

## School Context

St Mary's Primary School is a double-stream, co-educational Catholic Primary School catering for children from Kindergarten -Year 6, with approximately 460 students. The school is located in the centre of Kalgoorlie, 600 kms from Perth, in the Eastern Goldfields. While the School experiences a regular turnover of staff and students, there are processes in place to ensure continuity of teaching programs and standards. St Mary's is a dynamic, vibrant and innovative school with an emphasis on developing a strong sense of Christian community. The teaching programs strengthen and enhance learning opportunities across all curriculum areas. Current resources and excellent facilities are a feature of the school environment. The committed teachers and support staff work closely in partnership with parents to provide the best opportunities for the students in their care, and aim to nurture the education of the whole person physically, spiritually, emotionally and socially. The school offers a range of co-curricular and extracurricular activities and a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy development. The school endeavours to create a learning environment that will enable students to meet the challenges of the future.

## History of the School

**1897** Sisters of St John of God arrived in Kalgoorlie at the invitation of Bishop Gibney to take charge of a new hospital and the responsibility for a school which would cater for the needs of the local Catholic students. The first school was conducted from a vacated doctor's house.

**1899** Sisters of Mercy open school in Coolgardie. Boarding facilities were also conducted from this facility.

**1900** The Foundation Stone laid at St Mary's School on October 28 1900 by Fr Stronge, on a block of land in Dugan Street adjoining the hospital. Primary and secondary students attended St Mary's.

**1903** Old St Mary's Church moved to South Kalgoorlie for use as a Church/School staffed initially by Sisters at St John of God.

**1904** Church/School opened in North Kalgoorlie staffed by Sisters of St John of God.

**1906** Christian Bros arrived in Kalgoorlie.

**1916** Sisters of St Joseph staff St Camillus School at South Kalgoorlie. Sisters of Mercy staff North Kalgoorlie

**1928** St Camillus' Primary School destroyed by cyclone.

**1936** Sisters of St John of God relinquish teaching at St Mary's. The Sisters were relieved of their teaching duties by Archbishop Prendiville to concentrate on the hospital.

**1937** Sisters of St Joseph commence teaching at St Mary's and so began a new era for the Josephites.

**1954** Three new classrooms built on Dugan Street.

**1971** Prendiville College opened. Staffed jointly by Sisters of Mercy and Sisters of St Joseph. St Mary's became solely a Primary School

**1973** Staff Room and Library added to St Mary's.

**1975** Sisters of Mercy withdrew from the Primary School at Butler Street in North Kalgoorlie. This became the responsibility of the Sister's of St Joseph.

**1976** The two schools amalgamated (St Mary's and St Michael's). Name changed to Kalgoorlie Catholic Primary School. The two schools were initially physically divided.

**1980** John of God Hospital closed. The land and building not involved in the sale of the hospital were generously donated by the Order to the Parish. This made it ideal for extensions to Kalgoorlie Catholic Primary School. Six new classrooms were provided from the old St John of God Convent. Plans made for the provision of a Pre Primary School at KCPS.

**1981** Kalgoorlie Catholic Primary School operational on one campus (Dugan Street).

**1982** Pre Primary firmly established at KCPS.

**1983** Moves made to amalgamate Prendiville College and Christian Brothers College.  
**1984** Last primary intake at John Paul College

**1985** New classrooms built at KCPS. A Blessing and Opening conducted by Bishop Healy

**1987** 50 years of Josephite involvement. 90 Years of Catholic Education.

**1991** Administration extension added to the Kalgoorlie Catholic Primary School.

**1996** St Mary's Primary School Capital Development Plan that was undertaken in three stages and completed in 1999. **STAGE ONE**  
Stage One involved the construction of a new Kindergarten and Two New Pre-Primary classrooms, the refurbishment of six junior primary classrooms and the establishment of a covered courtyard area. The junior primary areas have been renewed.

**1997** **STAGE TWO**  
This stage saw the completion of a new Canteen, Covered Assembly Area and three General-Purpose Learning Areas (Classrooms).

**1998** **STAGE THREE**  
Stage Three incorporated the upgrading of the Library-Resource Centre and Administration Area suitable for a double stream school. A New Staff Room and Staff Work Room was constructed.

**1999** The School Board was granted permission to change the name of Kalgoorlie Catholic Primary School back to St Mary's Primary Kalgoorlie.

**1999** School Blessing and Official Opening by Most Reverend Bishop Healy

**2000** The old staffroom converted into a modern Information Technology Centre. The Building Programme was a big undertaking by the school and the community. The School today looks totally different to what it did when the project was first initiated. Much time and effort was given by all sectors of the St Mary's Community.

**2000** School Centenary Celebrations – October

**2002** Nursing home (ex St John of God hospital). Site adjoining the school, purchased by Archdiocese. Work commences to demolish run-down buildings. Plans for an oval, Kindergarten, Pre-Primary grassed area, basketball courts and car parking put in place.

