our students, whose enthusiasm and resilience inspire us every day. We acknowledge the Traditional Owners and Elders of Napranum, the Napranum Aboriginal Shire Council, our churches, donors, government agencies and community partners whose support strengthens our mission and impact.

The achievements highlighted throughout this report demonstrate another year of steady growth and development. As we look ahead, our prayer remains that every child who enters our classrooms will receive an outstanding education, come to know Jesus Christ, grow in wisdom and character, and experience the enduring peace that only God can give. On behalf of the Board, thank you to everyone who has contributed to another remarkable year at Kluthuthu Christian College. We give all glory to God for His faithfulness throughout 2025 and look forward with confidence and hope to the future He has prepared.

Dr Avril Howard
Board Chairperson





Principal's Message



In many schools and organisations, the primary focus is on growth in size. At Kluthuthu Christian College (KCC), however, our focus is on growth in quality—on *getting better* in all that we do. This commitment drives us to continually strengthen the calibre of our staff, refine our systems and organisational structures, and improve our delivery of education.

By concentrating on improvement in both practice and performance, growth in size becomes a natural outcome. Over the College's first three years, we have witnessed steady and encouraging enrolment growth—unmistakable evidence that our commitment to excellence is making an impact. This growth is visibly reflected across our campus. The continual development of our facilities sends a strong and positive message to the local community about the vitality of KCC. Recent developments, including the addition of new classrooms, office buildings, extensions to the existing administration block, and staff accommodation, are tangible signs of a school that is evolving and investing in its future. Academically, a key priority has been the strengthening of literacy through the implementation of the MultiLit program. This initiative has delivered significant benefits, including accelerated reading progress, targeted support to address learning gaps, increased student confidence, and high-quality professional development for staff. We recognise literacy as the foundation of all learning, and this program has become central to our teaching and learning strategy. Complementing this, the introduction of a one-to-one iPad program ensures that every student has access to a powerful learning tool. This initiative enhances engagement, fosters creativity, and supports personalised learning pathways. It also equips students with essential digital skills, encourages collaboration through interactive technologies, and provides versatile tools for research, creation, and assessment—preparing them for success in an increasingly digital world. Our partnership with the Non-State Schools Accreditation Board (NSSAB) in the areas of curriculum and reporting has ensured that KCC remains at the forefront of educational practice and continuous improvement.

Beyond the classroom, we have actively sought to broaden student experiences through sport and community engagement. Through collaboration with local schools, particularly St Joseph's Parish School, our students have participated in cross country and athletics events. These opportunities have allowed them to compete alongside students from larger schools, strengthening both their athletic skills and their relationships. Students have also taken part in the Weipa Running Festival and engaged with PCYC at the local level, further enhancing their sense of community connection. Annual excursions to Canberra and Cairns have provided valuable opportunities for students to extend their learning beyond the classroom. These experiences have deepened their understanding at a national level while fostering social connections with peers from other schools.

The past year has been one of significant development and positive change for KCC. While growth inevitably brings challenges, it also inspires renewed confidence and optimism across the Board, leadership team, staff, students, and the wider community. There is a shared sense that we are moving forward with purpose and strength.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all who have contributed to the ongoing growth and success of Kluthuthu Christian College. To our dedicated Board, whose vision and commitment to Christ-centred education guide our direction; to our staff, whose passion and professionalism shape the daily experiences of our students; to our parents, whose steadfast support and prayers sustain our community; and most importantly, to our students, our ambassadors and leaders of tomorrow.

As we continue to focus on improvement and on "getting better," I am confident that Kluthuthu Christian College will continue to grow—not only in size, but in strength, character, and purpose—fulfilling the vision of becoming a vibrant, faith-filled Christian community.

