Principal’s foreword

Introduction

This Annual Report is designed to outline Boyne Island State School’s priorities, successes, performance and achievements and provide an accurate understanding regarding all aspects of the school. This document is updated on an annual basis and is used to directly inform the school’s four year School Strategic Plan and annual strategic planning through its Annual Improvement Plan. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a paper copy of our school’s annual report.

School progress towards its goals in 2014

Priorities as identified in the School Annual Operation Plan 2014

- Improve school performance
  - Eighty two percent (82%) of students were at or above Year level expectations for their reading age
  - Students in Year 3,5 & 7 were at or above the Nation in 44 out of 45 indicators for Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy in National Testing (NAPLAN)
- Australian Curriculum implementation
  - National curriculum introduced.
  - School wide literacy programs in reading, writing and spelling
- Implement whole school pedagogical practices
  - Focussed lessons being clear and explicit about what was to be learned and assessed
  - Students engaged with their learning goals
- Develop productive partnerships with students, staff, parents, and the community
  - Responsible Behaviour Plan implemented with high rates of student satisfaction continued
- Develop instructional leadership with a focus on workforce performance
  - Collegial learning utilised amongst teaching staff to develop capacity and improve consistency
- Using data to inform teaching practice
  - Data systematically collected and inform teaching adjustments for students
- Plan to transition Year 7 to High school

Future outlook

The school was selected to become an Independent Public School in 2015.

The emerging priorities identified in the 2015 Annual Implementation Plan.

- Successful Learners
- Great people
- High Standards
- Engaged Partners
Our school at a glance

School Profile

Coeducational or single sex: Coeducational

Year levels offered in 2014: Prep Year - Year 6

Total student enrolments for this school:

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<th>Total</th>
<th>Girls</th>
<th>Boys</th>
<th>Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)</th>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>326</td>
<td>149</td>
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<td>2013</td>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>359</td>
<td>171</td>
<td>188</td>
<td>91%</td>
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Student counts are based on the Census (August) enrolment collection.

Characteristics of the student body:

The student body is not a very diverse group of students. Most families work for the industries in the Gladstone area.

Average class sizes

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<td>Prep – Year 3</td>
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<td>Year 4 – Year 7 Primary</td>
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<td>22</td>
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<td>Year 7 Secondary – Year 10</td>
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School Disciplinary Absences

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<th>Disciplinary Absences</th>
<th>Count of Incidents</th>
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<td>Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days</td>
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<td>Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days</td>
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<td>Exclusions*</td>
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<td>Cancellations of Enrolment</td>
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* Exclusion is an abbreviated title which reflects suspensions with recommendations for exclusion, which may result in an exclusion or be set aside through an appeals process.

* Caution should be used when comparing 2014 data with previous years SDA data as amendments to the disciplinary provisions in the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006, passed in late 2013, created a time series break.
Curriculum offerings

Our distinctive curriculum offerings

• Undertake reading, writing (CAFÉ), spelling (Words Their Way) and Numeracy as Daily 5 Literacy and numeracy work.
• ICT programs to practice of work at level. Prep to Year 6 as desired or completed. Lexia, Mathletics and Raz Reading — available on-line for home reading program
• Play first eat second at lunch breaks. Whole school fruit break at 10am
• Differentiation of support provided to whole class for reading, writing, spelling and numeracy with human resources scheduled to support ALL classes and ALL students.
• Inclusive education—all students are catered within the class setting.
• Swimming Program: Term 4 (Swim caps compulsory)
• Gifted and Talented Programs incorporating Honours—Year 3 onwards. Need at least a ‘B’ on report. Students select 5 independent learning tasks to undertake
• Environmental Education focus, Earth Smart and ‘Green and Healthy’ initiatives
• An active Student Leadership Program that encourages all Senior School students to take an active role in their schooling. School Leaders take an active part in each Friday’s whole school assembly.
• ‘You Can Do It!’ Program to develop student capacities in the five key areas of success, resilience, persistence, organisation and getting along to improve self-esteem and school and life success

Extra curricula activities

• Smilie Pushcart and Optiminds and other activities are choices to students and allocated according to demand.
• Instrumental Music— Strings Year 4–6 and Brass Woodwind and Percussion Year 4 - 6
• Extended Learning Program—1 day at various District schools in differing learning areas
• Interschool Sport – Boys & Girls Soccer, Rugby League, AFL, Softball, Netball, Touch, Volleyball. From Year 5 onwards, Year 4 if talented in the sport. Active student sport representation across the school, cluster, district and region
• Representative Sport through Port Curtis and Capricornia
• Student Council & Captains
• Green & Healthy Club– Year 3 to 6
• Library Monitors Yr 5-6
• National Academic Competitions—Year 3 to 6
• Move It Groove It – Before School activity program in winter
• Vocal Club (Choir) Year 2-6 and Instrumental Group (Yr 3)

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning

• Learning software accessed at school and home for literacy and numeracy ie. Mathletics and Lexia
• Email and Internet access
• Project based web research
• Weekly class access provided via three Computer Learning Centres.
• Mentors to build staff ICT capacity
• Digital imaging and video capturing
• Online reporting using OneSchool portal
• Interactive and electronic whiteboards in every classroom
• Direct curriculum integration of a range of generic software applications scaffolded and sequenced across the school (e.g.; Microsoft PowerPoint, Excel, Word, Publisher)
• ICT’s are an integrated expression tool within all teachers’ curriculum planning. Each teacher has a laptop to support curriculum purposes

