



HUNTINGTOWER

2011 Annual Report

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This is the Annual Report for the 2011 school year. This report includes the following aspects:

Staff attendance

Staff retention

Expenditure and participation in teacher professional learning

Student attendance

Proportions of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 meeting national reading, writing and numeracy benchmarks

A summary of NAPLAN results

Value added – other than academic - (Co-curricular and other activities)

Senior Secondary outcomes (2011)

Student retention rate from Year 9 to 12

Student retention rate from Prep to Year 6

Post-school destinations (2011 – 2012)

Results of satisfaction survey distributed at the end of 2011.

Teacher Qualifications

Staff Retention and Attendance

In 2011, Huntingtower had 51 full and part time Secondary teachers, 12 full and part time Primary teachers and 9 support staff.

The staff retention rate is very good. At the end of 2011, we have one staff member retiring, one full time staff member leaving the profession and three part time teachers leaving for various reasons. This gives an overall staff retention rate of about 92%

The staff attendance was also exceptional with the average sick, bereavement and carer's leave taken per staff member being 1.8 days. (Award allowance is 18 days per annum)

The teacher qualifications will be found at the end of this report.

Student Attendance

The student attendance rate for 2011 was excellent being 95.50% in the Junior School and 97.43% in the Senior School.

Staff Professional Development

Our commitment to professional development for our staff saw everyone undertaking numerous activities including professional association conferences, international and national education conferences and specific developmental courses. Many internal professional development activities are held for staff.

Total expenditure on staff Professional development in 2011 was in the order of \$98,000. All staff work towards completion of the Harvard University's Teaching for Understanding framework.

Value Added

Huntingtower continues to provide opportunities for its students in many areas from music and sport, to debating and drama. It has a strong focus on values and character development.

Values

Huntingtower's values are based on the Christian Science religion in which we emphasise the spiritual nature of God and man. Man, being made in the image and likeness of God is an unlimited expression of all that God is. We therefore have very high expectations of all of our students and encourage them to throw off the shackles of limited thought. We emphasise "The Golden Rule" as a part of our student Welfare Policy and expect students to support and care for one another with kindness and respect. The expectation of good manners, politeness, good behaviour and supporting every student on their own learning journey pervades the school.



Music

In the Junior School, about 75% and in the Senior School, about 50% of the students learn a classical instrument such as violin, piano, cello, flute, brass instruments, etc.

In 2011 our musical groups performed in numerous eisteddfods winning first, second and third places for the Senior and Junior Orchestras, String Orchestras and various ensembles.

The Senior Chamber Choir won first place in the Waverley Eisteddfod.

Eisteddfod Results:

South Eastern Arts Festival

Three 1st prizes and two 2nd prizes as well as winning the Perpetual Trophy for the Most Outstanding Performance.

Boroondara Eisteddfod

One 1st Prize, two 2nd prizes and a third prize.

Waverley Eisteddfod

Four 1st Prizes, one 2nd and one 3rd prize.

The Camerata Gala Concert was a spectacular affair and was also an official farewell for David Fletcher to celebrate and thank him for his 29 years of service to Huntingtower.

Each year level has its own music concert to accommodate the musical talents of its many performers. In these concerts students play instruments such as violin, trumpet, trombone, piano, voice and acoustic guitar. Small and large ensemble concerts are also held.

The House Music competition develops leadership in the school by having student leaders train, guide and encourage the members of the houses to sing in the House choirs, perform in House Orchestras, ensembles and in solo events. Congratulations to the Music Department, House Music Captains and Heads of House for the outstanding performances we have heard.

Sport

The school maintains an excellent record in its sporting pursuits. We came fourth in the **First Division** of the EISM Athletics competition in 2011, came **First** in the **First division** of the Swimming Competition and came **First in the Central division** of the Cross Country competition. These competitions involve 22 schools which are broken up into three divisions in both swimming and athletics and two in Cross Country. The school also has compulsory weekly sport for students up to and including Year 12 as students are encouraged to get as rounded an education as they can. Team sport takes place during the week and many of these teams won their pennants as can be seen below.

The Sport Department is headed by Ms Jan Savage, who looks after weekly sport in both the Junior and Senior School and the Senior School Swimming Carnival, while Mr Peter Rees has looked after Senior School Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals. Ms Savage has been ably supported by Mrs Clapp, Mrs Swan, Mr Brown and Mr Parsons. Students in Years 5 and 6 play interschool sport in the JSSA.

