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Principal of Endeavour Christian College summary report for 2022 school year

As Principal of Endeavour Christian College, it is a privilege to lead a school with so many well-mannered students, so many helpful parents/carers, and a great team of responsible staff. 2022 was a difficult year with all the Covid-19 challenges and restrictions, but I am grateful that we work for an organisation that reaches out to help. It seems fitting to me to include this quote from the book of Hebrews that says:

God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them. (Hebrews 6:10)

I am also thankful for the hard work, integrity, generosity and resourcefulness of our staff at Endeavour Christian College, and the numerous Christian Community Ministries (CCM) staff who continue to help us help students and their families here in far north Queensland. Having received help from Peter and Desleigh Wright (of Fair Dinkim LIFE), Eric and Sue-Ellen Massey (from our sister school Livingstone Christian College), and Leroy and Lois Corea (from our sister school Staines Memorial College), we made it through, finishing the year strongly.

I am reminded of how well our students did in 2022. Two of our Year 12 graduates received ATAR scores that opened doors to the University courses and Universities of their own choosing. As a school, we were ranked the 7th best school in Far North Queensland for NAPLAN test scores - competing with the elite private schools situated in Cairns and other regions in FNQ.

The staff at ECC work tirelessly and it would be remiss of me not to mention the work and dedication of Mrs Amanda Louw, whose ongoing support and commitment to all is commendable.

The CCM Board members, our CEO, John Lyndon, his assistant, Brenda Alder, the Executive Principals, Norton Sands and Allan Weir, Nick Makin, to the CCM central office staff, and my fellow Principals freely share their wisdom and knowledge, and I am truly grateful for their ongoing support

Besides the core subjects offered by all schools, we also offered a range of curriculum courses that not all schools have the privilege to offer. Subjects such as: Wood Technologies, Food Technologies and our new Sport & Rec and Outdoor Education programs were all successful and well-enjoyed by students. We continued to offer several VET qualifications such as: a Dual Certificate II in Hospitality and Tourism, Certificate II in Business and Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways.

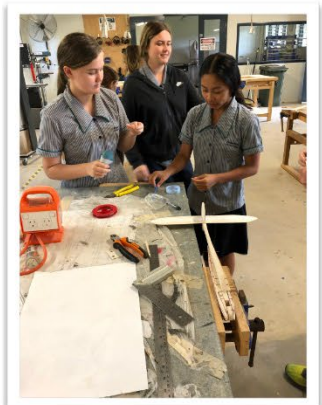
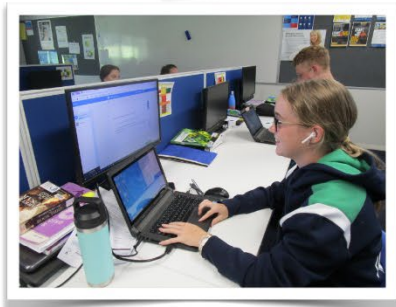
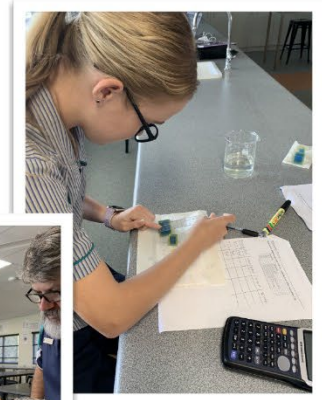
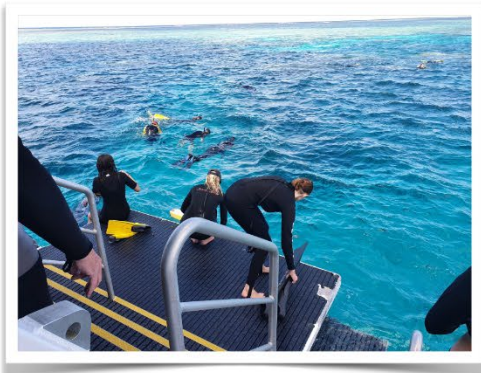
I simply thank God for everybody associated with CCM for care for and belief in the vision God has given CCM – *Educating for Eternity; Equipping for Life*. Sometimes it is hard to gauge if we're fulfilling or achieving this vision, but I am convinced we are. The 'glimpses' of God's hand at work is evident, substantial, and deeply encouraging as we carry the light of His word to this part of His 'vineyard' in this remote community called Cooktown in Far North Queensland.

