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As a condition of receiving Australian Government funding under the Schools Assistance Act 2004, the Australian Government has outlined a range of accountability requirements, including publication of financial information, and reporting on school performance information. The report also provides requirements of the Schools Education Act 2013, the School Education Regulations 2014 and the Assistance Act of 2008.

This report is presented to the school community on the College website (Ijbc.wa.edu.au) and copies are available on request. While the Annual Report provides an overview, readers are encouraged to consider the College Website, social media and a Campus tour to fully appreciate the College.

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Principal's message

It is with pleasure that I present this 2020 School Annual Report for Lake Joondalup Baptist College. This report highlights the achievement of students and the allocation and use of finances and resources. Also highlighted are the extensive quality educational opportunities undertaken during 2020, a reason the College is so sought after for students from Pre-Kindergarten to Year 12 in the Northern suburbs of Perth. Included this year is the College Community Survey, detailing the improvement journey the College continues to be on as it strives to realise the vision of a distinctively Christian, academically focussed school that graduates creative and critical thinkers who will be citizens and leaders for a world that needs them.

In particular, it was a joy to work with the class of 2020 as they completed their school journey at the College. We recognise their influence and contribution to the culture of the College over the time they have been here and truly thank them for the impact they have made on the whole College community in all areas of College life — academic, sporting, spiritual, the Arts, service and leadership. A snapshot view of their results is contained within the report. I wish each of them well in their life adventure and look forward to future connections with the College for all our Collegians as they take the light of learning to Seek Wisdom, Act Justly and Love Mercy into our world. We are filled with enormous pride as we think of them and keenly follow their progress in life.

PAUL SONNEMAN-SMITH

Acting Principal

This is LJBC

COLLEGE HISTORY

Lake Joondalup Baptist College (LJBC) began in 1990 with lower secondary classes, and the first Year 12 graduating class in 1994. In 1997, the Lake Joondalup Baptist Primary School was founded for students in Pre-Primary to Year 7. In 2000, the two schools combined to become a K-12 College.

Over the last 30 years, the dedication and commitment of the College Board of Directors, Staff and College Community has seen numerous building programs, transforming the College into a modern, innovative future-focused learning environment. LJBC has become a thriving school community of over 1,400 students, providing PK – 12 coeducational education to the Community of Joondalup and its surrounds. The College is committed to providing opportunities where everyone in our community can engage with the grace and promise in Christ's story as we create authentic learning experiences.

Each day, we aspire to grow confidence, encourage excellence, and demonstrate Christ-like values in our school community and beyond. It is the quality of our relationships, and the commitment to modelling Christ's love, that defines this College.



MISSION, VALUES & MOTTO

The College mission is to build a Christian learning community that is strong in its relationships, firm in its beliefs, and dedicated to the education of every child.

Our values — Kindness, Respect and Fairness — express an expected stance for all members of our community and underpin everything we do. Although not verbatim, our motto is inspired by a Biblical passage in Micah 6:8 — Seek Wisdom, Act Justly and Love Mercy.



FAMILIES

LJBC families are drawn from the northern coastal corridor of Perth and beyond. They are respectful of the College's Christian ethos, active partners in their children's education and have an active interest in knowing, supporting and growing with us as an integral part of the school community.

GRADUATES

Year after year, the College is proud to see courageous, compassionate and socially agile learners leave school and engage with the world. Our Collegians collaborate, inquire, create, engage and innovate with integrity through Christian values.

STAFF

We're privileged to employ imaginative, talented individuals that lead our learning community. With a relationship-driven approach, staff meet students where they're at to shine light on who they might become. They're passionate about making a difference in every student's life, and delight in creating dynamic learning opportunities where every child can reach their potential.

