



# Wanalirri Catholic School

## Gibb River Station

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### WANALIRRI GIBB RIVER WA.

Compliance: 2014 School Year, June 30 2015

ITEM	SUBJECT	SCHOOL PERFORMANCE INFORMATION
1	Contextual information	<p>Gibb River Station is situated half way along the Gibb River Road 370 km east of Derby and 390km west of Kununurra.</p> <p>In 1989 the community approached Bishop Jobst to form a Catholic school for their children. Bishop Jobst flew to Gibb River with Sister Catherine Brabender, Provincial of the Sisters of the Lady of the Missions to meet with the people of Ngallangunda community. From this meeting an agreement was made for two SOLM sisters to be the foundation members of the school. Sr Margaret Scott and Sr Frances Wilson took up the challenge to establish a school at Gibb River. On 31<sup>st</sup> January 1991 Sr's Margaret and Frances began school for the students of Ngallungunda and nearby Dodnun communities.</p> <p>A meeting was held and the decision of community members was unanimous that the school should be named Wanalirri Catholic School. Wanalirri is a significant sacred site for the community. The people also decided that the word Catholic would part of the name and spirit of the school and this intent is as strong today as it was then.</p> <p>Wanalirri Catholic School, symbolized by the <i>Wandjina</i> (creator of life) is a centre where the community creates opportunities for the children to learn about and be proud of both the Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal cultures. There is a population of around 70. School enrolments can vary between 10 and 15. 90% of students are Indigenous. Most students come from the Ngallagunda and Dodnun</p>

		communities, but family connections range across the Kimberley- namely Derby, Djarindjin and Kalumburu.
2	Teacher Standards and qualifications	All teaching staff are registered with TRBWA (Teachers' Registration Board of Western Australian).  Teacher qualifications include: Bachelor of Education in both cases.  Aboriginal Teaching Assistants will be seeking qualifications.
3	Workforce Composition	1 male 1 females  2 Teaching Non-Indigenous staff. (FTE1.5) 1 Aboriginal Teaching Assistants.(FTE 0.5)
4	Student attendance at school	The average attendance rate for students from Years Pre/Primary to Year 6 was <b>93%</b>  Yr. Level Attendance: Kindergarten : Year 3 <b>93%</b> Year 4 : Year 7 <b>93%</b>  Non-attendance Management: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daily visits to families by School Principal</li> <li>• Community discussion (home visits) re attendance</li> <li>• Encouragement given to families to remain in the Community during school days/term, so that children can attend school.</li> <li>• Early morning supervision for students who come to school before school starting time</li> <li>• Breakfast program is maintained</li> <li>• Daily recognition in class points for punctual attendees.</li> <li>• Weekly recognition in newsletters for high attendees.</li> </ul>
5	Senior Secondary Outcomes	N/A
6	NAPLAN information	Scores were below minimum state standard in Yrs 3. No Year 5 student sat the tests. There is a downward trend in the schools achievements, but this is due to individual students sitting tests and should not be seen as a true trend.
7	Parent, student and teacher satisfaction	Every effort was made to consider the parents, the students and teachers' needs and ideas when planning in 2015. Parents and teachers were involved in decision making and supported the school's aim to increase attendance and to provide an environment that was inclusive, both educationally and emotionally. There has been varied community support for school initiatives.

		Many meetings have been well-attended, but equally some have had to be rescheduled due to lack of attendance.
8.	Post school destinations	1 Student from Wanalirri 2014 has enrolled at St John's College Darwin for Semester 2 2015.
9	School Income	See <a href="http://www.myschool.edu.au">www.myschool.edu.au</a>