



Son Centre
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Annual Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

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Background and Context

Son Centre Christian College was founded in 1993 as Son Centre Christian School. It began as a Prep to Grade 6 primary school in buildings at John Knox Presbyterian Church, with 46 students and two teachers.

The school moved in 1995 to its current location, a beautiful rural environment located on 25 acres at 141 Aerodrome Road, approximately five kilometres from central Swan Hill.

The school proprietor is Son Centre Christian School Ltd, whose members are both parents and non-parents, committed to Christian education. The company members elect a Board, chaired by Warrick Grey, which governs the school.

All staff members at Son Centre are experienced and fully qualified in their areas of employment. They are committed to living Christian values within the workplace and the broader community, each expressing a personal Christian commitment.

Enrolment for 2022 was 40 students from Prep to Grade 6, and the school was led by Kristy Wilson as Principal.

Mission, Vision, Motto and Values

Mission

To partner with parents to provide quality education based on Christian beliefs, values and practices within a caring, secure and supportive school community.

Vision

To see each student able to reach their God-given potential and become a transforming influence within their community, nation and beyond.

Motto

Learning to Make a Difference

Values

<u>Honouring Christ:</u>	We place Jesus Christ at the centre of all that we do
<u>Partnering with families:</u>	We work in cooperation with parents and guardians
<u>Building community:</u>	We seek to ensure everyone knows that they belong
<u>Desiring excellence:</u>	We strive to do the very best that we can in all things
<u>Serving others:</u>	We develop and celebrate everyone's God-given potential

Chairman's Report

2022, what a relief to be able to look back and see that we had a relatively normal year, one without COVID-19 lockdowns or online classes that is. Otherwise, it was far from a normal year. We had a brand-new principal, a new business manager, two new class teachers and a VRQA audit, it was far from normal. Our LEAD survey results, however, showed that none of this 'abnormality' led to a reduction in the delivery of our service, teaching. Our parent and student satisfaction survey results clearly showed that they were very happy and would recommend our school to others. Awesome.

Our Board this year consisted of myself, Chris Lewis, Leanne McCann and KS. It is a pleasure to be able to work with such committed Christians whose sole aim is to see His school grow, and whose God-given talents allow us to keep on top of all regulations and government requirements.

One of the biggest accomplishments of our Board has been the success of our new principal, Kristy Wilson. Kristy's leadership, wisdom and knowledge have not only brought our staff together but also led us through our 5 year VRQA audit. Choosing a principal is an important job our Board carries out; we are extremely happy with who God prepared and provided for us.

2023 marks the 30th Anniversary of Son Centre providing a Christian worldview of teaching in Swan Hill. Plans are underway to have a celebration weekend later in the year, and we are all looking forward to catching up again with those who went before us and whose legacy continues.

"I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you." Jer 29:11

Growing the school is our number one priority. God wants it to prosper. I am convinced that God has the people in place, with the plans to carry it out so that it will. Hallelujah.

Warrick Grey

Board Chairman

Principal's Report

I am extremely thankful for the opportunity and privilege to lead as Principal at Son Centre Christian College. My first year in the role was an exciting new journey for me, and also the beginning of a new era for the school.

A number of new staff members began at Son Centre in 2022. As we found our feet, it became evident that God has blessed the school with experienced, capable and enthusiastic staff members who work hard to create an environment that allows quality, Christ-centred education to be delivered. I wish to express a huge thank you to the teaching and support staff members for their endless commitment to this, the evidence of which is displayed each day.

Our students showed their dedication by actively involving themselves in their learning. They responded positively to what they were taught and to each other. It was consistently evident that our students care for each other and encourage each other to do and be their best.

The students had experienced education a little differently during COVID-19, but they bounced back and showed resilience and determination. It is our hope that students will be enabled, equipped and empowered through the education they receive at Son Centre, and this was evident in 2022 both inside and outside the classroom.

The new families who joined the Son Centre community in 2022 quickly became part of our school community. We also said farewell to some families, and we thank them for their commitment to the school whilst they were with us and wish them all the best in their journeys elsewhere.