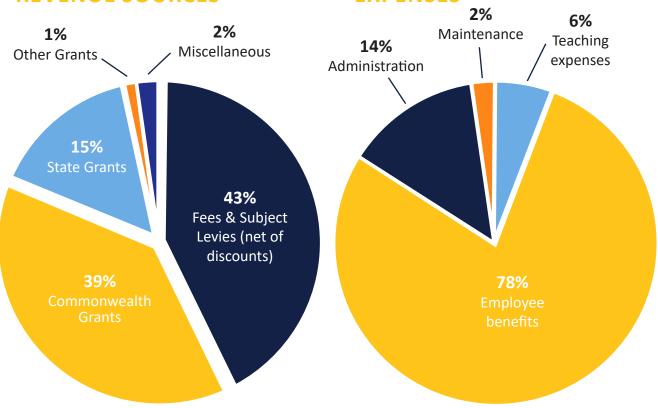
Numbers

FUNDING & EXPENSES

During 2020, the total gross income of the College was \$26M. All information pertaining to school funding can be found on the College website.

REVENUE SOURCES

EXPENSES





AFS REPORTING

INCOME STATEMENT	2020	2019
Income	\$26,570,860	\$26,365,317
Expenditure	(\$26,268,088)	(\$25,978,493)
	\$302,772	\$386,824
ASSETS	2020	2019
Current assets	\$2,217,944	\$1,730,798
Non-current assets	(\$47,720,472)	(\$48,619,672)
Total assets	\$49,938,416	\$50,350,470
LIABILITIES	2020	2019
Current liabilities	\$4,518,964	\$4,385,121
Non-current liabilities	\$9,201,604	\$10,050,273
Total liabilities	\$13,720,568	\$14,435,394
Net assets	\$36,217,849	\$35,915,076
Equity		
Retained funds	\$24,312,134	\$24,009,362
Reserves	\$11,905,714	\$11,905,714
Total equity	\$36,217,848	\$35,915,076
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS	2020	2010
Net cash inflow from operating activities	2020 \$1,752,232	2019 \$970,388
Net cash outflow from investing activities	(\$218,840)	(\$2,772,181)
Net cash outflow/inflow from financing activities	(\$900,328)	\$34,103
Total net cash inflow	\$633,064	(\$1,767,691)
Cash at beginning of the financial year	\$700,285	\$2,467,976
Cash at end of the financial year	\$1,333,349	\$700,285
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STUDENT ENROLMENT NUMBERS

These numbers come from the 2020 census.

	BOYS	GIRLS	TOTAL
PK	10	9	19
К	26	32	58
PP	23	34	57
1	25	31	56
2	27	30	57
3	38	32	70
4	45	29	74
5	55	35	90
6	66	42	108
7	91	58	149
8	78	66	144
9	96	70	166
10	86	73	159
11	74	53	127
12	65	68	133
			Total 1467

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

In the Secondary School, attendance is recorded electronically each period and an SMS is sent to parents/caregivers informing them if their child is absent. Absences are followed up by the student's Connect Teacher. Attendance of Primary School students is recorded electronically twice per day and absences are followed up by the class teacher.

YEAR	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
K	87.4%
PP	83.9%
1	90.6%
2	90.7%
3	90.1%
4	89.9%
5	93.2%
6	90.4%
7	93.5%
8	91.6%
9	91.9%
10	92.2%
11	92.3%
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Staff & student outcomes

YEAR 12 OUTCOMES

At a glance

Lake Joondalup Baptist College is very proud of all 133 students that made up the class of 2020. Their effort and positive attitude, especially through unanticipated disruption, was commendable.

Cohort size	133
Year 9 – Year 12 retention rate	90.98%
Graduation rate	100%
Proportion of ATAR exam students with a scaled score in four or more subjects/courses	90.7%
Number of students scoring ATAR above 90	13
Number of Certificates of Distinction	6
Number of Certificates of Merit	11

AWARDS

Six students were awarded a Certificate of Distinction, and 11 were awarded a Certificate of Merit. Certificates are awarded using a points-based system. A certificate is given to an eligible student who, in their last three consecutive years of senior secondary WACE enrolment, achieves: 150–189 points (a Merit Certificate) or 190–200 points (a Distinction Certificate).

