

Communities@Work

2017

Annual Report

Galilee School

About Galilee School

Communities@Work's Galilee School is a registered, independent secondary school designed specifically for disengaged and vulnerable young people in Year 7 to 10 for whom the mainstream schooling environment has struggled to deliver positive learning outcomes. It is the only special assistance school in the ACT.

Galilee School offers a supportive and flexible learning program that aims to meet the individual needs of the students, while also laying the foundation of life skills. The school employs a team of skilled teachers, youth workers and support staff who are able to support students presenting with a range of learning abilities while maintaining a low staff to student ratio. Students are provided with a quality education aligned with the Australian Curriculum and tailored to achieve the objectives outlined in each student's Individualised Learning Plan.

In 2017, Galilee School officially opened its second campus in Holder, ACT. This second campus provides a more empowered learning environment for our Year 10 students. Years 7, 8 and 9 continue to operate from our Kambah Pool Road campus. The learning environments available at Galilee School provide a range of opportunities for students to engage with their learning and to explore individual interests and passions while upskilling social and emotional capabilities.

Galilee School supports and empowers students to develop skills, help them transition into the workforce, find a sense of purpose and develop as productive and valuable members of our community. We strive to promote better outcomes for our students by building understanding, resilience, health, life skills and self-efficacy.

Workforce composition

In 2017, none of the staff at Galilee School identified as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.

Student attendance

Year 7

2 students enrolled
Attendance rate: 17.5%

Year 8

8 students enrolled
Attendance rate: 43%

Year 9

16 students enrolled
Attendance rate: 54%

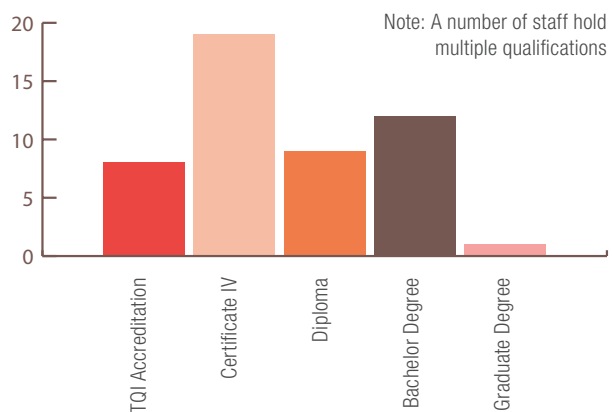
Year 10

13 students enrolled
Attendance rate: 56.92%

Whole School

Attendance Rate: 42.86%

Teacher standards and qualifications



- 8 Qualified Teachers (Registered and TQI accredited)
- 5 Youth Workers
- 1 Support Staff
- 1 Principal

School income

Available on request.

Year 10 Attainment and post school destinations

In 2017 Galilee School awarded 8 students with an ACT Year 10 Certificate. This was the highest number of students to graduate from the school in its history. A number of students were also provided with a High School Record at the conclusion of the 2017 school year.

Students that left Galilee School at the end of Year 10 in 2017 went on to a variety of pathways including successful transition into the ACT College system, transition into a vocational pathway with the Canberra Institute of Technology and other vocational training providers, and transition into employment.

Non-attendance

Each day after attendance is recorded, staff will phone the parents/guardians/carers of students who are not present for the day. The purpose of this call is to notify those responsible of the absence of the child, to offer support around the possible reasons for student non-attendance and to encourage young people's consistent involvement in the school program.

In cases of extended non-attendance, the Principal will contact the Education and Training Directorate to discuss the individual needs of the student and negotiate the involvement of an appropriate authorised person. This may lead to parents/guardians/carers being contacted externally in relation to their responsibilities under the Education Act 2004.

Student results in NAP annual assessments

In 2017, the school informed all parents/guardians/carers of the opportunity to participate in NAPLAN.

All parents/guardians/carers elected for their young person not to participate.

Parent, student and teacher satisfaction with the school

In 2017, the school conducted satisfaction surveys with parents, students and staff.

Parent satisfaction data:

- 54.5% - extremely satisfied with their child's experience at Galilee School
- 45.5% - satisfied with their child's experience at Galilee School

Student satisfaction data:

- 47% - extremely satisfied with their experience at Galilee School
- 11.8% - satisfied with their experience at Galilee School
- 23.5% - somewhat satisfied with their experience at Galilee School
- 5.9% - neither satisfied nor dissatisfied with their experience at Galilee School
- 11.8% - somewhat dissatisfied with their experience at Galilee School

Staff satisfaction data:

- 33.3% - strongly agree that Galilee School is a good school
- 66.6% - agree that Galilee School is a good school
- 50% - strongly agree that working at Galilee School is rewarding
- 41.7% - agree that working at Galilee School is rewarding
- 8.3% - are not sure if working at Galilee School is rewarding
- 42% - strongly agree that they enjoy working at Galilee School
- 58% - agree that they enjoy working at Galilee School

About Communities@Work

Communities@Work is a local, social enterprise serving the Canberra community for over 40 years. We are a leading provider of children's services and we offer qualifications and professional development in early education and care through our Registered Training Organisation (RTO 88148). It's through these children's services that we are able to reinvest back into the community, providing education at our Galilee School, as well as valuable support services to seniors, people with a disability and those in need. We do this to enable meaningful social transformation and because we believe in the transformative benefits of strong, resilient and socially connected communities.



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