Social Climate

• Consistent school wide focus on proactive Behaviour Management, incorporating the ‘You Can Do It!’ Program to build individually on student self-esteem with the five ‘keys to success’ of Resilience, Persistence, Confidence, Organisation and Getting Along.
• There is an proactive response to bullying including a student reporting system using a ‘BOB’ – ‘Ban on Bullying’ Box in the library and an annual bullying survey of all Year 4 to 7 students. Parents are updated annually on the anti-bully policy within the school.
• Active inclusive practices that supports and extends students requiring assistance
• Celebration of student, staff and parent achievements through weekly classroom Awards
• Ongoing displays in Administration Foyer and other venues within community
• Student/Parent access to Guidance Officer
• Staff access to Employee Adviser
• 100% of parents are satisfied that school expects child to do his or her best
## Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school

### Performance measure

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<td>their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)</td>
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<td>this is a good school (S2035)</td>
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<td>their child likes being at this school* (S2001)</td>
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<td>their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)</td>
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<td>student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)</td>
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<td>this school is well maintained* (S2014)</td>
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<td>they like being at their school* (S2036)</td>
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<td>they feel safe at their school* (S2037)</td>
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<td>their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038)</td>
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<td>their teachers expect them to do their best* (S2039)</td>
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<td>their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work* (S2040)</td>
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<td>teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041)</td>
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<td>they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042)</td>
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<td>their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043)</td>
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<td>their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045)</td>
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<td>their school is well maintained* (S2046)</td>
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<td>their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047)</td>
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Performance measure

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<td>they enjoy working at their school (S2069)</td>
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<td>they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)</td>
<td>97%</td>
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<td>students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>100%</td>
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<td>students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)</td>
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<td>student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)</td>
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<td>staff are well supported at their school (S2075)</td>
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<td>their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)</td>
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<td>their school is well maintained (S2078)</td>
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<td>their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)</td>
<td>100%</td>
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* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items were incorporated in the School Opinion Survey in 2012.

# ‘Agree’ represents the percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement. Due to a major redevelopment of the surveys (parent/caregiver and student in 2012; staff in 2013), comparisons with results from previous years are not recommended.

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Involving parents in their child’s education

- A Parent and Citizen Committee which operates Tuckshop and Uniform Shop
- An ‘open door’ policy promotes honest, two way communications and feedback
- School and Classroom Volunteer programs including Reading/Maths Groups, Art and Craft, Religious Education, Sports coaching, excursion and camp supervision
- Regular information dispersal via the class email loop, school Newsletter, Website, parent/carer nights and interviews, school sign, focused parent forums on school and curriculum related topics, and the distribution of special information fliers
- Input sought into decision making processes, policy feedback
- Invitations to celebratory school and classroom events including end of unit celebrations, Induction and Graduation ceremonies, Anzac Day Commemoration Service

Reducing the school’s environmental footprint

School is ‘EarthSmart’ with strategies to reduce waste, electricity use and improve habitat. All toilets are converted to dual flush. Efficient use of air conditioners is promoted. A waste audit was conducted in partnership with Gladstone Regional Council. The student ‘Green and Healthy’ team promoted a weekly litter free lunch and litter reduction campaign.

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<th>Environmental footprint indicators</th>
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The consumption data is compiled from sources including ERM, Ergon reports and utilities data entered into OneSchool by each school. The data provides an indication of the consumption trend in each of the utility categories which impact on the school’s environmental footprint.
Our staff profile

Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

<table>
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<th>2014 Workforce Composition</th>
<th>Teaching Staff*</th>
<th>Non-teaching Staff</th>
<th>Indigenous Staff</th>
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<td>Headcounts</td>
<td>25</td>
<td>14</td>
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<td>Full-time equivalents</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>9</td>
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Qualification of all teachers

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<th>Highest level of attainment</th>
<th>Number of Teaching Staff *</th>
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<td>Certificate</td>
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<td>Diploma</td>
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<td>Masters</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>25</td>
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*Teaching staff includes School Leaders
**Graduate Diploma etc. includes Graduate Diploma, Bachelor Honours Degree, and Graduate Certificate.

Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2014 were $12,405.25.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- Explicit Instruction
- Profiling for Essential Skills of Behaviour
- Literacy and Numeracy
- Spelling ‘Words Their Way’
- National Curriculum preparations
- Mentoring and Coaching

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2014 was 100%.

Average staff attendance

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<tr>
<td>Staff attendance</td>
<td>98%</td>
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Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 90% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2014 school year.
School income broken down by funding source

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School financial information is available by selecting ‘School finances’ in the menu box in the top left corner of the school’s entry webpage. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a paper copy of income by funding source.
Performance of our students

Key student outcomes

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<th>Student attendance</th>
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<td>The overall attendance rate for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).</td>
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The overall attendance rate in 2014 for all Queensland Primary schools was 92%.

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<th>Student attendance rate for each year level (shown as a percentage)</th>
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Student attendance distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range.

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<th>Attendance Rate:</th>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>7</td>
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<td>2013</td>
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<td>*2013</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>13</td>
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*The method for calculating attendance changed in 2013 – care should be taken when comparing data after 2012 to that of previous years.

Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the DETE policies, SMS-PR-029: Managing Student Absences and SMS-PR-036: Roll Marking in State Schools, which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

Roll marking occurs twice a day electronically, morning and afternoon. Absences, without parental or carer notification, are followed up each Term, by letter, seeking explanation. Unexplained absences of more than three days are referred to administration for investigation.

Students in Year 4-7 have attendance as one criteria of the Recognition Reward scheme each Term.
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results – our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7, and 9.

Our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are available via the My School website at [http://www.myschool.edu.au/](http://www.myschool.edu.au/).

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**Achievement – Closing the Gap**

- **Enrolment** - Indigenous 24  Non-Indigenous 335
- **Attendance** - Indigenous 92.7%  Non-Indigenous 93%
- **Attainment** - Less than 5 rule prevents reporting on individual year levels