ATAR

In 2020, 13 students — out of 133 eligible students — achieved an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) above 90, with the highest being 98.55. LJBC's median ATAR was 77.25, just below the State median of 81.85. Three of LJBC's courses ranked amongst the highest achieving in the State. These were Children, Family and Community, Computer Science, and Psychology.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET) OUTCOMES

In 2020, 18 students completed a Certificate II, one completed a Certificate III, and 59 completed a Certificate IV. LJBC appeared in the 100% VET Achievement List — a significant achievement for the students undertaking these studies. Additionally, one LJBC student received DCT Insurance Broking Excellence in Vocational Education and Training.



STUDENT DESTINATIONS

Of 133 Year 12s, 53 students enrolled for University, 46 of whom enrolled with an ATAR score. Of the 53 students who applied for university, the most popular destination was Curtin University, with 28 students (including those without an ATAR) applying. Of the remaining students, 18 applied to ECU, four to Murdoch and four to UWA. Students applied for courses across a range of professional fields including medicine, education, engineering, biomedical science, sports science, computing and cyber security.

Future considerations will involve guiding students still unsure of the right pathway for them. From year 10, this will include career counselling and exploring the career and study options that are best suited to their skills, talents. We hope to provide students with inspiration, encouragement, opportunities and pathways through our strategic partners.

Staff outcomes

QUALIFICATIONS
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TEACHING STAFF

QUALIFICATION	NUMBER
Masters in Education	11
Graduate Diploma in Education	38
Bachelor Degree	153
Honours/Post Grad	74



STAFF ATTENDANCE

For permanent and temporary staff and school leaders, the staff attendance rate was 97.4%.

PROPORTION OF STAFF RETAINED FROM THE PREVIOUS SCHOOL YEAR

From the end of the 2019 school year, 87% of the FTE teaching staff were retained.

TEACHING STAFF	NON-TEACHING STAFF	STAFF IN LEADERSHIP POSITIONS	TOTAL STAFF
Female 74%	Female 84%	Female 53%	Female 74%
Male 26%	Male 16%	Male 47%	Male 26%

COMPLETE STAFF BODY

Adams Natalie Anderson Emma Attwood Nigel Baker Deanne

Barker Kyle
Battersby Andrea
Bingham Cindi
Bloudeau Sylvie
Bonner Jacinta
Brink Santie

Brownlie Ryan Burkett Mikala

Butchart Ben Calitz Andrew Campbell Julie Carbins Andrea

Carter Chris Cartledge Ashleigh Chappell Jeremy

Chikich Anka Cobanlar Emel Cole Natasha Colomb Sarah Cook Terry

Cooke Stuart Coulson Loren da Silva Catherine

De Jong Alison
De Klerk Lukas

Devereux Eileen Dornan Roison

Douglas Nathan Douglas Tayla Driesen Shondra du Toit Kerrin Edwards Kim Enslin Hennielie