Vernon Clark
Principal

Highlights of 2025

Foundation Day

Our third Foundation Day and KCC Birthday Celebration was undoubtedly one of the highlights of the year. It was a wonderful occasion that brought together students, staff, families and community members. We were especially honoured to welcome Mayor Roy Chevathan and several community representatives who joined us in celebrating this important milestone in KCC's journey.

iPad Launch

In July, KCC proudly launched its one-to-one iPad program, with every student receiving an iPad to support and enhance their learning experience. This significant initiative has provided students with greater access to digital learning opportunities and valuable technological skills.







Student Enrolment Drive

KCC successfully conducted a student enrolment campaign, resulting in a growth in enrolment numbers to 42 students. This achievement reflects the increasing confidence families have in the school's vision, programs and commitment to student success.

Application BGA Funding

A key milestone in this journey is the initial application for a QIS BGA Capital Grant of $1.3 million. This funding will contribute to a significant $2.3 million building project, proudly supported by additional College investment.

The development includes three modern, flexible learning areas, dedicated withdrawal spaces, a new staff room and covered outdoor learning areas.

KCC Choir Performances

The KCC Choir enjoyed a remarkable year of performances, beginning with their debut at the Napranum Early Childhood Centre's 50-Year Celebration of Teaching and Learning. This memorable performance paved the way for several other opportunities, including appearances at Weipa Hospital, Western Cape College's NAIDOC celebrations and a final performance at St Joseph's Parish School. The choir's growth and confidence throughout the year was a source of great pride for the school community.





Weipa Running Festival

For the first time, four KCC students participated in the Weipa Running Festival at Andoom Stadium. Their enthusiasm, determination, and sportsmanship were commendable, making this a proud moment for both the students and the school.

Canberra Visit

A group of ten KCC students embarked on an unforgettable educational journey to Canberra. During their week-long visit to the Australian Capital Territory, students toured Government House, Parliament House and the Australian War Memorial, the National Gallery of Australia, National Electoral Education Centre, Questacon and the Australian Institute of Sport.

Students also participated in the 2025 Stromlo Running Festival. This incredible opportunity was made possible through the support and sponsorship of the Indigenous Marathon Foundation, providing students with valuable educational and cultural experiences beyond the classroom.





Workforce Information

Workforce Composition, Including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Staff: *[2]

Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff	Non-Teaching Staff
Headcounts	5	7
Full-Time Equivalents	4.6	4.4
Indigenous	2	0

*Teaching Staff include Leaders

* Indigenous refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People

Qualifications of all Teachers: *[3]