Blessings,



Mr Peter Connell

Endeavour Christian College 2022 Photo Gallery



About our College

Endeavour Christian College is an independent, co-educational, Christian learning community serving school students from the Cooktown region in Far North Queensland. Being in a remote area we appreciate the support of Cooktown Mayor, Peter Scott and the many local families, including Rossville, Hopevale, Wujal Wujal and Bloomfield.

We have a percentage of indigenous families enrolled at our College and a variety of other nationalities and people groups – many from the Polynesian islands of the Pacific.

Our mission is “Educating for Eternity; Equipping for Life”, and our school motto is “All Things Through Christ.” We believe God can and does bless Endeavour Christian College. We gratefully look to the Lord Jesus Christ to sustain and bless not only our own school community, but the wider Cooktown community, and our sister schools throughout the country.

A brief history

Endeavour was founded in 2012 and has been working with families to make a values-based, Christian education available to all who desire it. Our purpose is to share the gospel so all have the opportunity of being saved and help students find their passion in life so they can use the gifts they have been uniquely given to make a positive, godly difference in this world throughout their lives.



Endeavour Christian College was named in honour of Captain James Cook’s ship and the Endeavour River which winds its way alongside the township. Unlike many in our country, Captain James Cook is respected by the indigenous and Europeans in our community. Each year the town hosts a Discovery Festival weekend in June in honour of Cook’s arrival and the Waymburr people. The Endeavour ship was almost shipwrecked just 20 km south of Cooktown and Cook and his crew ran aground on the shore of the Endeavour River at a place that was authorised as sacred – a place where ‘peace treaties’ were made between local indigenous clans and where ‘no blood was allowed to be spilt’. After a misunderstanding between Cook’s crew and the Waymburr people of Cooktown, the first reconciliation between Europeans and first nations people was made by Captain Cook and the Waymburr elders of the time.

It is the first ever recorded reconciliation between Europeans and native Australians to have taken place.

Our senior Endeavour students often take part in the re-enactment of Cook’s 48 day stay in Cooktown. We had two Year 10 students firing the muskets with the other locals to help form ‘Cook’s entourage’.



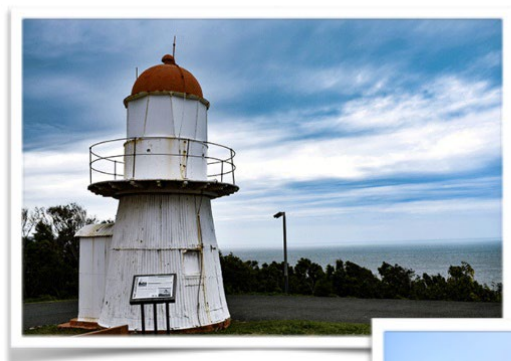
Our Teaching-Learning Method

As noted in our Pedagogical Framework we have a five-layered approach to our teaching-learning practice:

- Flexible Learning
- Authentic Assessment
- Intrinsic Relationships
- Twenty-First Century Skills
- Holistic Responsibility

We incorporate our Pedagogical Framework elements into our staff meetings on a regular basis and to help our budget we have begun to use the skills and practices of the experienced and not-so-experienced staff to inspire each other. By sharing their classroom practices pertaining to the elements found in the school's Pedagogical Framework we have found it invigorates good practice and allows for unity and appreciation of one another to become apparent.

Digital Photography is one of our popular subjects and some students are excelling in this field. This page contains some of their work:



Endeavour Christian College Details

School Sector: Independent

School's Address: 12 Charles Street, Cooktown, QLD, 4895

Total Enrolments: 110 as of Aug 5, 2022

Year Levels Offered: Prep to Year 12

Co-educational or Single Sex: Co-educational

Characteristics of Student Body

110 full-time students at Federal State Census (5th August 2022)

43 males, 67 females

21 Indigenous students – 8 males, 11 females

Distinctive Curriculum Offerings:

Endeavour has developed in its distinctive curriculum offerings. It is important that students have as broad a range of subject offerings as possible so that our Cooktown Shire families do not have to send their children away to Boarding schools in Cairns, Townsville and Brisbane.