EISM Sport Results - 2011 ***Central Division – Southern Conference***

SENIOR SPORT

Summer

(Southern Conference)

Boys

Cricket – 3rd

Volleyball A – 2nd

Volleyball B – 2nd

Tennis – 1st

Hockey – 1st

Girls

Softball – 4th

Volleyball A – 1st

Volleyball B – 3rd

Tennis – 2nd

Soccer – 4th

Semi Finals: Girls Volleyball A, Softball & Tennis, Boys Tennis, Hockey, Volleyball A & B

Premiers: Boys Tennis (3rd year), Boys Hockey

Runners Up: Girls Volleyball A, & Tennis, Boys Volleyball A & B

Winter

(Southern Conference)

Boys

Football – 3rd

Basketball – 1st

Soccer – 4th

Table Tennis – 1st

Girls

Hockey – 4th

Basketball – 2nd

Netball – 2nd

Table Tennis – 1st

Semi Finals: Girls Basketball, Netball & Table Tennis, Boys Basketball & Table Tennis

Premiers: Girls Table Tennis and Boys Table Tennis (4th year)

Runners Up: Girls Basketball and Boys Basketball

** Hockey (main draw Central) and Football (Div 3).*



YEAR 8/9 SPORT

Winter

(Southern conference)

Boys

Football – = 3rd
Basketball – 4th
Soccer – 3rd
Table Tennis – 3rd

Girls

Hockey – 2nd
Basketball – 3rd
Netball – 4th
Table Tennis – 5th

Runners Up: Girls Hockey

*Hockey (main draw Central) and Football (Div 3)

YEAR 8/9 SPORT

Summer

(Southern conference)

Boys

Cricket – 1st
Volleyball A – 5th
Volleyball B – 5th
Tennis – 1st
Hockey – 1st

Girls

Softball – 3rd
Volleyball A – 4th
Volleyball B – 6th
Tennis – 1st
Soccer – 5th

Runners up: Cricket; Girls Tennis

*Summer Sports played in Southern Conference except for Softball and Hockey.

YEAR 7 SPORT

Term 2

(14 teams in main draw)

Boys

Hockey – 3rd
Tennis – 13th

Girls

Basketball – 2nd
Soccer – = 6th

Term 3

(8 or 9 teams in main draw)

Boys

Football – = 3rd
Volleyball – 13th
Mixed Table Tennis – 7th

Girls

Hockey – = 2nd
Netball – = 4th

Term 4

(10 teams in main draw)

Boys

Basketball – 10th
Soccer – 5th
Mixed Table Tennis – 6th

Girls

Tennis – 1st
Volleyball – 11th

Year 7 Softball Tournament - Finalist

Year 7 Cricket Tournament – 3rd in Division

EISM Best Player Award in Finals - 2011

SENIOR SPORT

Summer

Girls Tennis: Aparna Attawa
Girls Volleyball A: Ying Xing Niu
Boys Tennis: Ivan Kiriakov
Boys Hockey: Michael Keating
Boys Volleyball A: Patrick Makris
Boys Volleyball B: Nicholas Urjadko

Winter

Girls Table Tennis – Lois Ma
Boys Table Tennis – Barry Vo
Girls Basketball – Meg Lyon
Boys Basketball – Hudson Anstee

YEAR 8/9 SPORT

Winter

Girls Hockey - Jasmine Bunting -Sylvivris

Summer

Boys Cricket – Oliver Gale
Girls Tennis – Christina Percival

EISM REPRESENTATIVES

Bareetu Aba-Bulgu – Hockey
Kaitlyn Carthew - Hockey
Gordon McLeod - Soccer
Sam Le Cerf - Football



EISM CARNIVALS

Swimming: Div 1 – 1st
Athletics : Div 1 – 4th
Cross Country: Central – 1st

STATE COMPETITIONS

Victorian All Schools Volleyball Competition
Senior Boys – 2nd

The Year 7 Sporting Competition does not have a ladder. It consists of a series of friendly matches.

Other activities

The Senior School put on a dramatic production of “Get Smart” this year which involved about 40 students. The Junior School production was “Snugglepote and Cuddlepie”. It involved every student in the Junior School from 4 Year-old Pre Prep to Year 6.

Our Debating teams took part in the Debating Association of Victoria Competition and our teams came equal first in three out of four divisions. The Year 12 team reached the semi-finals of the State Competition.

A Year 12 student won the “Plain English Speaking” competition and a student also won the speaking section of the Lions Youth of the Year Competition.