Farr Reuben Ferreira Sarah

Foster Fiona

Gaudin Michael

Gilmore Anne Grullis Jonathan Hampton John

Harper-Rigby Tina Harris Anzelle Hawkey Carmen Hebiton Nola

Henry Tarryn Herd Michael Herman Peter

Hicks Jodi Hoffensetz Amanda Secondary Library Teacher

Primary Teacher Maths/Science Secondary Learning Enhancement/ English

H&PE Primary Teacher Primary Teacher

Primary Teacher Languages – French Primary Music Teacher HoH Arcadia /Science

Humanities

Primary/Secondary Japanese

Teacher Humanities Maths

Primary Teacher

Primary Japanese Teacher

HoH Lancier /H&PE

English

Primary Chaplain &

Coordinator of Christian Ed

Primary Teacher Languages – French Primary PE Teacher

Maths

English/ Staff Development Primary Technologies Teacher

Primary PE Teacher Secondary Chaplain

Primary Literacy Enhancement

Technologies/Science
The Arts – Drama

English

Primary Teacher Primary Teacher Technologies Primary Teacher Languages – French

Science

HoH Batavia/ Humanities Secondary Learning Enhancement

Maths

IVIatiis

Primary Teacher/Students

Coordinator

Humanities/English

H&PE

Primary Teacher Technologies Science

Primary Library Teacher HoH Cumberland/Maths

Primary Teacher

Science Technologies

Primary Teacher / LEC

Primary Learning Enhancement

Hoge Adam Maths Teacher

Ingham Natasha H&PE

Jackson Nicole Technologies
Jamison Alison Primary Teacher

Jarvis Deborah Primary Inclusive Teacher

Keightley Taryn Primary Teacher

Kelly Di Secondary Manager Staff

Kilian Claire Primary Teacher
Koshy Natalie Primary Teacher
Kruger Michelle Primary Teacher
Lee Emma Primary Teacher
Lhota Bernadette Humanities

Lovell Jaime Primary Library Teacher
Lynch Matthew The Arts – Music/Maths
Maassen Meagan Languages Coordinator/

Languages – Japanese

McCracken Wendy Primary Teacher

McCue Bronwyn Humanities/ Senior Secondary

Academic Mentor/ Staff

Development
McLean Michelle Technologies
Mentzel Robyn Humanities
Nel Wynand Science
Newland Jon Humanities

Nguyen Mason Maths/ Science Nwagboh Nnamdi English

Pargeter Anna H&PE/ Outdoor Education

Paul Christine English

Pearce Natalie Primary Japanese K/PP Teacher

Pestell Cheri Primary Teacher

Pontarelli Jenny Maths Potts Matthew Science

Ramsay Claire Primary Teacher
Ramsay Rachael The Arts – Visual Arts
Rice Lyndon HoH Windsor/Sec Co-curric
Coordinator/ Programming

Officer

Rice Narelle Primary Learning Enhancement

Rogers Lisa Pre Primary Teacher

Roodt Caren English

Roodt Christina Primary Teaching & Learning

Leader/LEC Coordinator

Rose Penelope Primary Teacher

Sallery Kendal Science

Sanderson Natalie Primary Teacher

Schroeder Johann H&PE

Scott David Secondary Library Teacher

Smith Gillian Primary Teacher

Smith Lynton Head of Career Education

Smith Susan Science

Thompson Michael Primary Teacher / LEC
Thornhill Amber Primary Systems Leader
Totten Athena English / Year 9/10 Mentor
Troaca Emanuel Primary Music Teacher
van der Westhuizen Anmar HoH James/English

