



# Gulf Christian College Ltd

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## GULF CHRISTIAN COLLEGE REPORT CARD

### SECTION A: DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

#### Summarised Information

<b>School sector:</b>	Independent
<b>College address:</b>	Brown Street, Normanton, 4890
<b>Postal address:</b>	PO Box 210, Normanton QLD 4890
<b>Phone:</b> (07) 4745 1180	<b>Facsimile:</b> (07) 4745 1297
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.gulfcc.qld.edu.au">www.gulfcc.qld.edu.au</a>
<b>Total enrolments:</b>	As at August 2014 a total of 69 students.
<b>Year levels offered:</b>	Prep to Year 7
<b>Co-educational or single sex:</b>	Co-educational

#### INTRODUCTION

The information included in this report card is intended to be of interest to parents and the community so that they can make informed choices about schools. It is designed to provide an insight into the school's culture, values and emphasis and give an indication of how the school is performing in academic and extra curricula activities. Gulf Christian College has a strong association with Nambour Christian College which is located on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

#### LOCATION & DETAILS

Gulf Christian College is a co-educational school located in the Gulf Country region of northern Queensland, Australia, just south of the Gulf of Carpentaria, on the Norman River.



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## CHARACTERISTICS OF STUDENT BODY

*Enrolments for 2014 were 69 students from Prep to Year 7*

*Female – 37 students*

*Male – 32 students*

*Prep to Year 1 – 20 students*

*Year 2 to Year 3 – 18 students*

*Year 4 to Year 5 – 14 students*

*Year 6 to Year 7 – 17 students*

*Indigenous Percentage – 65.2%*

## RELIGION & AFFILIATIONS

*Gulf Christian College is an independent inter-denominational Christian school. The College has a membership to Associated Christian Schools (ACS) and Independent Schools Queensland (ISQ).*

## DISTINCTIVE CURRICULUM OFFERINGS

*Gulf Christian College provides a balanced curriculum based on the current Australian curriculum subjects. The curriculum is being developed around multi-media learning. Students in Prep to Year 7 participate in English, Mathematics, Science and History studies. They are also offered Physical Education, The Arts and Information Technology. Unique to our college is the opportunity for students to participate in cultural studies from local Indigenous people.*

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

*We continue to develop extra-curricular activities. Those presently offered include:*

## INFRASTRUCTURE

*The Prep building completed early in 2014 was officially opened on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014.*

*New furniture was purchased towards the end of 2014 to prepare for the transition of Year 7 into Middle School. Classrooms will be built the following year to cater for the specific needs of this age group as the College moves towards providing schooling for students in Years 7-9.*



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## TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE

*An interactive Whiteboard was purchased for the Prep classroom, providing much needed resources for the alternative teaching methods that technology offers.*

## COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

*The Gulf Christian College is committed to being involved in the Community and in 2014 this was evidenced through its involvement in a number of community events:*

- 1. Normanton Rodeo Float Competition*
- 2. Normanton Annual Rodeo and Show*
- 3. ANZAC Day March/Ceremony*
- 4. Hosting mission teams visiting the local community to assist in youth development and Christian influence. Teams: Nambour Christian College Year 10 Students, Thomas Hassall Anglican College.*
- 5. Croydon Environment Day.*
- 6. Supporting Community Youth events throughout the year.*

*The College is committed to being involved in any and all community events where possible. This has resulted in the positive reputation of the College within the community.*

## FAMILY FUN AND OPEN DAY

*The fourth annual GCC Family Fun and Open Day was held on 9<sup>th</sup> May as a night event and included Fireworks, Rides, Drumming display and varied stalls.*

## CHAPEL

*Weekly chapel services are held in the church building, with students taking turns to lead the chapel service once each term. Parents and family members are welcome to attend.*

## LEARNING ENRICHMENT

*As part of the Learning Enrichment Program within the College, there are a number of initiatives provided to enhance the learning of our students.*

- Assessments from external consultants seek to evaluate the learning difficulties of students to provide opportunities to encourage understanding.*
- Traced data shows evidence of school-wide improvement in reading, spelling and numeracy levels*



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- *Established homework club and is now well attended by students*
- *School curriculum program continuously improved to meet and enhance Australian curriculum guidelines*
- *8 students identified with learning impairments verified and placed on individual education plans*

## SPORT

*A team of students from Years 4-7 had opportunity to attend the Croydon Touch Carnival, with the Under 12 team winning the competition for the second year in a row.*

*Georgetown Athletics Carnival was attended by the entire school, receiving the March Past Shield. The Spirit of the Carnival award presented for sportsmanship and effort was won by one of our Year 7 students.*

*Years 2-7 participated in the Karumba Hockey tournament and Basketball tournament.*

*Students from Years 5-7 participated in an Athletics Coaching Clinic and the Gulf district athletics carnival with students from other local schools (Normanton State School, Mornington Island State School and Karumba State School).*