Other activities included Areobics (Mrs Clapp) the Book Club (Mrs Hamzi), Debating (Mrs Christenson), Public Speaking (Mrs Clarke), Dance (Mrs Dry), Drama (Mr Borbely), Choirs (Mrs Wilson and Miss R Bramble), Orchestras (Mrs Bramble), String Orchestras (Mrs Bramble), Concert Band (Mrs Bramble), Hockey Stix (Ms Savage), The Camerata Concert (Mrs Bramble), Huntingtower Heat Basketball (Ms Savage, Mrs Jenkin and the Parent Committee), Early Morning Swimming (Mrs Aden and Staff members), Athletics (Mr Rees and Staff Members) and Cross Country training (Mr Rees and Staff members), House Music and House Debating (Heads of House), Weekly sport (Ms Savage) which includes Footy, Cricket, Tennis, Soccer, Softball, Netball, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Hockey, Basketball and Aerobics; the Science Talent Search (Mrs Dove in the Senior School and Dr Tawia in the Junior School), Hosting Exchange students, trips to South Africa (Mrs Goddard, Mr Amos) The Duke of Edinburgh program (Mr Brown) had over 65 students involved. Students have now completed all levels of this award including Bronze, Silver and Gold. The students involved have completed numerous expeditions led by Mr Brown and accompanied by a number of other staff members. We are grateful to them all for the extra time and commitment this activity involves. Numerous students have attended Government House to receive their Gold award from the Governor of Victoria.

Character education

A strong focus on character and values development sees every Senior School student sign a pledge that they will not smoke, drink alcohol or take illegal drugs at any time while they are a student of the school until they graduate in Year 12. This applies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The school’s Welfare policy which was developed by a team consisting of both staff and students ensures the safety of all students and has contributed to the creation of a caring, supportive environment where students feel safe to be who they really are and to express their God-given abilities. In assemblies, classrooms and Mentor groups, the school’s values are discussed and developed. Groups will talk about relationships, reliability, support, service, helpfulness, thoughtfulness and many other virtues such as kindness, justice and determination. At Huntingtower our focus on “personal best” results in students always striving to achieve in all their activities.

Positive character and attitudes are developed throughout the Junior School, through assemblies and interaction with teachers.

Academic Outcomes

At the outset it is important to remember that Huntingtower is a non-selective school. Other than a few academic, general excellence and music scholarships, awarded in Years 7, 10 and 11, students are accepted if they choose to contribute to the particular values environment that we uphold and that we believe contributes to the outcomes our students achieve.



NAPLAN Tests

In 2011, students were tested in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 and did extremely well in the NAPLAN tests. This assessment includes reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The school median in all cases was well above the State median; usually by 1 to 2 year levels.

VCE Results

Once again we had a very good set of results. We achieved a median study score of 37 (out of 50) and had 36.6% of our results over 40. ***This placed us 2nd out of all schools in Victoria (including selective entry schools) based on median and percentage above 40, and FIRST out of all non-selective schools.***

Seven students achieved perfect scores; Two in Food Technology, one in Maths Methods, one in Further Maths, one in Media and two in Visual Communication. We received three Premier's Awards, one each in Food Technology, Visual Communication and Media. Once again this year we had a 100% pass rate and a 100% tertiary acceptance rate.

Summary of VCE results

2011			2010			2009		
% above 40	Median Study score	School Rank	% above 40	Median Study score	School Rank	% above 40	Median Study score	School Rank
36.6	37	2	30	37	5	21	35	30

The Median Study Grade was **A**

ENTER Scores

12% of ATAR scores were over 99

39% over 95

54% above 90

100% above 70;

The Median ATAR was 92.7

Tertiary Destinations

Monash 46%;

Deakin 12%;

RMIT 4%;

Aus Catholic 7%;

Swinburn 4%;

La Trobe 5%;

Melbourne 16%;

Others 4%

TAFE 3.5%

Retention Rate

The retention rate from Year 9 to 12 was 79%. There were 66 students enrolled in Year 9 in 2008 and of these, 52 were present in the Year 12 graduating class in 2011.

The retention rate from Year Prep to Year 6 was 70%. Of the 20 children who started in Prep, 14 were still present in Year 6 in 2011.

Health and the Environment

All Huntingtower staff complete a First Aid Course every three years to ensure currency.

Regular updates of epi-pen training (anaphylaxis), CPR, asthma etc, are completed.

As part of our new Multi-Sport and Aquatic Centre, we have installed a co-generation plant which will convert some of the energy used to heat the pool water and atmosphere back into electricity. This is one of only three of these plants operating in Victoria. This plant makes the Aquatic Centre virtually electrical energy neutral.