van Leen Roxanne Maths

Vellutini Chiara Primary Teacher

Vermeulen Claire	Primary Art Specialist	van der Nest Tammy	Director of Music PK-12/The
Wallis Naomi	Humanities		Arts – Music
Watson Sallie	H&PE Specialist	Bennett Kellie	Primary Education Assistant
Wayman Steven	Secondary Chaplain/Christian	Boardley Chloe	Primary Education Assistant
	Ed/ HPE	Botha Sonja	Primary Education Assistant
Webber Aimee	Languages – Japanese	Butler Colleen	Primary Education Assistant
Wilson Jaana	Humanities	Caira Lynne	Secondary Education Assistant
Young Garreth	Primary Teacher	De Vries Angela	Secondary Education Assistant
Yum Jonathan	The Arts – Media	Forte Adrianne	Primary Education Assistant
Zarrop Alison	English	Callantan David	(Kindy)
Zhang Jane	Primary Learning Enhancement	Gallagher Daniel	Primary Physical Education
Petera Kerry	College Accountant EA to Dean of Students	Hart Data	Assistant
Antram Kathy Bailey Christine	Family Accounts	Hart Peta Hildebrandt Shanthi	Primary Education Assistant Prim Ed Asst/ Family Min
Beets Deanna	EA to Dean of Administration	Hildebrandt Shantin	Coordinator
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Botha Chaleen	President of Parents &	ide Jeiiiii	Needs
Dottia Citaleeti	Collegian Auxiliary	Kunniger Elaine	Primary Education Assistant
Fisher Tony	Promotions & Publications	Le Coultre Bethany	Primary Physical Education
ristict torty	Manager	Le courre Bernary	Assistant
Fox Helen	Secondary Attendance	Lee-Beesley Aileen	Primary Education Assistant
TOXTICION	Assistant	Needham Elaine	Primary Education Assistant
Fredericks Elaine	EA to Deans of Primary	Oesterheld Sharon	Primary Education Assistant
Gloster Bridgitte	Primary Administration Officer	Reichelt Bronwyn	Secondary Education Assistant
Gray Gloria	The Arts - Music Assistant	Ryan Angelina	Primary Education A/ Special
Grobbelaar Adele	Uniform Shop Assistant	, 3	Needs
Guy Robyn	Administration Assistant -	Ryke Diane	Primary Education Assistant
	Secondary	Schokker Sylvi	Primary Education Assistant
Harris Sharon	Payroll/HR Officer	Stacey Deb	Primary Education Assistant
Haskins Annette	Uniform Shop Manager	Studman Mandy	Pre Primary Education
Hawkey Karlien	Promotions & Publications		Assistant
	Technician	Thompson Lorraine	Primary Education Assistant
Howard Brooke	Enrolment Events Coordinator	Thomson Naomi	Primary Education Ast/Special
Knight Dvorah	Curriculum Assistant		Needs
Maree Esbe	EA to Curriculum	van der Walt Belinda	Primary Education Assistant
McEwan Sharon	Student Reception/Attendance	Watson Louise	Secondary Education Assistant
Olsen Jasmine	Admin Assistant/ Receptionist	Wong Natalie	Primary Education Assistant
Owens Nicolette	Secondary Attendance	Qaqish Michelle	Assistant to Registrar
	Assistant	Yeomans Sally	Enrolments Registrar
Smyth Avril	College Receptionist/ Admin	Crafford Amanda	Accounts payable/
Character Character	Assistant	Villaga Agas II.	Administration Officer
Stevens Charis	Primary Receptionist	Viljoen Anneke Gooch Steven	Finance Officer
Wakefield Alex Keehan Bianca	EA to Deans of Primary Primary School Chaplain	Petera John	College Gardener/Grounds Property Services Coordinator
Burbidge Andrew	Executive Manager	Studman Dave	College Gardener/Grounds
burbluge Allurew	Infrastructure & Operations	Ward Gary	Grounds Person
Del Frate Helen	Dean of Students	de Wit Naomi	Secondary First Aid
Downsborough Mark	Dean of Administration	Sampson Stephen	Head of Secondary Library
Eyre Kimberly	Dean of Studies	Sampson Stephen	Services
Harris Carol	Dean of Primary – PK - 2	van Aswegen Limpie	Secondary Learning
Krug Lee	Executive Business Manager		Technologies Manager
Sonneman-Smith Paul	Acting Principal/ Dean of	van Aswegen Sonja	Head of Sec Learning
	Primary 3-6	5 ,	Enhancement
Hassell Bradley	Football Coach	Budas Vanessa	HoLA Science
Walmsley John	Football/HPE	Collier Amanda	HoLA English
Clift Kim	Director of Sport/ HPE	Harris Matthew	Acting HoLA Christian
Jones Madelaine	Director of Drama/The Arts –		Education/Science
	Drama	Hopkins Leigh-Anne	HoLA Maths/ Year7/8 Mentor

Keen Telma Head of Humanities
Pender Tracy HoLa The Arts
Smith Joel Acting Head of H&PE
Theunissen Daniel HoLA Technologies

Ha Phillip ICT Support
Knight Stephen ICT Manager
Orlowsky Rob ICT Support

Vermeulen Adrian ICT

Jayatilaka RebeccaSchool Nurse - PrimaryAsh NoahSec H&PE Assistant

Christie Rebekah College Reception/Technologies Asst – Foods & Textiles

Emslie Alicia Library Assistant – Sec
Gaff Ross Technologies Asst – D&T

Henry Sarah Technologies Asst – Foods & Textiles

Lokosang John Science Assistant

Maliepaard Elita The Arts – Visual Arts Assistant
Morris Daisy The Arts - Drama/Media Assistant

Murray Ingrid Primary Art Assistant

Nguyen Long Library Services Assistant/ ICT Support

O'Garr Heidi Secondary Library Assistant
Sampson Elsbeth Primary Library Assistant
Southwell Jodie Science Technician



Cocurricular activities

The College offers a range of cocurricular activities, providing a rich school experience to students. Despite restrictions due to COVID-19, including the cancellation of interstate and international tours to Sydney and Canberra and Japan, students were able to enjoy dynamic opportunities for experiential learning.