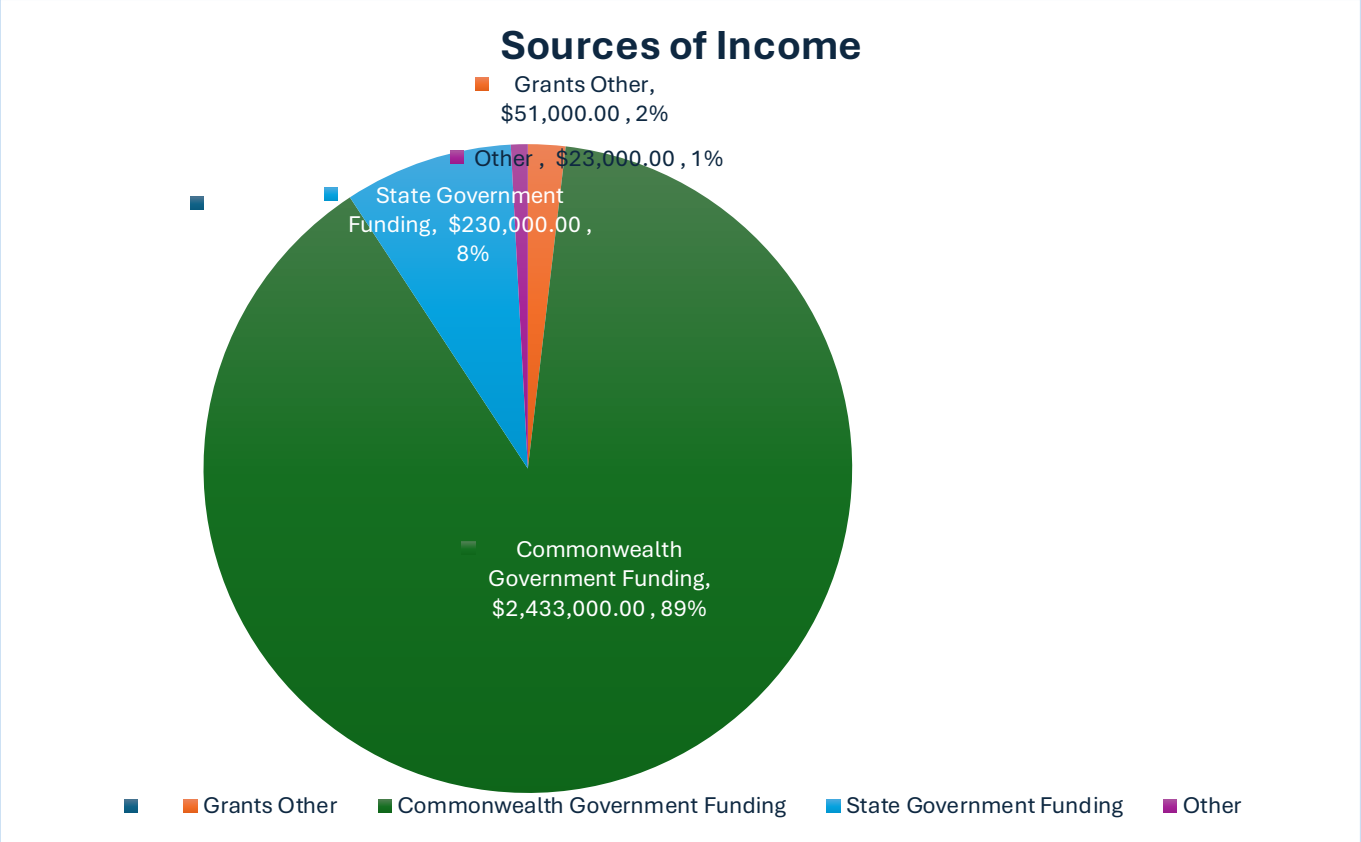
Qualification	Detail the number and/or the percentage of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school who hold this qualification
Doctorate or higher	1
Masters	1
Bachelor	2
Diploma	1
Certificate	1