- P-12 co-educational Christian school
- Balanced, engaging Middle School program that includes a rotation of curriculum offerings
- Progressive ATAR and vocational pathways including apprenticeships and traineeships
- Extra-curricular programs that include community-based programs: Auskick, NRL coaching, Hockey Australia coaching.
- Certificate II in Hospitality and Tourism
- Certificate II in Business
- Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
- Wood Technologies
- Food Technologies
- Subjects we offer on-campus in Senior: Year 11-12 Biology; Year 11-12 Chemistry; Year 12 Design Technologies; Year 11-12 Visual Arts; Year 11 Visual Arts in Practice, Sport & Rec, Outdoor Education; Distance education options.
- We have formed a partnership with Central Queensland University (CQU) to have our senior students apply for the Start Uni Now (SUN) program.
- College provided 1 to 1 laptop program for all day school Secondary students at no additional cost
- Lakelands bus run: for the second year running we ran our Lakelands bus run. In our inaugural year, 2021, we started with 2 students, and in 2022 we had 12 students. The bus run has provided an alternative option for Lakelands families and their children to attend a 'local' high school rather than sending their children to boarding schools or home-schooling.

Extra-curricular Activities

- Students participated in our annual Cross Country, and Swimming carnivals. A small number of students went on to participate in Peninsula Sports.
- Primary classes participated in swimming lessons in Terms 4 and Term 1.
- Senior students Culture building camp (Gold Coast) - meeting up at Hillcrest Christian College to participate in assembly/chapel - a reciprocation of the schools helping each other
- Experience Day – we successfully ran an Experience Day in Term 4 to allow for students from Hopevale to the north down to Lakeland and Rossville to the south to ‘experience’ what it was like to be at Endeavour. This was a huge success.
- Year 7 Transition Day – run in Term 4. This is an ongoing annual event that allows Year 6 students to experience high school classes for a day in preparation for going into Year 7 the following year. Once again this proved very successful.
- Our student leaders participated in the Cooktown Remembrance Day commemoration, however our usual involvement in ANZAC day, NAIDOC week, and Discovery Events.
- Tuckshop (White Cockatoo Eatery) continued in 2022 from our hospitality classroom with the Certificate II in Hospitality students undertaking food preparations and operating the sales from the hospitality room window.
- Endeavour continued its partnership with Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF), Mareeba base during the year which has produced a sponsored MAF Citizenship Award for one worthy Endeavour student each year who is recognised for outstanding citizenship and service for the community. It has also added to our College’s culture and character through ongoing work experience and event programs such as a flight simulator experience for students at ECC.

Sports

The Sports program at Endeavour Christian College included the following achievements throughout 2022:

Endeavour holds in-house sporting carnivals each year. The carnivals contribute points to house teams (Saunders and Dawson) and Age Champions are awarded per age group for each carnival. Being an isolated, remote area, we also took students to the regional cross-country, athletics and swimming events held in Cairns and Mareeba. This is an arrangement made by the college and those students (families) who have excelled and have ‘competitive’ times in light of the students’ times and abilities who are asked to compete at the regional events.

- Cross Country Carnival (Prep – Year 12)
- Secondary Swimming Carnival (Year 7 – Year 12)
- Primary Swimming Carnival (Year 3-6)
- Fun Swimming Day (Prep-Year 2)
- Fun Sports Day (Prep – Year 2)
- Athletics Carnival (Year 3 – Year 12)
- Regional events for cross-country, swimming and athletics (qualifying students only)

Social Climate

Student welfare and pastoral care form an integral part of our school culture. We care for our students emotionally, socially, academically, and spiritually whenever we can.

The staff continue to model and encourage students to display Christian values of kindness, respect, honesty and integrity. Having Mr Corea appointed as Head of Student Welfare has helped to underscore these values throughout the school.

Daily Pastoral Care (PC) classes allow opportunities for staff to gauge how students are 'travelling' and to help whenever possible. PC teachers strive to communicate with parents and families and build strong relationships so that our students are supported and cared for on an on-going basis.

Parental Involvement

Information evenings and volunteer opportunities are offered to parents, and we are grateful for our wonderful school community who would often help out at carnivals and school events. It is an integral part of our school culture and the students value their parent / carers involvement. Events such as, the Cooktown Discovery Festival, Mother's Day and Father's Day, just to name a few, enable us to connect with our school and the wider Cooktown communities. We appreciate our parents and carers and look forward to their involvement in all our school events.