THE ARTS

Throughout the year, we enjoyed several culturally-enriching experiences, including a Year 11 Production, Year 9 Production, and Year 8 Children's Theatre. The College production of *The Little Mermaid* was well received after being deferred from April to September, and we also enjoyed a highly successful celebration of The Arts at *Create* our annual Art Exhibition and Performance Evening. The year also saw a VET Music Showcase, Primary Junior Choir, Primary Senior Choir, Primary Flute Choir, and So You Think You Can Dance program.

SPORTING

In 2020, students enjoyed a range of sporting experiences, including Coastal and Associated Sport (CAS), Champions Interschool CAS Div B Swimming, and Champions Interschool CAS Div B Athletics. Football (Soccer) was popular as always, and Football (Soccer) Development sessions were held for over 100 students in Year 4 – Year 10.

The College's sporting achievements included Senior Girls ACC earning Champions and State school sport WA Junior Boys placing as Runners Up. LJBC became West Coast State Futsal Champions across Year 4 Boys, Year 5 Boys, Year 6 Boys, Year 7 Boys, Year 7/8 Girls, Year 8 Boys, Year 9 Boys, Year 9/10 Girls, and Year 10 Boys. In total, 16 players were chosen for State representation, and 10 Players were chosen for Perth Glory Representative teams.



ACADEMIC

Academic endeavours revolved around scientific, mathematic, and humanitarian disciplines. These included the Big Science Competition, Junior Science Olympiad, Law Society's Mock trials competition, Philosophical Speed debating challenge, and Future Problem Solving. In Future Problem Solving, five teams from LJBC placed in the top 10% of Australia. In addition, the Year 10 International Future Problem Solving Team placed as National Champions.

Students successfully participated in Evatt Debating, Opti-MINDS, the Australian Mathematics Competition, Have sum fun Mathematics Competition, Creative Edge State winners (Year 9 Division Society and Environment), Science and Engineering, and Ethics Olympiad.

THE HOUSE SYSTEM

The College's six Houses enjoyed the House Leadership Program, House Pride, Foodbank, and Legacy. Students also enjoyed a range of Inter House endeavours including chess, the athletics carnival, cross country, swimming, and music.

CHAPLAINCY, SERVICE AND CHRISTIAN FORMATION

We observed and participated in a range of inclusive community-based activities throughout the year. These were R U OK Day, Blossom Program, Chips and Chats, Easter Assembly, String Anti Bullying Movement, Year 4 Girl Power, Year 4 Boy Friendology, Shoots for Year 2, Worship Assemblies via Microsoft Teams, Friday Live, Primary Christmas Concert, and Operation Christmas Child.

EMERGENCY SERVICES CADETS

Our cadets engaged in a range of exciting activities designed to equip them with real-life skills, including Out There Sailing at Hillary's Boat Club, and Camps to Bickley Outdoor Education Centre, Moore River and Kerem Adventure Camp. Cadets also successfully completed CPR Qualifications and Skippers Tickets.

SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL

Our social and emotional experiences are designed to foster a sense of community, acceptance, and belonging amongst the students as they build strong relationships. They're also designed to help students build social skills, social awareness, and social confidence. Wellbeing Days were held for Years 10, 11 and 12, and other activities included Year 11 AQWA excursion, Kindy & PP Water Carnival Day, Year 4 AQWA Sleepover, Year 5 Rottnest Camp, Year 6 Making a Difference Week, and Year 6 "oh Hey WA" Tour.





