

SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: Term 2 2017

School number: 0467

School name: Warooka Primary School

Warooka Primary School, situated at the 'foot' of Yorke Peninsula, has a strong commitment to providing a wide range of relevant learning experiences for students.

A cornerstone of the school is the strong family atmosphere, stemming from being a School Based Preschool to Year 7 School, catering for approximately 100 students from 3 to 13 years of age.

There is a strong emphasis on student voice, with all students being encouraged to help in leading their school, from ideas for improvements in administration and class structures through to negotiating their learning.

Students have increasing access to a wide range of 21st century learning tools, including cameras, tablets, laptops and data projectors, which they use daily in their learning activities. The school also has excellent video / film production facilities.

1. General information

Part A

School name : WAROOKA PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Partnership : Southern Yorke ECD Local Partnership
Road distance from GPO : 225 kms
School Based Preschool attached: YES

February FTE Enrolment		2014	2015	2016	2017
School Based Preschool		14	12	8	15
Primary	Reception	12	13	12	8
	Year 1	9	12	13	9
	Year 2	15	9	12	14
	Year 3	10	15	9	13
	Year 4	11	10	15	10
	Year 5	10	11	10	10
	Year 6	8	10	11	9
	Year 7	10	8	10	9
Total [Primary]		85	88	92	82
School Card (Persons) T1 2017	10				
NESB Total (Persons)	1				
Born O/S & in Aust less than 1 yr (Persons)	0				
Aboriginal FTE Enrolment	7				

Part B

- Deputy Principal
: Nil
- Staffing numbers (2017)
7.2 FTE teachers (2 male, 8 female), 126 hours per week of SSO time (4 female) & 8 hours per week grounds support (1 male).
- OSHC
: Nil
- Enrolment trends
: Maintaining current numbers.
- Year of opening
: 1879
- Public transport access
: No local public transport.

2. Students (and their welfare)

- General characteristics
The School Based Preschool (SBP) is an integral part of the school and appears as just another classroom. There is a very strong culture of caring, cooperation and integration of all students across SBP to Year 7. Students from all ages are likely to be found playing in the sandpit, on the equipment, the oval, in the resource centre or in the gymnasium.
The students are in 5 classes: SBP, Reception/Year 1, Year 2/3, Year 4/5 and Year 6/7.
To extend student interaction across the school, formal activities are organised which focus on fostering co-operation and interaction across SBP – 7.
Many students (approx 85%) travel via bus to attend school via one of the 3 bus routes (Marion Bay, Corny Point and Point Turton).
- (Pastoral) Care programs
: Nil
- Support offered
: Nil
- Student management
: Common whole school expectations have been developed; this is strongly supported by parents. A continuing focus is the maintenance of programmes to acknowledge 'positive' behaviours.

3. Key School Policies

- Site Priorities
We are working together to challenge and stretch learners to increase learning growth and engagement in literacy and numeracy.

4. Curriculum

- Subject offerings
: Australian Curriculum is used for teaching and learning.
Early intervention and support is a priority for the Early Years while the adoption of more 'middle schooling methodologies' is a key priority for the middle / upper primary staff.
Extensive 'transition' occurs between the SBP and Reception classes with a weekly shared learning program.
- Open Access
: Nil
- Special needs

: Intervention and support programmes for identified students.

- **Special curriculum features**

Additional support programs (including for Students with Disabilities) are provided in a range of ways across the whole school.

Learning technologies is a priority for the school with ongoing support provided for class teachers.

Laptops (Apple) and ipads are available for student use.

Each primary class also has networked machines.

Staff are encouraged and supported to update their skills. Each staff member is allocated a laptop (Apple) for their use.

The Resource Centre uses the Bookmark system.

Language (Spanish) is taught across Reception to Year 7.

Whole school assemblies are held (usually twice a term) with students from each class, in turn, acting as hosts.

- **Assessment procedures and reporting**

For preschool children, goal-setting conversations are held with families early in Term 1, and written statements of learning are provided at the end of Term 4.

For primary students, parent-teacher interviews are held near the end of Term 1, and written reports are provided at the end of Terms 2 and 4.

- **Joint programmes**

: Occasional joint student programmes are held with local schools such as Yorketown Area School and St Columba's Memorial School. This includes arts performances and environmental education initiatives.

An expanding Year 7 – Year 8 transition program occurs between Warooka Primary School and Yorketown Area School.

5. Sporting Activities

- Students access and participate in school sporting activities including clinics, competitions and SAPSASA.
- Various sports are offered by local clubs such as basketball, football, tennis, cricket, lawn bowls, golf, table tennis, netball, Little Athletics and hockey.
- S.Y.P. Combined Schools Sports Day and Warooka Sports Day take place annually around March. The Warooka day focusses on participation & enjoyment for all.
- Many students undertake informal 'recreational' activities associated with water sports (eg surfing) as well as a range of dance and drama activities.

