

Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

At last, I have completed/collated the survey from late last year. I trust you will find some of the %'s very interesting. As always your feedback is appreciated and will result in constructive conversation at staff level. The information contained below will be used to help set HSS future directions and be instrumental in our 5 year Strategic Plan. You will appreciate that we have already begun to address some of your concerns, for example; the playground equipment, homework, providing quality meaningful feedback, the 'new' website , facebook, ...and so on.

Thanks- Yours in Catholic Education

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**A. Guidance & Support**

My child is well supported at H.S.S.  
 My child likes coming to school.  
 My child is being prepared for the future.  
 My child has access to pastoral care and wellbeing programs.

Don't Know/ Not Applicable	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
0	1	2	3	4

0%	0%	8%	44%	48%
0%	0%	1%	56%	43%
1%	0%	4%	50%	45%
1%	0%	1%	50%	48%

**B. Curriculum**

The curriculum is innovative and caters for my child's needs.  
 Homework is important.  
 Homework is set at the right level and is revision of work taught in class.  
 The time allocated for homework is appropriate.  
 My child enjoys learning.

0%	4%	11%	46%	39%
0%	20%	23%	42%	15%
6%	8%	17%	42%	27%
2%	15%	19%	48%	16%
0%	0%	0%	48%	52%

Don't Know/ Not Applicable	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
0	1	2	3	4

C. School Environment

HSS is a safe place to be.	0%	0%	0%	48%	52%
The grounds are kept clean and tidy.	0%	0%	7%	38%	55%
The classrooms are kept clean and tidy.	3%	0%	0%	45%	52%
The playground promotes active 'play'.	3%	0%	10%	52%	35%
Playground equipment is in good/safe condition.	0%	0%	28%	52%	10%
There is enough sporting equipment available at recess and lunch times.	24%	0%	10%	52%	14%
Children are friendly, well behaved and well mannered.	3%	0%	7%	52%	38%
Children wear their school uniform with pride (neat and tidy appearance).	0%	0%	7%	55%	38%
Wearing of the school uniform is enforced.	0%	0%	0%	65%	35%
HSS is proactive with Bullying/Cyberbullying.	0%	0%	6%	34%	60%

D. Teachers

Are caring and supportive.	0%	0%	14%	46%	40%
Are enthusiastic and positive role models.	4%	7%	14%	36%	39%
Provide useful feedback to my child.	0%	4%	29%	32%	35%
Recognise and celebrate achievement.	0%	0%	18%	36%	46%
Have a good relationship with my child.	0%	4%	15%	39%	42%
Are readily accessible and available to meet with me.	0%	4%	7%	60%	39%

E. Learning Environment

Don't Know/ Not Applicable	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
0	1	2	3	4

The classrooms promote learning (comfortable, calm, colourful,...)	14%	7%	21%	42%	16%
Learning expectations are 'high'.	0%	0%	28%	36%	36%
My child is motivated, challenged and interested.	0%	7%	29%	36%	28%
My child's interests are welcomed and developed.	0%	4%	14%	43%	39%
My child is expected to achieve and succeed.	0%	4%	18%	54%	24%
The learning environment is safe. (Making mistakes is all part of learning.)	0%	4%	7%	54%	35%
Staff are friendly, approachable and professional.	0%	0%	15%	40%	45%
Success/Achievement is celebrated.	0%	0%	14%	39%	47%
Learning is fun/enjoyable.	0%	0%	4%	54%	42%

F. Communication

HSS informs me of my child's progress (Reports, Interviews,...)	0%	0%	18%	44%	38%
HSS adequately informs me about school upcoming events and activities.	0%	0%	18%	36%	46%
Newsletter is easy to read and informative.	0%	0%	7%	52%	41%
The Office Staff are helpful, friendly and professional.	0%	0%	0%	44%	56%
End of week assemblies are 'timely' and a celebration of the week.	0%	0%	0%	63%	37%
The website is user-friendly, up-to-date and informative.	37%	26%	15%	22%	0%

Don't Know/ Not Applicable	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree
0	1	2	3	4

G. Technology & Resources

HSS is up-to-date with technology.	4%	4%	18%	39%	35%
HSS has an effective policy in place regarding my child's use of computers.	4%	0%	11%	43%	42%
Classroom resources are accessible and of a high number and quality.	8%	0%	32%	28%	32%

H. School Activities

My child participates in worthwhile educational excursions and camps.	7%	18%	15%	30%	30%
There are sufficient opportunities for my child to participate in quality sports, music and art activities/programs.	0%	14%	22%	36%	28%

I. Leadership and Management

HSS Principal is accessible ('Open' Door Policy).	0%	0%	7%	39%	54%
Behavioral Management issues are dealt with effectively and efficiently.	0%	0%	8%	40%	52%
HSS finances and budget are effectively managed.	18%	0%	0%	36%	46%
The school has a 'Vision' and it is clearly articulated.	18%	0%	7%	28%	47%

To keep it 'manageable' only comments that were repeated a number of times are listed below. The scope of this survey doesn't allow for one off, isolated suggestions to be listed (but they were noted nonetheless).

### List the Schools Top 10 Strengths

- Principal & staff are fantastic/nice/approachable/friendly/honest/hard working/'open' door policy/supportive/compassionate/helpful/welcoming/driven/professional.
- Upgrade of facilities & resources.
- New Sports Uniform (Can we change the 'formal' uniform?).
- Wellbeing programs/Pastoral Care/Sense of Community/Seasons for Growth/Counselling.
- The weekly newsletter is colourful/informative/easy to read/kids work.
- Students are amazing/polite/well mannered/respectful.
- Buddy Program/Peer Support/Reading Recovery/Transition Program
- Behaviour Management/Bullying policy/newsletter section
- School has a clear vision/future direction/changing for the better/innovative
- Male/Female teacher ratio
- Fundraising/Bingo/Mothers-Fathers Day stalls/Twilight Carnival

### List the Schools Top 10 Areas For Improvement

- No homework would be great/too busy/Inconsistent across classes/not revision work
- Playground/equipment
- Technology needs to be upgraded/improved/need more of/Web site
- Competitive Sports/play other schools/inter school
- The driveway in front of the Hall needs to be 'blocked' off/dangerous/becoming a drop-off zone
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century teaching/learning/spaces/still do some things the same as when I was there
- More shade areas
- House Captains/Sports Captains/Leadership Teams
- Canteen/ value for money/no lollies/sweets
- Extension activities/Gifted & Talented Programs/More challenging work