College Community Survey

OVERVIEW

In our continual pursuit of knowledge, as well as fostering a strong sense of community, the College believe it is important to understand the needs and progress of the group you travel with. In 2020, the College commissioned an independent, confidential survey which targeted students in Year 4-12, the parents of these students, and all College staff. So, in July and August 2020, over 3,000 members of the LJBC community were invited to participate and share their views on LJBC.

The survey covered several areas, including what is important to each group, what is working well, and areas that could be improved. The key results from the survey are presented here.

COLLEGE CULTURE

The survey revealed strong alignment in the way staff and parents/guardians think about LJBC. These are the top 20 words used by each group to describe LJBC — it is very encouraging to see "community" and "family" appear in both groups.

From parents/guardians



From staff

Inconsistent Good
Enjoyable Care

Community Pleasant
Intense Fantastic Blessed Rewarding
Home Busy Great
Supportive Challenging

Welcome

Care

Fantastic Blessed Rewarding
Fantastic Blessed Rewarding
Fantastic Blessed Family

GETTING THE BALANCE RIGHT FOR OUR STUDENTS

Striking the right balance between an academic focus, Christianity, and the development of social and emotional wellbeing is challenging. For one thing, the "right" balance varies for each student. To assist us in getting closer to the ideal balance, we asked students for their thoughts on the ratio.

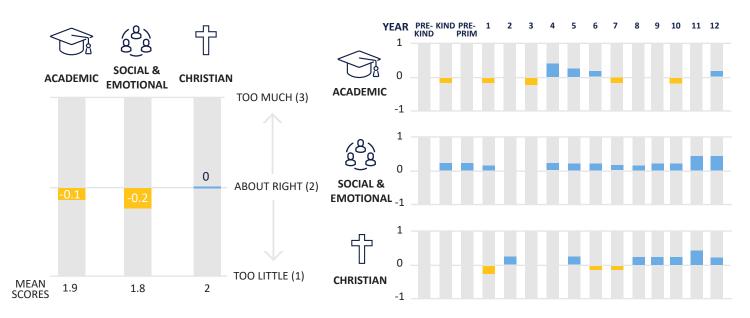
BALANCE ACCORDING TO STUDENTS

Has LJBC got the focus on each of these areas right for you? Focus by Year YEAR 5 7 8 9 10 11 12 **SOCIAL &** ACADEMIC **CHRISTIAN EMOTIONAL ACADEMIC** TOO MUCH -1 1 0.3 **SOCIAL &** ABOUT RIGHT **EMOTIONAL** 1 TOO LITTLE **CHRISTIAN MEAN SCORES**

These results show a good balance, with older students reporting a preference for a greater focus on social and emotional development.

BALANCE ACCORDING TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Has LJBC got the focus on each of these areas right for you? Focus by Year (only parents/guardians with 1 child (n=260)



Interestingly, when parents/guardians were asked about their views of the balance between these aspects, a preference in the opposite direction (compared to the student insights) was seen — for a slightly lower focus on social and emotional development.

Student insights

The survey showed that having good friends at school, how good teachers are, and being able to have fun at school are the most important thing to students. Although the order of these three things changes by school year, there is strong consistency across the years. For example, having places to spend time with friends/play is important during years 4 and 5, while the ranges of subjects available and how approachable/friendly Teachers are become important for students during years 11 and 12, respectively.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO STUDENTS IN EACH YEAR LEVEL

	YEAR 4	YEAR 5	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
1	Having good friends at school	Being able to have fun at school	Having good friends at school	Having good friends at school	Having good friends at school	Having good friends at school	How good Teachers are	How good Teachers are	How good Teachers are
2	Places to spend time with friends/play	Having good friends at school	Being able to have fun at school	How good Teachers are	Being able to have fun at school	Being able to have fun at school	Being able to have fun at school	Having good friends at school	Having good friends at school
3	How good Teachers are	Places to spend time with friends/play	How good Teachers are	Being able to have fun at school	How good Teachers are	How good Teachers are	Having good friends at school	Range of subjects available	How approachable/ friendly Teachers are



PARENT/GUARDIAN INSIGHTS

The survey revealed that our parent/guardian Net Promoter Score — a common measure of whether people would recommend a product of service — was a positive 16 (it can vary between -100 and 100). This represents a solid baseline upon which we can track future changes in how parents/guardians feel about LJBC.

