St Ita’s Primary School
Strategic Renewal Plan 2014 Achievements

2012 – 2016

**Broad Strategic Goal**

*Mission and Religious Education*

As a community of faith we aim to provide an authentic experience of an inclusive Catholic learning community that names, communicates and gives form to the ethos of Christian Gospel values and the Ursuline tradition.

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<td>• Further develop the quality and effectiveness of learning and teaching in religious education</td>
<td>• The EO – RE supported teachers to implement meditative practices in classrooms</td>
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<td>• Develop a shared understanding of and practical response to Catholic Social Teaching</td>
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### Goals for 2012-2016

- Create a professional learning community
- Implement quality pedagogical practice that is data-informed and evidence based
- Implement the Australian curriculum within the context of the BCE Learning Framework as a means of realising equity and excellence
- Implement a whole-school approach to fostering the social and emotional well-being of students

### Achievements for 2014

- Peer-coaching practices supported teachers in learning and reflection of best curriculum practice. Peer to peer sharing sessions prior to staff meetings on preselected topics were given positive feedback from teachers
- The professional partnership with our BCE partner school continued through extending the Lesson Study Project to other year levels
- Orientation to Geography with EO was successfully implemented - Geography as a Learning Area is now assessed and reported on to parents
- The development of Visible Learning practices with focus on use of Learning Intentions, Success Criteria, classroom walkthroughs and the creation of a set of Characteristics of a Successful St Ita’s Learner continues to be a focus for professional learning
- A whole school approach to the teaching of reading comprehension strategies was implemented
- Engagement with the Business Intelligence tool to use data to inform and direct teaching and learning experiences continues to remain a focus
- Opportunities for differentiated extracurricular experiences such as Writing, Science, Mathematics, Technology Workshops, Tournament of Minds (Asia Pacific Winners), TropFestJnr (National Finalists), Interschool Debating and Jnr TedX were successfully engaged in by students
- Document of the resources/programs that are implemented across the curriculum from Prep to Yr 6 was completed
- A Student Behaviour Support Plan was developed and endorsed by the School Board
Goals for 2012-2016

• Engage in a comprehensive approach to staff well-being and professional learning

• Develop further our professional learning community through productive links with outside professional agencies

• Continue to strengthen staff, parent and parish partnerships

Achievements for 2014

• School Art Show was a successful community event

• The partnership with the School of Education, Griffith University – Visual Literacy continued with the project “A Functional Approach to Literacy in the Middle Years Visual Arts Classroom”

• Strong and effective partnerships with BCE cluster schools continue to further develop professional learning and practices to improve student learning outcomes
Goals for 2012-2016

• Refurbish the Early Years’ classrooms and play environment

• Complete the upgrade to the pool complex

• Further develop the play area on Jubilee oval – fixed play equipment

• Encourage environmental sustainability

• Implement information and learning management systems that enhance student and staff engagement

Achievements for 2014

• 1:1 laptop program for Year 4 students was successfully implemented – Yr 4 classrooms are visited regularly by other schools to observe effective contemporary learning practices

• Block Grant application for the refurbishment of the Yr 1 & Yr 2 classrooms and outdoor precinct was submitted but did not receive approval in this year’s application round

• Modern pool facilities complex completed as a fully self funded P&F project

• Increase student access to mobile devices

• New teacher laptops and Apple TV for each classroom were purchased

• Upgrade of Internet access across the school - increase band width