The following list typifies what we do each year that allows for 'community' to develop and be encouraged at ECC:

- Cooktown Discovery Festival
- Mother's Day event
- Father's Day event
- Endeavour Open Day
- Library Book Fair
- Reading Rocks program
- Chapel and Assemblies
- Excursions
- Tuckshop – invitations to school and wider community for 'a la carte' meals
- Swimming carnival
- Cross country carnival
- Athletics carnival
- Experience Day
- Year 7 Transition Day

School Income Broken Down by Funding Source

Please refer to the MySchool website www.myschool.edu.au for School Income information.

Contact person for more information:

Administration Officer: Lois Corea Ph (07) 4082 0600

Staffing Information

Staff Composition, Including Indigenous Staff

Total Staff: 27

Teaching Staff: 15

Full Time: 10

Non-Teaching Staff: 12

Part Time: 16

Indigenous Staff: 0

Qualifications of all Teachers

Qualification	Detail the number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school who hold this qualification
Doctorate or higher	0
Masters	0
Bachelor's degree	16
Diploma	6
Certificate	6

Average staff attendance for the school, based on unplanned absences of sick and emergency leave periods of up to 5 days

Number of Staff	Number of School Days	Total Days Staff Absences	Average Staff Attendance Rate
14	191	111.4	95.8%

Proportion of teaching staff retained from the previous year

Number of permanent teaching staff at end of previous year	Number of these staff retained in the following year (the program year)	% retention rate
14	10	71%

Key Student Outcomes

Average student attendance rate (%) for the whole school

The average attendance rate for the whole school as a percentage in 2022 was 89.7%

Average student attendance rate for each year level

Year levels	Average attendance rate for each year level as a percentage in 2022
Preparatory	87%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	91%
Year 3	93%
Year 4	94%
Year 5	89%
Year 6	94%
Year 7	89%
Year 8	89%
Year 9	87%
Year 10	90%
Year 11	87%
Year 12	88%
OVERALL	89%

A description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

We request parents to notify the College office either by phone or email by 9:00 am on the day of absence. If absence is unknown by 9:20am, the College student services office contacts parents reminding them to contact the office to advise of their child's absence.

Student absences are discussed with parents during parent-teacher interviews twice a year. Unexplained attendance is followed up by phone calls and, if necessary, formal letters seeking an explanation.

NAPLAN results for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in 2022

Every student is important to us at Endeavour. We strive to help each child achieve his or her personal best and we are committed to using their formative and summative assessment results to inform our teaching and learning. These assessment pieces include the use of standardised testing, such as the National Assessment Program.

As a result of the effects of COVID, the government determined that NAPLAN would not be completed in 2022 so no results are available.

Please refer to the MySchool website www.myschool.edu.au for previous NAPLAN results.

Apparent Retention Rate - Year 10 to 12

	Year 10 Base	Year 12	Apparent Retention Rate %
Number of Students	12	6	50%

Year 12 Outcomes

Outcomes for our Year 12 cohort 2022	
Number of students awarded a Senior Education Profile	2
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement	0
Number of students who received an Australian Tertiary Assessment Rank (ATAR)	2
Number of students who are completing or completed a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SAT)	1
Number of students awarded one or more Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications	6
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education at the end of Year 12	4
Number of students awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD)	0
Percentage of Year 12 students who received a QCE or an IBD	100%
Percentage of Year 12 students who are completing or completed a SAT or were awarded one or more of the following: QCE, IBD, VET qualification	100%
Percentage of Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) applicants receiving a tertiary offer	100%

These results demonstrate a continuing support of diverse learning pathways. We celebrate with this cohort the continuing improvement for students from our college attending university. Our goal is to ensure the percentages on the last two lines is 100%.

Post-school Destination Information

At the time of publishing this School Annual Report, the results of the 2022 post-school destinations survey, (Next Steps – Student Destination report) for the school was not available. Information about these post-school destinations of our students will be uploaded to the school’s website in September after release of the information. NB Mandatory Information will be published by 30 September each year when this information will come from the current Next Steps survey.