Post COVID-19, the doors to the community opened up once again. We thoroughly enjoyed being present in and engaging with the Swan Hill community. We participated in community markets and events, visited aged care facilities, delivered Meals on Wheels, and more.

We also took advantage of the freedom to go on excursions again and play Futsal and other sporting events with local schools. There were a few hiccups with some events due to floods in the area, but, once again, the resilience and understanding of our school community were evident.

The dedicated members of the Parents, Carers and Friends Committee again began holding events and fundraising activities to support students, families and the school. They volunteered their time and efforts to bless the school, which is very much appreciated.

Our Board, a group of dedicated volunteers who are passionate about Christian education, demonstrated an ongoing commitment to the governance and future of Son Centre Christian College as they had important, sometimes difficult, discussions and made bold decisions. Their wisdom and generosity for the school are appreciated.

All in all, 2022 was a big year for our school, none of which would have been possible without our faithful, gracious God guiding us and keeping us safe. In recognising this, we continue to: *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.* **1 Thessalonians 5:16–18.**

Kristy Wilson

Principal

School Compliance Report

This report has been prepared, using 2022 data, for publication to meet the requirements of Victorian and Commonwealth Law. The information included is publicly available on the school's website, and a hard copy can be requested from the school office.

Composition of Staff

The number of staff members employed within the school to appropriately cater for the needs of students and their families in 2022 was as follows:

3 full-time teaching staff (including the principal)

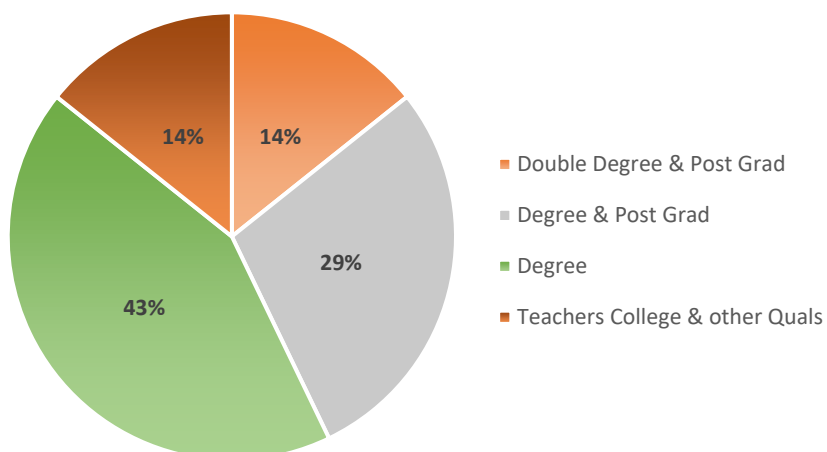
4 part-time teaching staff

2.5 full-time equivalent support staff

Note: the school did not have any Indigenous personnel.

Teaching Qualifications

All of our teachers are accredited with the Victorian Institute of Teaching and have provided satisfactory police record checks. A breakdown of qualifications is shown in the chart below:



Student Characteristics

Students enrolled in 2022: 40 (all full-time equivalent)

Boys: 15

Girls: 25

Indigenous students: 15%

Language other than English (LOTE): 42%

Student Achievement of National Benchmarks

Each year, all students in Grades 3 and 5 are required to sit the NAPLAN tests in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

The table below indicates the percentage of students in Grades 3 and 5 at Son Centre Christian College who have reached or exceeded the National Minimum Standard over the past two years.

2022	Grade 3	Grade 5
Reading	100%	100%
Writing	100%	100%
Spelling	80%	83%
Grammar & Punctuation	100%	83%
Numeracy	100%	83%

2021	Grade 3	Grade 5
Reading	100%	100%
Writing	100%	100%
Spelling	100%	100%
Grammar & Punctuation	100%	100%
Numeracy	100%	100%

Student Attendance

The table below indicates the attendance rates at each year level for 2022:

Prep	71%
Grade 1	75%
Grade 2	90%
Grade 3	84%
Grade 4	88%
Grade 5	85%
Grade 6	75%

At Son Centre, we place a high priority on communicating effectively and promptly with all of our families. This is in line with one of our core values of 'partnering with families' and impacts the way in which we respond to families in relation to student attendance.