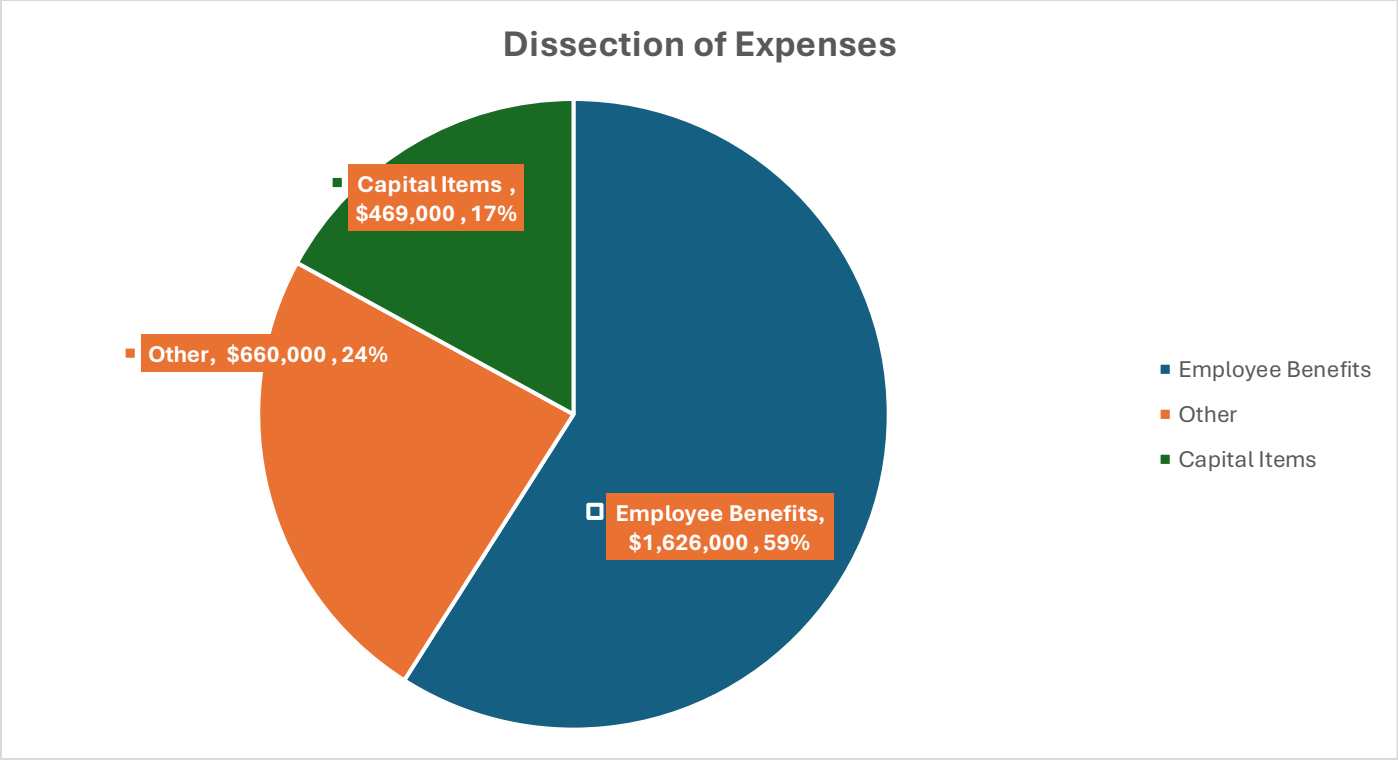
[2] *Australian Education Regulation 2023 s60 (1)(c)*

[3] *Australian Education Regulation 2023 s60 (1)(b)*

Funding Information

School Income Broken Down by Funding Source *[4]





[4] *Australian Education Regulation 2023 s60 (1)(g)*Social Climate

Parent, Student and Teacher Satisfaction with the School *[5]

Satisfaction Data:
Feedback from students, parents and staff in the 2024 satisfaction surveys demonstrated a strong and positive school community. The majority of respondents rated the College as **"Very Good"** across key areas including teaching quality, learning outcomes, pastoral care, safety and the College's ethos and values. The surveys also highlighted significant improvements in student resources and identified parent engagement as a priority for ongoing improvement.

Student Outcomes

Student Attendance

The average student attendance rate for the whole school in 2025 was 54.78%.

Year levels	Average attendance rate for each year level as a percentage in 2025
Year 1	54.37%
Year 2	50.22%
Year 3	66.13%
Year 4	60.28%
Year 5	41.12%
Year 6	41.15%
Year 7	63.21%

[5] *Australian Education Regulation 2023 s60 (1)(f)*

Management of Non-Attendance

A description of how non-attendance is managed by the school: *[6]

The student's guardian/parent of each unexplained absence is contacted on the morning of the student absence. Parents who cannot be contacted via telephone are visited at home. The process of managing non-attendance is handled through our Student Information System, (SIS) Zunia, where attendance is recorded, and any issues of non-attendance are promptly addressed.

NAPLAN results for Years 3, 5 in 2025 *[7]

Refer to My School website https://www.myschool.edu.au/school/52899/naplan/results

[6] *Australian Education Regulation 2023 s60 (1)(d)(ii)*
[7] *Australian Education Regulation 2023 s60 (1)(e)*