6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

- A strong commitment to the Sporting Schools program exists at Warooka, inclusive of students from SBP – Year 7.

7. Staff (and their welfare)

- Staff profile
 - : Some staff members tend to remain at the school on a long term basis.
 - In recent years a number of contract positions have existed at Warooka Schools.
 - Team work and shared leadership is encouraged, supported and prevalent.
- Leadership structure
 - : The principal is responsible for the leadership of both the primary school and SBP.
 - A SBP teacher takes on the role of leading and managing many aspects of the SBP.

 - The principal is supported by the Personnel Advisory Committee.
- Performance and Development
 - : The principal has responsibility for the school's performance and development program.
 - Performance and development conversations occur between staff members and the principal, and all staff members are expected to develop a performance and development plan. Staff members are encouraged to 'manage up'.
- Access to special staff
 - : On a needs basis, usually from the Kadina Education Office.

8. Incentives, support and award conditions for Staff

- Isolation placement points
 - : 3.5
- Cooling for school buildings
 - : Refer to School Facilities section below.
- Cash in lieu of removal allowance
 - : Yes
- Medical and dental treatment expenses
 - : Some assistance with travel under the Non-Metro Award.
- Relocation assistance
 - : as per DECD Policy
- Principal's telephone costs
 - : Principal is entitled to reimbursement of the cost of basic rental and official calls.

9. School Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
 - : Two stone buildings, one utilised as the administration block with offices, staffroom, etc. and the other utilised as the student resource centre.
 - Four timber buildings utilised as classrooms: the School Based Preschool, a three-classroom 'open space' Reception – Year 3 area, a single classroom used for the Year 4/5 class, a double classroom used for the Year 6/7 class.
 - A full size gymnasium was constructed in 2011.
- Cooling
 - : All classrooms, the resource centre and the admin/staff/community area have reverse cycle airconditioners.
- Student facilities
 - : Classrooms and the SBP building are carpeted and air-conditioned.
- Staff facilities
 - : The staff facilities are comfortable with adequate work areas and access to teacher preparation areas.
- Access for students and staff with disabilities

- : Access is available for staff and students with disabilities with ramps to several buildings and a toilet.
- Access to bus transport
 - : The school is serviced by 3 bus runs that originate from Marion Bay, Corny Point and Point Turton. Privately owned buses are available to hire for daily excursions.
- Other
 - : The SBP provides a service for pre-school students and presently operates 2 days in the 'odd' school weeks (Tuesday and Thursday) and 3 days in the 'even' school weeks (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

10. School Operations

- Decision making structures
 - Effective communication, participative decision making, delegated responsibility and shared leadership are features of the school's organisation structures.
 - : Governing Council has two sub-committees: Finance and Grounds. These Committees are comprised of parents and staff members. Committees report to Governing Council regularly. Staff Representatives are on all committees, and reports are available to all staff members.
 - Whole staff meetings and SBP staff meetings are each held weekly for organisational and professional learning discussions.
- Regular publications
 - : Fortnightly newsletter that includes some community items, Parent Information Handbook and Staff Induction Folder.
- Other communication
 - : Parents and Friends meet once per month.
- School financial position
 - : The school has been in a sound position for a number of years.

11. Local Community

- General characteristics
 - : The community comprises primarily farming families, fishing families, fly in - fly out workers, and families who have employment in local businesses, some self-employed. The community has four major 'hubs': families who live at or associate with Marion Bay, Corny Point, Point Turton and Warooka. The largest percentage of students comes from the Marion Bay region, with relatively few families actually living in the Warooka township.
- Parent and community involvement
 - : Parents are involved in the school in a range of ways from classroom support and participation on various committees through to assisting with school programs such as sports coaching.
- Feeder schools
 - : Warooka Primary School has a School Based Preschool and children make the transition to the R-7 section of the school according to "Same First Day" regulations after an excellent transition program. Children from Warooka Primary School usually transfer to the Yorketown Area School for secondary education (21km by bus from Warooka).
- Other local care and educational facilities
 - : Local playcentres operate once a week at both Corny Point and Marion Bay.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
 - : One IGA store, hairdresser, pharmacy, hardware, plumber, refrigeration & air conditioning service, garage, butcher, hotel, post office, electronics repairer, and local council office.
 - Medical services and a hospital are situated at Yorketown, and medical services at Minlaton.
 - More extensive shopping is available in Yorketown and Minlaton.
- Other local facilities

: Town oval complex includes football/cricket oval and clubhouse, bowling green and clubhouse, tennis / netball and basketball courts and clubhouse, public playground and BBQ area, and 18-hole golf course and clubhouse.

Town Hall and doctor's consulting rooms.

Uniting, Anglican and Catholic churches.

- Availability of staff housing

: There is no government housing available locally, with the nearest located in Yorketown or Minlaton. Limited private rental is available.

- Local Government body

: Yorke Peninsula Council