

Birlirr Ngawiyiwu Catholic School



ANNUAL REPORT 2023

School Profile Contextual Information

Birlirr Ngawiyiwu Catholic School, Ringer Soak/Yaruman, is a remote, co-educational K-6 primary school in the north-western Tanami desert, located 168 km from Halls Creek. Birlirr Ngawiyiwu (Spirit of God) Catholic School was founded in 1986 by the Sisters of St Joseph, upon request from the Djaru Community. Birlirr Ngawiyiwu Catholic School's vision is for family, school and community to walk side by side with a shared responsibility to grow up strong, smart and happy young people in both the Jaru (culture) and Ngawi (Catholic) ways.

Birlirr Ngawiyiwu Catholic School had an enrolment for 2023 of 27 children from K-Year 6 (6 in Kindergarten) 100% of whom are Indigenous children. The majority of the children commence school with English as their second or third language. The number of children fluctuates throughout the year depending on cultural, family and social events. In 2023 the school continued its nutrition program which consists of breakfast (supplied by Foodbank), 2 healthy snacks and a hot lunch. Each classroom has access to iPads and laptops. The ability to work in a collaborative environment as well as supporting independent learning continued to be a whole school focus in 2023.

Teacher Standards and Qualifications in 2023

All staff at Birlirr Ngawiyiwu Catholic School are suitably qualified for their role as a teacher at the school and hold a current TRBWA registration and Working With Children Card.

	4 Years Tertiary Trained	Teachers with a Degree at Masters Level	Teachers working towards a Degree at Maters Level
Number of Teaching Staff	4 including principal	2	0

Workforce Composition for 2023

Female Teachers	3	Non- Teaching Male	2
Male Teachers	1	Indigenous Female	5
Non- Teaching Female	5	Indigenous Male	2

Student Attendance 2023

The school had approximately 27 students enrolled throughout 2023. Student enrolments fluctuated throughout the year with students and their families transitioning in and out of the community for varying lengths of periods. Generally, if students are residing within the community attendance is good, however, due to various reasons such as sorry time, cultural reasons, family reasons, sporting events, funerals etc this would impact on students attendance. There were many Section 24 (Visiting Students)

Year Group	Student Enrolment	Percentage Attendance
Kindergarten	3	
PP	4	
Year 1	2	
Year 2	6	
Year 3	2	
Year 4	6	
Year 5	3	
Year 6	5	
Overall School Attendance: 64%		

Management of Absenteeism

- Aboriginal Teaching Assistants liaise with families and students to encourage attendance
- Aboriginal Teaching Assistants liaise with classroom teachers and Principal regarding family or community issues affecting attendance
- The Community Shop does not serve school aged children during school hours
- Principal with an ATA visits students/families in the community to follow up non-attenders
- The School encourages parents/caregivers not to take students out of the community during school terms
- Regular attendance recognised during weekly and end of term assemblies with certificates and small prizes
- Three meals & two fruit snacks a day are provided: Breakfast (Foodbank), Morning Tea and Lunch
- Kindergarten students are dropped off by an ATA each day
- Provision of school uniform on daily basis
- Access to Health services providing hearing and health checks, dental services
- Individual Education Plans developed with students and parents
- Class and individual incentives program

NAPLAN

In 2023, five students completed NAPLAN tests- one Year 5 student and four Year 3 students. Students received mainly bands 1 and 3 in all areas. Please note in 2023 NAPLAN testing moved from May to March and the NAPLAN scale was reset. This means you can't compare NAPLAN achievement prior to 2023 to that from 2023 onwards.

Community, Parent, Student and Staff

Birliir Ngawiyiwu is a school based in a remote Aboriginal Community, as such there is regular interaction with the parents and the local community.

Parents and students and community members indication a high degree of satisfaction with the community with verbal feedback. Any issues and concerns are dealt with swiftly and compassionately.

Post School Destinations

Three students graduated from Year 6 2023. One was enrolled in Halls Creek High School and two were enrolled at St Mary's College, Broome.

School Income

<u>Australian Government Recurring Funding</u>	<u>\$1,526,769</u>
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<u>Capital Income</u>	
<u>Total Income</u>	<u>\$1,610,321</u>

Further information about the schools income can be found at

<https://www.myschool.edu.au/school/48987/finances>

Annual School Improvement Progress

The Following areas were a focus regarding School Improvement in 2023.

Catholic Identity

- Prepare students for the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation. Support new teachers who have not taught the sacraments.
- Provide opportunities for the community to participate in liturgies and masses.
- Provide opportunities for students to be involved in Catholic Community Mass and liturgies.

Learning

- To increase literacy and numeracy skills using data informed practice.
- To use evidence based whole school evaluation practices.
- Ensure trauma informed practice is used.

Stewardship

- Upgrade facilities and equipment in the playground.
- Plan a new Early Childhood Education Centre.

Community

- Communities and families to be involved in student learning.
- More on-country learning activities which the community can be

Involved in.

