

John Paul College
Principal Report 2022

2022 was the 39th year since Christian Brothers College and Prendiville College amalgamated and continued to contribute to the 126 years of Catholic Education in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

2022 was also the third year of impact of the Covid19 Pandemic and undoubtedly the hardest year for the College with the massive labour shortages Australia faced exacerbated in the region; teaching staff numbers were not immune from this and the College operated with several teachers short all year. Thanks to our dedicated staff, the teaching and learning programme for students was not affected, nor the extracurricular programme. We did miss the swimming carnivals and the Dance Lessons, Socials and Senior Retreat were held later. The advantage of relative isolation in the regions meant we avoided school lockdowns, though we continued to test our systems and prepare for a lockdown event.

Catholic Identity

College, House and Home Room masses were restricted in the early part of the year due to Covid limitations. Class prayer and Room sacred spaces took on a special emphasis. As the year progressed our College Eucharist celebrations could return to normal. House prayers were finalised and will be in the College Diary from 2023.

Father Stephen, our Chaplain, with the support of the other Parish priests supported us throughout the year.

In the second half of the year, our Middle School Retreat days could be run and the Year 12 Retreat was another memorable experience for our senior students.

Education

Our Year 7 Transition Coordinator, appointed in 2021, continued to work with Year 7's transitioning into High school and organised workshops on Cyber Safety, Wellbeing and Being Sun Smart, for student and parents.

Pivot data was collected and more time spent in Learning Areas on analysis.

A Follow the Dream tutoring programme for Aboriginal Students and regular attendees made significant educational, organisational and self confidence improvements over the year for participants.

The Learning Area Tutorials continued to be held throughout the Year, appropriately distanced, as did our Year 7 Community Group and the Year 8 to 10 Homework Club.

ATAR results were very pleasing with 5 students scoring in the 90% and 2 students 99+%.