*Eleven students from Years 6 & 7 represented the Gulf District at the Regional Touch Football Trials held in Normanton, which featured teams from Central West, Mid West and Mount Isa. Three of these students were selected to represent the North West Region at the State Titles in Mackay.*

*Gulf Christian College held its first School Sports day in 2014, with students competing for their houses in running events (track), ball games and team games.*

## SOCIAL CLIMATE OF OUR SCHOOL

*The College has policies for the protection and welfare of students including Child Protection and Bullying Policies. The staff at the College work together with students and parents to address issues should they arise.*

*At GCC attention is focused on the student who is known and valued as an individual by the staff members. The staff is passionate about the overall wellbeing of the students.*

*The aim of the College is to work with parents, local churches and the community in providing a quality educational environment that fosters security, support and success in academic, spiritual, social and physical aspects of the student's lives.*



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## PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

*Opportunities exist for parents to become involved at Gulf Christian College. A large number of parents attended the ANZAC day celebrations, and many attend the weekly Chapel services.*

## PARENT, TEACHER AND STUDENT SATISFACTION

*Regular opportunities are provided to the parents and staff to meet with the Principal and Chief Executive Officer of Gulf Christian College.*

*From time to time parents are contacted to assist with upcoming events and these opportunities are used to gauge parent satisfaction with the College.*

## CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information on the College and its policies please contact:

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Business Manager  
Ph (07) 5451 3333; Email <mailto:gulfcc@ncc.qld.edu.au>

## SCHOOL INCOME BY FUNDING SOURCE

*For details of College income by funding source, please refer to the Gulf Christian College page on the My School website, accessible by [clicking here](#).*



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## SECTION B STAFFING INFORMATION

### STAFF COMPOSITION - 2014

Teaching Staff – 5 (FTE 4.6)

Non-teaching Staff – 9 (FTE 5.1)

Indigenous Staff component – 7 (FTE 4.1)

### QUALIFICATIONS OF ALL TEACHERS

The qualifications of our teachers are summarised in the table below:

<b>Qualification</b>	<b>Percentage of classroom teachers and school leaders at GCC</b>
Bachelor Degree	80%
Diploma	20%

### EXPENDITURE ON AND TEACHER PARTICIPATION IN PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2014 were \$11,644. The involvement of the teaching staff in professional development activities during 2014 was 100%.

The major professional development initiatives were as follows:

- Early Childhood Teacher Mentoring
- Christian Schools Teacher Conference
- First Aid Training
- Sports coaching courses

### AVERAGE STAFF ATTENDANCE FOR THE SCHOOL, BASED ON UNPLANNED ABSENCES OF SICK AND EMERGENCY LEAVE PERIODS OF UP TO 5 DAYS

For permanent and temporary staff and school leaders the staff attendance rate was 96.6% in 2014.

### PROPORTION OF TEACHING STAFF RETAINED FROM PREVIOUS YEAR

From the end of 2013, 100% of staff was retained for the entire 2014 school year.



## SECTION C: KEY STUDENT OUTCOMES

### AVERAGE STUDENT ATTENDANCE RATE

The average attendance rate as a percentage in 2014 was 89.6%.

### AVERAGE STUDENT ATTENDANCE RATE FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL

<b>Year Level</b>	<b>Average attendance rate for each year level as a percentage in 2014</b>
Prep	89.0%
1	87.2%
2	87.5%
3	90.8%
4	89.5%
5	90.7%
6	87.8%
7	94.3%

### MANAGEMENT OF NON-ATTENDANCE

The issue of non-attendance is managed in a number of ways. Firstly, the College operates a bus which collects students in the morning. When class commences the rolls are marked and those not present are recorded in a list. A staff member will then endeavour to locate the student to ascertain the reason for non-attendance, and to work through possibilities to assist future attendance.

### NAPLAN RESULTS FOR YEARS 3, 5 & 7 IN 2014

Some students are exempt for certain areas of the testing requirements.

<b>READING</b>			
<b>YEAR</b>	<b>GCC Average</b>	<b>QLD Average</b>	<b>% Students at/above National Minimum Standard</b>
Year 3	381	410	85.7%
Year 5	418	496	60%
Year 7	488	542	80%



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## GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>GCC Average</b>	<b>QLD Average</b>	<b>% Students at/above National Minimum Standard</b>
Year 3	389	421	85.7%
Year 5	419	500	60%
Year 7	510	541	60%

## SPELLING

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>GCC Average</b>	<b>QLD Average</b>	<b>% Students at/above National Minimum Standard</b>
Year 3	414	400	85.7%
Year 5	420	489	60%
Year 7	458	537	40%

## WRITING

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>GCC Average</b>	<b>QLD Average</b>	<b>% Students at/above National Minimum Standard</b>
Year 3	385	390	85.7%
Year 5	397	457	40%
Year 7	456	512	40%

## NUMERACY

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>GCC Average</b>	<b>QLD Average</b>	<b>% Students at/above National Minimum Standard</b>
Year 3	381	393	85.7%
Year 5	359	481	50%
Year 7	481	544	60%