Results indicated that teaching quality and a focus on individual student needs are the most important things to parents/guardians. The survey also showed that four in five parents feel proud to send their child/children to LJBC. In the below figure, the blue bars show the percentage of parents/guardians that indicated they either agreed or strongly agreed with the statements.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SENTIMENTS ABOUT LJBC

LJBC Staff treat me with respect	90%
Overall, there is a friendly and helpful atmosphere in LJBC	89%
I am treated fairly as a LJBC Parent/Guardian	87%
I generally find communications from LJBC to be: Relevant & informative	87%
LJBC shows care and concern for my Child's health & wellbeing	84%
I generally find communications from LJBC to be: Frequent	84%
I feel proud to send my Child/Children to LJBC	81%
I have a good rapport with LJBC staff	81%
There are no significant barriers to me supporting my child/children at LJBC	80%
I trust my child/children's Teachers	79%

PARENT/GUARDIANS SENTIMENTS ABOUT LJBC'S COMMUNICATION

I generally find communications from LJBC to be: Open & transparent	71%	
I generally find communications from LJBC to be: Reassuring	71%	
I feel like LJBC is genuinley open and honest with me	72%	



Although the three leading statements about LJBC's communication were very positive, some parents/guardians voiced a desire for better communication:

- More openness and clarity from the Board, considering the parents are key stakeholders in the college
- Be more open and honest from the start. Have more open conversations with us.

When these comments are considered alongside the finding that only 53% of parents/guardians reported feeling like their ideas and suggestions count, it is clear that we must do a better job at creating meaningful dialogue with parents/guardians. We hope that including parents/guardians in this survey demonstrates part of our strong commitment to creating opportunities for collaborative partnerships.

Regarding what can be done to improve the experiences of children, parents/guardians stressed the importance of two key aspects:

- The teaching approach.
- Individual student support.

Two comments from parents/guardians about the teaching approach were: Offer more learning options/subjects and to provide flexible learning options — learn from COVID, some students thrived learning at home, explore the relevance of some subjects and flexible learning approaches to match modern learning not industrialised system. Two comments about individual support were: more individual support and connect with the children, in particular individual needs — inspire those who may not be inspired easily.



STAFF INSIGHTS

It is very reassuring that in such a difficult year, our staff reported strong engagement levels that are favourable compared to industry benchmarks. Our staff overwhelmingly reported that the thing they like most about LJBC are the staff and students:

- I believe the staff genuinely care for the well-being of the students and each other.
- Like-minded people with children's best interests at heart.
- One big family; staff and students looking out for and after each other.

An overwhelming majority of our staff — 95% — reported having good relationships with the people they work with. Additionally, 90% indicated that they feel proud to work for LJBC, with a similar number believing that LJBC will experience continued success in the future.

And yet, perhaps unsurprisingly in a pandemic year, our staff reported that work pressure was the least-liked aspect of working at LJBC:

 Workload to time ratio — time allowance does not meet requirements, so majority of work needs to be done outside College hours.

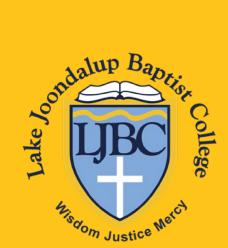
Another concern and area of improvement for LJBC to focus on is improving the number of staff who feel like their ideas and suggestions count. It's important that we listen to our staff, and we will strive to improve the way we do this — we certainly do not take their care, commitment, and hard work for granted.



FINAL THOUGHTS

We're committed to listening and improving. Nearing the end of 2021, we remain on this journey together. We will continue understanding and meeting the needs and progress of our LJBC community —students, parents/guardians, and staff. For LJBC, conducting the survey supports our continual improvement planning, therefore we are committed to following through on the actions and commitments developed as a result of the survey.





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