



St James Catholic College

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Students run on solar power

ST James Catholic College is striving to do its bit to help slow down global warming.

Head science teacher Steve Barrett explained this is why the school had installed six solar panels.

"We aim to reduce our bills, reduce our energy footprint and build a name for our environmental awareness," Mr Barrett said.

"Students will learn how to use the sun to make electricity and how to reduce our use of electricity."

"Students are also able to view the panels and electricity production from a computer monitor in the science lab."

The panels work by changing the sun's energy into useable electricity.

They cost \$50,000, which was provided by the Federal Government's Solar Schools Program.

They were installed as part of the P21 component of the Building Education Revolution and it means all classrooms will have easy access to the library, as well as being a focal point for our school.

This year has also seen several other major developments at the college.

The "Building the Education Revolution - Pride in Our Schools" project is allowing our Kindergarten children to have their own

separate, fenced playground and play equipment is due to be finished this term.

It has a cubby house and sand pit and there will be large shade cloths over the play areas.

A Trade Training Centre Building Grant is being used to upgrade our kitchen and workshop.

The kitchen benches will be made of stainless steel and brand new industrial gas ranges will be fitted.

The workshop will be upgraded to an industrial standard with a new pipe bending machine.

A new horticultural centre will be built in the school garden space and Grades 5-10 will make use of all those new facilities.

A new library and changes to the administration area have been approved for the main quadrangle and the school looks forward to the construction.

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St James College Grade 6 would like to thank to the Cygnet community for assisting us with this page. Thank you to all our sponsors.



ALTERNATIVE POWER: St James Catholic College has installed Solar Panels to help reduce bills and minimise their global footprint.

Helping others

OUTREACH is a major component of our learning at St James Catholic College. This year our SRC and St Vincent de Paul have been involved in raising \$2000 for "Bikes for Tanzania" and \$1600 for cancer research as well as helping Somalia, Indonesia and Standing up for World Poverty.

Let's dance

ONE of our traditions is the May Ball on the Friday before Mother's Day. Each year students from Kindergarten to Grade 10 spend weeks learning a variety of dances such as the barn dance, the Adelaide Two Step and the Palma Waltz.

Keeping fit

THIS year students have been able to take part in rock climbing, netball, tennis, badminton, judo, table tennis and gymnastics through the Federal Government's Active After School Communities program.

Grade 6 student Sonia said she really wanted to get more students involved in badminton so she asked the Cygnet Sports Centre if the school could use the facility. "Then we joined the Active After School Communities program," Sonia said. "Now we have about 12 kids coming. It is great fun."

School has a very proud history

ST James Catholic College is a Kindergarten to Grade 10 school at Cygnet in the Huon Valley.

Catholic schools have a long and proud tradition in Cygnet since the 1870s. The Sisters of St Joseph and the Christian Brothers both set up schools in the town and in 1972 they merged to

become St James Catholic College.

The school has about 300 enrolments and operates as three 'mini schools'. Kindergarten to Grade 4 makes up the Primary School, Grade 5-7 constitutes the Middle School and Grade 8-10 forms the Secondary School. The college is a

feeder school to Guilford Young College in Hobart.

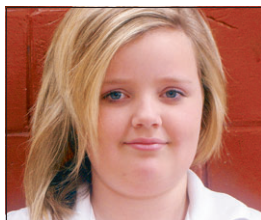
Keen always to keep at the front of best practice for students, St James has involved itself in the Carol Christiansen Whole School Literacy Program and is showing average reading age literacy improvements of two years.

School Talk

What do you think about the new school library planned for the quadrangle?



Corey, Grade 6: It is good because there will be more books to read.



Alarna, Grade 6: There will be more books to read and more for projects and history.



Toby, Grade 4: Not good because there will be less room for running around.



Justin, Grade 2: Good, because it's not so far to walk



Lucy, Grade 5: Its good for the little kids because it won't be so far for them to walk.



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