**2005** Official opening of new outdoor facilities including naming of Oval, Trish Dawson Oval – Friday April 29. Presided over by Bishop Donald Sproston, Auxiliary Bishop of Perth.

**2010** New school hall and Early Childhood Centre.

**2012** Last year for Year 7 students at St Mary's Primary

**2015** Administration area refurbished and extended into Room 11 to incorporate new meeting room, sick bay and storage.

# St Mary's Primary School Kalgoorlie Strategic Plan 2016 - 2018

### **Vision Statement**

*St Mary's Primary School as part of  
the goldfields community,  
draws on the Spirit of the past and  
the gifts of the present as we share  
our Catholic Faith.  
The Christian values and trust,  
respect and love for God and one  
another are nurtured*



**At St Mary's we;  
Support one another  
Trust one another  
Accept one another are  
Responsible and**

Focus Area	Goals	Strategies	Success Measures
<p><b>Learning</b></p> <p><b>Enhance student achievement and wellbeing</b></p> <p><b>Increase student and staff engagement in their own learning and faith formation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Teacher Collaboration</li> <li>● Whole school approach to assessment</li> <li>● Technology Integration</li> </ul>	<p>Developing a whole school approach to teacher mentoring and coaching using appointed staff to coordinate and facilitate teacher improvement in pedagogy and planning</p> <p>Collaborative Learning Project – CEO funded, facilitated by Professor Lyn Sharratt –Putting Faces on the Data.</p> <p>Having all aspects of the school embrace technology as a tool for improved engagement, efficiencies and allowing 21<sup>st</sup> Century outcomes to be reached.</p>	<p>Improvement in both Literacy and Numeracy results</p> <p>Be able to see all classes using dedicated Literacy and Numeracy blocks of teaching time.</p> <p>Data walls and Case Management meetings being used in all classes.</p> <p>Seeing Technology being used in numerous ways in all parts of the school.</p>
Focus Area	Goals	Strategies	Success Measures
<p><b>Engagement</b></p> <p><b>Enhance parental engagement in their child’s learning and faith formation</b></p> <p><b>Develop our people to be leaders in Catholic Education’s mission.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Parental involvement in the classroom</li> <li>● Teacher / Parent Communication</li> <li>● Community involvement in big decisions</li> </ul>	<p>Parent Information sessions regarding content of VCOP</p> <p>Support- Writer and Support-a-Reader type workshop development for parents</p> <p>Development of resources for Oral Language Programme in Junior years</p> <p>Consultation process being used in any big decision making items</p> <p>All classes having communication strategies in place across the whole school.</p>	<p>Parents coming to information sessions when offered.</p> <p>Parents using strategies that are being given at home.</p> <p>All resources being used and looked after.</p> <p>Parents being happy with decisions after they have been allowed to be part of the process.</p> <p>Class blogs being utilized in all rooms and this being the main point of communication between teachers and parents.</p>
Focus Area	Goals	Strategies	Success Measures
<p><b>Accountability</b></p> <p><b>Increase understanding of our individual and collective responsibility for Catholic Education’s mission</b></p> <p><b>Ensure inclusivity, good governance and the resource allocation required to meet our mission</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Implementation of new funding model</li> <li>● Continue to grow enrolments especially from diverse ethnic groups within the community.</li> <li>● Develop a current CDP</li> </ul>	<p>School Board information session and documentation</p> <p>Balanced and realistic budget.</p> <p>Connection with the ethnic community that is part of the parish but not part of the school through the Parish Priest.</p> <p>Communication to the parish and wider community what it costs to attend St. Mary’s.</p> <p>Work with the board and CEO to develop a current CDP showing what has been completed and ideas for the future.</p>	<p>Are board members using their document file to keep info and are we having less repetition at meetings</p> <p>Having a balanced budget at the end of the year as well as what is planned for.</p> <p>Having more enrolment enquiries and eventually placement of ethnic members of the parish community.</p> <p>Having the CDP lodged and approved.</p>
Focus Area	Goals	Strategies	Success Measures
<p><b>Discipleship</b></p> <p><b>Enhance opportunities for personal faith development</b></p> <p><b>Increase enrolment of the vulnerable, poor and marginalized as a visible sign of our faith in action</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Realignment of the Evangelisation plan.</li> <li>● Reconnect with ‘Church’ community through child centred initiatives.</li> <li>● Development of Diocesan Sacramental Plan</li> </ul>	<p>Through working with the GDC workshop in 2016 look at future focus of Evangelization Plan.</p> <p>Class Masses once a month.</p> <p>Invite the Sisters to a board meeting to talk to board about their role and how they can help connect with families in the Parish Community.</p> <p>Use Fr. Garner as a link to the families.</p> <p>Work with the Priests and St Joseph’s to develop a Parish wide policy and plan of action</p>	<p>When the plan is completed have a launch of the plan</p> <p>Have it available on the website.</p> <p>Numbers attending class masses.</p> <p>Number of inquiries from families in the parish for enrolments</p> <p>All sacraments being developed and delivered as per the Diocesan plan by the end of the year.</p>