Annual Parental Survey (conducted at the end of 2011)

The annual parent survey results were as follows:

The response rate was about 30%. The results showed that what people most appreciate about the Huntingtower experience is the development of a very strong set of values, the school's reputation and also its music program. The result of the question around Sex and Drug Education, it is pleasing to see that the approval of this program is growing.

The Senior School percentage of responses which were in the "agree or strongly agree" category was over 87%, while 1.9% disagreed or strongly disagreed. Over 94% of our families would recommend the Senior School to others. Almost 96% felt that our Senior School has a good reputation in the community.

Our Junior School results were similarly pleasing. Over 92% of responses were in the "agree or strongly agree" category and only 0.85% of results were negative. The standards of behaviour, values and reputation were amongst the highest results as was the quality of music.

Huntingtower will continue to provide the best quality education it can. We believe that we are providing a values-rich, spiritually founded, well-rounded education which prepares children for the 21st Century.

Thank you for being a part of the journey.

Sholto Bowen

Principal



Huntingtower Academic Staff 2011

Principal

Mr S Bowen *BA(SocSc) TTHD MACE MACEL FAIM*

Vice Principal

Mr P Dry *MA HDE*

Senior School Staff

Mr P Amos *MEd GradDip InstDesign*

Mrs T Ardiyanti *BA*

Mr I Bachsinar *BA DipEd MA*

Ms J Barker *BA DipEd*

Ms M Beal (Head of House) *BA DipEd*

Mrs B Borbely *BA BEd*

Mr D Borbely *BA BEd*

Mrs L Bramble *BMus(HonsPerf) AMusA LMusA*

Miss M Bramble *BMus (Perf) BA DipEd AMusA LMusA*

Mr M Brown *BEd Dip Ed*

Mrs J Canny *MEd GradDipArts TITC*

Mrs C Cassidy *BEd*

Mrs S Christensen *BA(Hons) DipEd*

Mrs M Ciavarella *BSocSc (Librarianship)*

Mrs R Clarke *BA BEd*

Mr R Clifford *BCom TSTC*

Miss N Comiskey *BA Art Ed*

Miss C Craik *BA(Hons) Dip Ed*

Mrs Y David *BA(Vis Arts) BEd(Hons)*

Mr N Davies (VCE Co-ordinator) *BSc DipEd GDME*

Mrs J Dickson *BEd*

Ms P Dove *BSc(cum laude) GradDipEd*

Ms S Dry *Med (Literature)*

Mr D Fletcher *BFA(Crafts) DipIndArtsEd GradDipTechEd*

Mrs A Gale *BEd (Art) Adv.Cert Horticulture*

Mrs J Goddard *HDipEd (PE)*

Mrs F Gordon *BA Grad Dip Ed*

Miss D Greiveson (Director of Studies/Dean of Senior Students) *BA DipEd*

Mrs F Hamzi *HigherDipT(Sec)(Librarianship)*

Mr A Hill *MAppSc DipEd*

Mrs E Huddart *BSc GradDipEd Med (Curriculum Studies)*

Mrs J Irving *BEd*

Mr R Jenkin *BA T.P.T.C.*

Ms L Jonas – Head of House (Mather) *BA DipEd*

Mr R Jones *BA HDE BEd M Soc. Sc.*

Miss M Lawson (Middle School Co-ordinator) *MEd BEd SecPE GradDip Student Welfare*