Student attendance rolls are marked electronically at the start of and during the course of the school day. The school follows up on unexplained/non-validated absences, notifies parents of unsatisfactory attendance, records details of unsatisfactory attendance in student files and reports full and part days of absence (other than acceptable absences) on semester reports for all students.

Class teachers are expected to personally contact the parents/guardians of any students in their class who have been absent for a number of days. This provides both pastoral care support and a further accountability process in relation to the absence.

Parent, Student and Staff Satisfaction

At Son Centre, we highly value the opinions and feedback of our parents/carers, students and staff members. Their responses help us review and refine our educational programs and also better provide for the social, emotional and spiritual welfare of our students.

We participated in the Lead School Effectiveness Surveys in 2022, and the results of Headline indicators are included below:

Parent Satisfaction



Staff Satisfaction



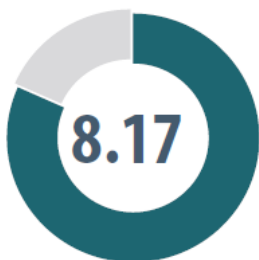
I am happy to recommend the school to people.



The Principal/Senior Management team has a clearly articulated vision for the school.



Students are well supported to help them improve the standard of their learning.

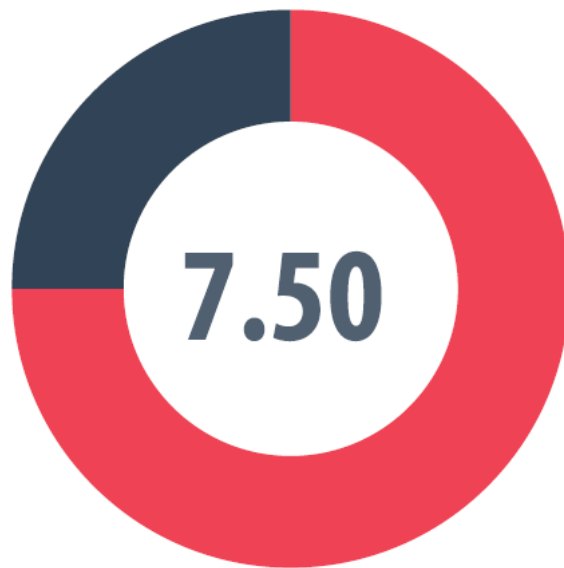


Staff have positive relationships with the school leadership team.



I receive constructive feedback on how I am performing in my job.

Student Satisfaction



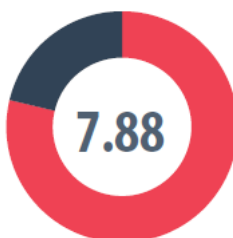
I am happy to be at this school.



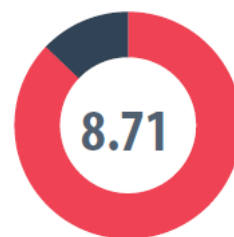
My school provides a learning environment which stimulates me to learn.



Students are motivated to learn at this school.



My school is a safe place in which to learn.

