

# Council of International Schools

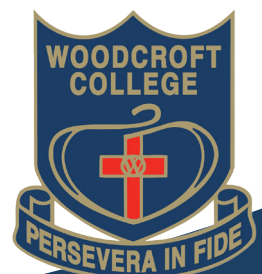
## *Tick of Approval*

### **MISSION**

*To provide students with an excellent, all-round education in a Christian environment.*

### **VISION**

*Woodcroft College aspires to be a vibrant, innovative learning community where students grow and develop in a cooperative, success-oriented learning environment; where staff work in a professional, collegial setting; and where parents are involved as active partners in their children's education.*



**The school has received a glowing endorsement from the Council of International Schools. The following is an excerpt from the conclusion to the Visitors' final report:**

Woodcroft College's Mission Statement is 'To provide students with an excellent all-round education in a Christian environment'.

It has been our privilege to review the school's progress since CIS accreditation was awarded in 2004. In conducting the review, we have considered CIS reports and school documents, interviewed staff and met with students and parents. The review has left us in no doubt that the school offers a very comprehensive academic and vocational curriculum, that the co-curricular program offers a wide range of activities centred around students' sporting and cultural interests and that each student is treated as a valued individual. The Mission Statement of Woodcroft College is being implemented on a daily basis.

It is not surprising that the parents and students interviewed by the Visitors were very supportive of their school. Both the parents and students spoke very positively about the quality of the staff and the Visitors endorse these comments.

The staff is clearly very talented, dedicated and willing to make extra efforts on behalf of the students. There is a very good atmosphere of student-staff relationships and both students and staff are focussed on high quality learning. The leadership of the Principal, who has been responsible for the school since 1990, is outstanding.

The students interviewed by the Visitors were open and thoughtful in their comments and they are obviously very proud of their school – and rightly so. The students were articulate, confident and fine ambassadors for their school.

The Visitors were impressed by the facilities development at Woodcroft College in the five years since the Team Visit. The new facilities will support and enhance the excellent teaching and learning that is being achieved at Woodcroft College.

There are a few key areas that the Visitors would encourage the school to focus on as it moves towards its Ten Year Report and Visit:

- Schools across Australia, including Woodcroft College are facing the challenge of implementing a host of whole of school curriculum initiatives. The initiatives include literacy and numeracy across the curriculum, the use of data as a tool to improve teaching and learning and the integration of ICTs. These initiatives are significant and will impact on all teachers and for some teachers this may require a re-conceptualisation of their role. The initiatives will require considerable professional development and will also impact on school facilities.

The Visitors suggest that Woodcroft College clearly defines the leadership / management responsibilities for staff charged with the implementation of these initiatives. Further, the Visitors suggest that consideration be given to appointing a suitably qualified person to lead these whole of school curriculum initiatives.

1. The Visitors suggest that the continuum of learning across the Years 5/6, which has been identified throughout the review, be addressed.
2. The Visitors suggest that Pastoral Care be defined and suitable learning experiences documented.
3. The Visitors suggest that the full development of the Synergetic be a high priority.

Woodcroft College has embraced the process of implementing the recommendations of the Visiting Team and it is clear that the goal of school improvement, which is the basis of the accreditation process, has already brought great benefits to the school. The Visitors are confident that this will continue as Woodcroft College moves towards its Ten Year Self Evaluation and Team Visit.

The Visitors offer their very best wishes for the future success of the school as it continues to offer its outstanding, high quality Programs.