Miss G Lim *BSc*

Ms D Lyrstis *BEd Dip Ed*

Mrs D Matthews *BA LLB Grad Dip Ed*

Mrs B Muller *BSc (Ed)*

Mrs M Myers *BSc(Hons) DipEd*

Mr C Newman *BCom MTeach*

Mr L Parsons *BA DipEd*

Mr P Rees (Head of House) *BEd GDT DipT GradDipCareers AACC MACE*

Mr J Rogers *BSc, DipEd and MEd*

Ms J Savage *BEd (EnvStud) GradCertEducation&Training DipCompEd*

Ms M Stevens *BSc Grad Dip Ed*

Mrs L Sutton *BMus(Ed)(Hons)*

Miss S Tieperman *BA BSc Grad Dip Ed*

Mrs J Tyquin *MEdStud*

Mr S Walkerden *BAgrSc MEdStud DipTertEd DipEd*

Mrs K Wiley *BA Dip Ed*



Junior School Staff

Head of Junior School

Miss D Greiveson *BA DipEd*

Ms H Aboulhosn *Dip in Children's Services*

Ms T Ardiyanti *BA*

Mrs L Bowen *BA LLB*

Mrs J Clapp *DipT(Prim) GradCertEarlyChildhood*

Mrs M Cole *BEd*

Mrs G Cutler *BA DipEd EC*

Mrs M Darling *BA DipEd MEd(Hons) DipEd(Psych)*

Mrs J Deubel *BA DipEd (Prim)*

Mrs R Jenkin *DipEd Grad Cert Spec Ed*

Mrs M Jones (Assistant Head of Junior School) *BA DipEd*

Mrs S Kouvelis *BEd Dip Prim*

Mrs A Kuhne *BA BTeach*

Mrs R Sinclair *BEd (Prim)*

Mrs S Swan (Junior School Curriculum Coordinator) *BEd MEdStud*

Dr S Tawia *PhD BSc(Hons) DipEd*

Mrs A Wilson *B. Mus.Ed Grad Cert in Orff Music Ed A.Mus.A.*

Huntingtower Playhouse

Mrs J Grimm *Dip Children's Services*

Mrs M Swallow *Dip Children's Services*

Boarding House Parents

Mr P Grimm *BA*

Mrs J Grimm *Dip Children's Services*

Student Welfare

Mrs V Close *BSW, Cert RT, Cert SF*

After School Care

Mrs S Cunningham *T.I.T.C.*



Senior School Survey Results for the 2011 Academic Year

Secondary 14 February 2012	Percentages					Percentage
	Strong agree	agree	ambivalent	disagree	Strong disagree	
The teachers have high expectations of their students	59.5	36.9	1.2	2.4	0.0	90.7
The teachers use the best available teaching strategies	36.0	44.2	18.6	1.2	0.0	83.0
The school provides sufficient feedback opportunities through reports and Parent Teacher interviews	38.8	51.8	7.1	2.4	0.0	85.4
The staff respond quickly to any concerns	43.0	44.2	10.5	2.3	0.0	85.6
The sports program meets my expectations	42.5	34.5	20.7	2.3	0.0	83.4
The teachers are approachable	55.2	40.2	3.4	1.1	0.0	89.9
The school demands high standards of behaviour	64.4	31.0	4.6	0.0	0.0	92.0
Huntingtower has a good reputation in the community	79.3	19.5	1.1	0.0	0.0	95.6
Huntingtower has a high quality music program	78.2	14.9	3.4	3.4	0.0	93.6
The school's administration staff are helpful and caring	69.0	25.3	5.7	0.0	0.0	92.6
Huntingtower provides a diverse and well-rounded curriculum	49.4	39.1	10.3	0.0	1.1	87.1
Huntingtower has an effective student welfare policy	40.5	35.7	20.2	3.6	0.0	82.6
The school gives students self confidence	57.0	37.2	5.8	0.0	0.0	90.2
The school provides students with adequate drug education	30.0	36.3	26.3	7.5	0.0	77.8
Sufficient Sex Education is provided through visiting experts, the school counselor and mentors	23.5	40.0	29.4	4.7	2.4	75.5
The uniform standards are appropriate	43.2	42.0	11.4	3.4	0.0	85.0
I approve of the leadership role that Ht has taken with new teaching and learning strategies such as TFU	39.8	42.2	18.1	0.0	0.0	84.3
I would recommend Huntingtower to others	77.0	17.2	5.7	0.0	0.0	94.3
My expectations of a good school have been met	72.1	23.3	3.5	1.2	0.0	93.3
I am happy with communication through online and hard copy bulletins	56.3	34.5	6.9	1.1	1.1	88.7
Subject advice to students meets my expectations (commences in Year 8)	27.3	37.7	32.5	1.3	1.3	77.7
Career advice to students meets my expectations (Career Ed officially commences in Year 10)	30.5	30.5	35.6	1.7	1.7	77.3
Huntingtower provides a good value for money education	47.1	40.2	10.3	2.3	0.0	86.4
Extracurricular activities provided meet my expectations	46.5	39.5	11.6	2.3	0.0	86.0
Huntingtower has high quality grounds and facilities	58.1	39.5	2.3	0.0	0.0	91.2
Huntingtower emphasizes and develops a positive set of values	70.1	27.6	2.3	0.0	0.0	93.6
Huntingtower provides a good grounding for my children	66.7	31.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	92.9
	52.4	34.7	11.1	1.6	0.3	87.2
	87.1% positive			1.9% negative		
	11.1% ambivalent					