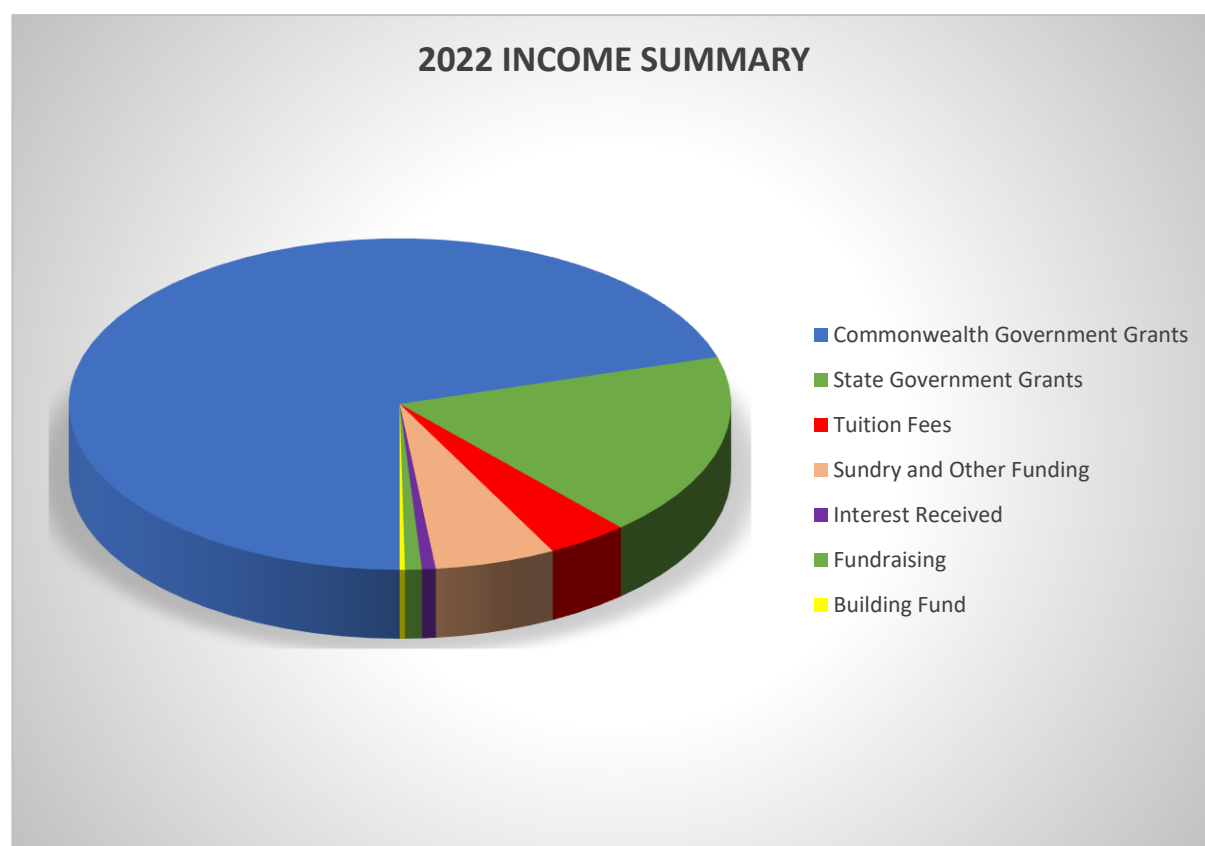


My school gives me the opportunity to develop my interests and talents.

