



St Patrick's Primary School

Thank You & Feedback to 2017 Parents

July 2017

Dear St Patrick's Parent,

As part of our school improvement process, in 2017 I commissioned independent, confidential satisfaction reviews with our parents, staff and students.

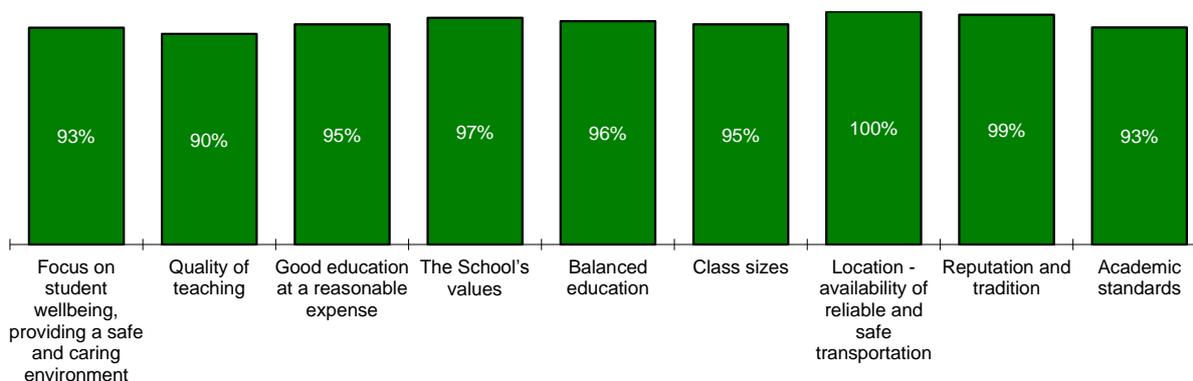
We greatly value the views of our key stakeholders as this information is most important for our operational and strategic planning as well as monitoring our performance.

In June a total of 74 parents and 48 students (Years 5 & 6) completed the survey. We are most grateful to parents for their time and effort in assisting us with this important element of our continuous improvement process.

The surveys were extensive and covered in excess of 150 factors in relation to your experience and your child's education at St Patrick's.

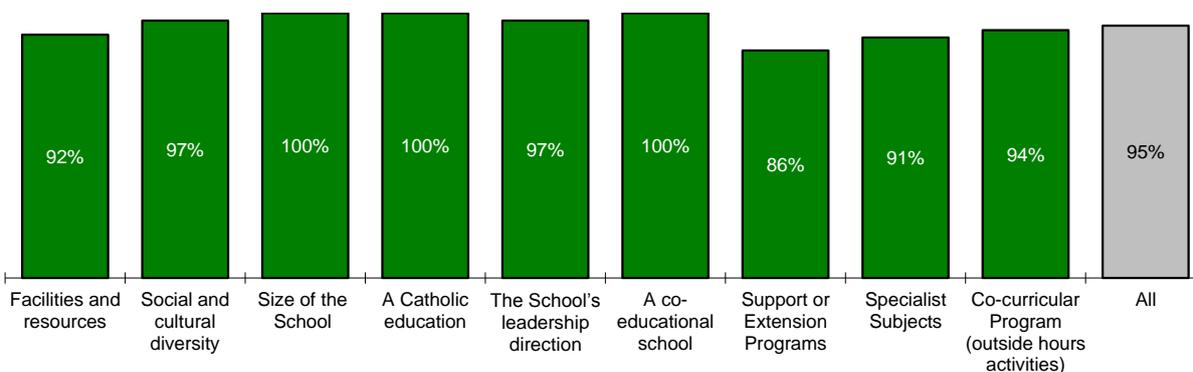
The charts below are some extracts of the overall results. The scores represent the percentage of parents noting their expectations had been met or exceeded for their most important nominated school choice drivers. For example, 93% of parents noted their expectations had been met or exceeded for 'Focus on student wellbeing, providing a safe and caring environment' at the School, the most important aspect noted by parents.

2017 St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Parents - Expectations Met/Exceeded - First 9 (n=74)



Percent Expectations Met/Exceeded

2017 St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Parents - Expectations Met/Exceeded - Next 9 (n=74)



Percent Expectations Met/Exceeded

Whilst we are very pleased with these results, your feedback has indicated there are some areas that we will be looking into further. These include communication, particularly in relation to the programmes being run in the school, as there seems to be some misinformation out there which could be helped by some parent information sessions and some more overt advertisement and promotion of the social and emotional programmes running in the school. We are also aware of some of the physical limitations of the school site and are always on the lookout for ways to use existing opportunities more creatively.

Parents were also invited to provide 'open responses' to the most valued aspects of their experiences at St Patrick's. The most frequently nominated areas were:

2017 St Patrick's Parents: What do you value most about your association with the School? (Top 10)
The sense of community and belonging
Small school and class sizes
High quality teachers and staff
Caring and friendly nature of the school and staff
My child's happiness
Catholic values taught
Friendships made
High quality education
Excellent pastoral care
The school catering for individual needs of students

I wish to thank the 2017 parents sincerely for this feedback and for the extent of information and quality of views expressed.

Attached is a small sample of some of the 'open ended' comments from parents in relation to what they value most about their experience at the School.

I wish you and your family the very best for the future and hope St Patrick's continues to meet your and your son's/daughter's needs and expectations.

Sincerely

John Ryan
Principal

Some 2017 Parent quotes on what is valued about St Patrick's

Being part of a rich, welcoming and supportive community.

I love that my child is valued as an individual and is well known to staff and management. It creates a great sense of belonging for our family to be part of the school community.

Good reputation with lovely families, glad to be a part of that.

Caring attitude to every student. All teachers know all kids and parents - such a delightful nurturing place.

It is a close knit community that does a lot within the community

My kids have always been happy to come to school and I think will leave the school with a lasting basis and fondness for lifelong learning. The encouragement that comes from the teaching staff is second to none and I feel like I never see kids wanting to give up at this school, even when they might be struggling (as all kids do) with one aspect or another. I think the staff have done a great job of creating a general school culture where the children celebrate each other's wins and strengths whilst appreciating that it's not always easy and life's not always smooth.

That we are a part of this family.

I value that it is a single stream school and that the teachers know every child by name over all of the year groups. It is a very supportive and caring environment with great teaching staff and the school itself is warm and welcoming and safe.

Small and community minded with a reasonable reputation.

Being part of a small Catholic school community.

Spirituality of Catholic education, its focus on social justice and wellbeing of the community, in and outdoor sporting enrichment, respect, cultural diversity and values.

St Patricks is a wonderful school community of which my daughter and family feel welcome and a part of. This is important for my Husband and myself to ensure our daughter has a caring and fulfilling school life.

I like that it is a small school and in general the school community is friendly.

We have a strong connection to St. Pats and are grateful for the continued improvement of the school and the solid educational foundation offered to our kids by staff who care for their faith formation, their social development and also their academic learning.