

PASTORAL CARE SURVEY

A student survey conducted in 2008 indicated some points of concern in the area of Pastoral Care. Five questions from this survey were posed again in 2009, some re-worded for clarification. The results indicated the following:

In general, students were feeling safer at school in 2009

Question: I feel safe when I am at school. (2009)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
27%	61%	11%	1%

This is a safe and secure school. (2008)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
33%	40%	16%	11%

Students felt that staff had higher expectations of their behaviour in 2009.

Question: This school has high expectations of student behaviour. (2009)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
29%	63%	8%	0%

This school has high expectations of student behaviour. (2008)

Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
29%	48%	18%	5%

Most students thought there was effective behaviour management in their classes in 2009.

Students felt their educational needs were better-catered-for in 2009, quoting Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) programs as highlights. These included Film-making, Art, Literacy and Numeracy.

20% of students felt unsafe some of the time on the way to and from school, indicating possible out-of-school bullying, fear of high-school students or traffic issues.

Students were also asked to indicate their opinion about the school and its programs in written responses. Their feedback follows:

What do you like best about your school?

- GATE (Gifted and Talented Education)
- Nice teachers
- Friendly people/Friends
- Sport
- Art



What is the worst thing about your school?

Bullies
Mean people
SunSmart hats

What special programs or activities would you like to see happening at school?

Music
Dance
Science
GATE Sport
Cooking
More sport



How could the school grounds be improved at your school?

More or better playground equipment
Bigger yard or oval
Plant more trees
No bullies

What type of GATE or special interest program would you like to be involved in?

Art
Movie-making
Maths
Literacy
Drama
Sport

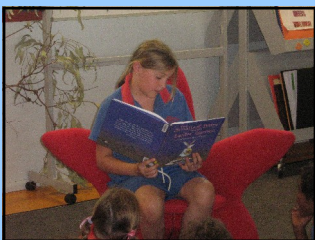


What kind of activities would you like to see offered at lunch times at school?

Art
Library
Computer room for study
Sport (soccer, netball, football, cricket, games, basketball, dodgeball, tee ball, tennis)

Any other comments?

(8 out of 23 comments were 'I like/love this school' or similar).



Overall the student responses in 2009 were far more encouraging than in previous years: This can be attributed to the work of staff in implementing the *Friendly Schools & Families* program within their classrooms, continuing to uphold the five keys of success of the *You Can Do It!* program and engaging in professional development in both *Classroom Management Strategies* (CMS) and the *Instructional Skills Program* (ISP).

To address remaining concerns, Tom Price Primary School staff will continue to undertake training in Classroom Management Skills and Instructional Strategies in 2010. We will continue to offer GATE programs in areas of Literacy and Numeracy for gifted and talented students. The school will also launch the *Friendly Schools & Families* program with the school community in Term 1 and begin small group lessons in *Rock and Water* (physical-social teaching) with students in Years 5-7. The *You Can Do It!* Program remains a focal part of Pastoral Care at the school and promotes students demonstrating skills in persistence, organisation, resilience, getting along with others and confidence.