Income

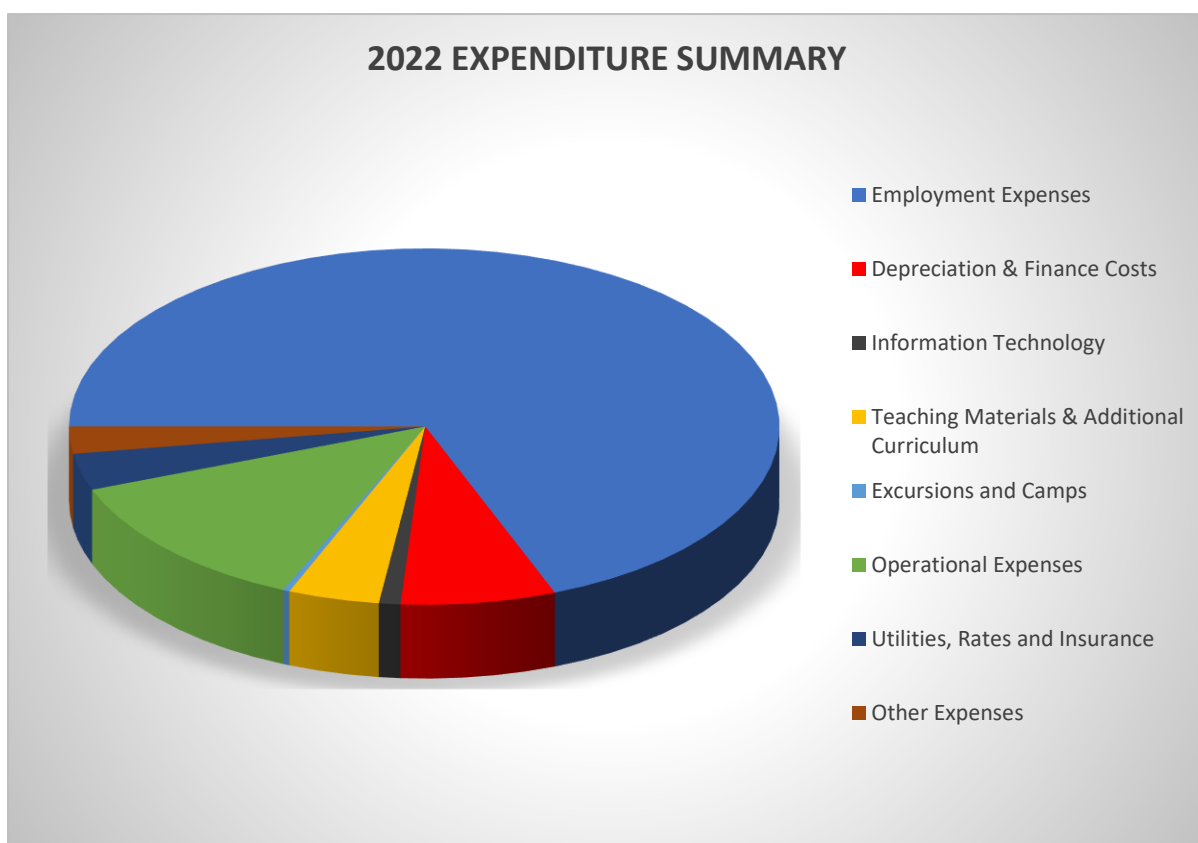
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2022 INCOME SUMMARY	INCOME (\$)	INCOME (%)
Commonwealth Government Grants	709,142	70.41
State Government Grants	180,841	17.96
Tuition Fees	40,134	3.98
Sundry and Other Funding	59,487	5.91
Interest Received	6,742	0.67
Fundraising	8,240	0.82
Building Fund	2,557	0.25
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Expenditure

2022 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY	EXPENDITURE (\$)	EXPENDITURE (%)
Employment Expenses	667,854	69.08
Depreciation & Finance Costs	67,922	7.03
Information Technology	9,422	0.97
Teaching Materials & Additional Curriculum	40,046	4.14
Excursions and Camps	2,898	0.30
Operational Expenses	122,756	12.70
Utilities, Rates and Insurance	32,112	3.32
Other Expenses	23,745	2.46
TOTAL	966,755	



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DIRECTOR'S DECLARATION

The director has determined that the company is not a reporting entity and that this special purpose financial report should be prepared in accordance with the accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

In accordance with a resolution of the director of Son Centre Christian School Ltd, the director of the company declares that:

1. The financial statements and notes, as set out on pages 1 to 13, are in accordance with the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Act 2012 and:

a) comply with the Australian Accounting Standards; and

b) give a true and fair view of the Company's financial position as at 31 December 2022 and of its performance for the year ended 31 December 2022.

2. In the director's opinion there are reasonable grounds to believe that the company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This declaration is signed in accordance with subsection 60.15 (2) of the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission Regulation 2013.

Director



Date

1 May 2023

**Auditor's Independence Declaration to the Directors of Son Centre
Christian School Ltd**

I declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, during the year ended 31 December 2022 there have been no contraventions of:

- i. any applicable code of professional conduct in relation to the audit.



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1 May 2023