



# Two Wells Primary School

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**Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Persistence**

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## SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

**Date:** May 2017

**School number:** 0444

**School:** Two Wells Primary School

Two Wells Primary School is located in a semi-rural area, within commuting distance of Adelaide. The school strives for excellence and is committed to promoting the school values of respect, persistence and responsibility. We have a strong focus on Positive Education and wellbeing.

The school has an emphasis on Reception to Year 7 Literacy and Numeracy Programs that are complimented by the Australian Curriculum as well as specialist teaching in Physical Education, Science, The Arts and Japanese. Support programs exist for Aboriginal students and students with disabilities, including intervention for those with learning difficulties, Speech programs, ASD, Dyslexia etc. Jolly Phonics/Jolly Grammar is used across the school from Reception to Year 5. MultLIT and MiniLit are also used as a strategy to support reading improvement in the junior and middle primary with SSOs providing intense support for identified students. The Numeracy Coordinator also supports teachers to identify students struggling with maths, providing intervention as well as classroom differentiation strategies.

Continuous improvement in student learning outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy are priorities, with the appointment of a Literacy and Numeracy Coordinator in 2015 to support our work in these areas. We are currently implementing the work of Sheena Cameron and Stephan Graham regarding explicit teaching strategies to improve writing, and reading comprehension. Teaching staff are also focusing on Numeracy pedagogy in relation to the work of Jo Boaler (Mathematical Mindsets), and the strategies of Ann Baker and Tierney Kennedy.

The school has one computer room as well as 30 portable devices to be used in classrooms. Other features include interactive whiteboards as well as the phasing in of Smart TV's in some classrooms. Students also have access to other equipment such as flip and digital cameras, document cameras, Ipads, laptops etc.

A wide variety of extra-curricular opportunities are provided, including 'Festival of Music' - School Choir, District, SAPSASA and sports clinics. An extensive range of lunchtime activities are also provided as an alternative to yard play, including gardening, computers, library, craft etc.

The school encourages the involvement of parents and caregivers in classroom programs and extra-curricular activities. Opportunities are provided for parents to attend workshops related to student learning in the areas of Phonics and Numeracy.



## GENERAL INFORMATION

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**Partnership** Greater Gawler

**Category of Disadvantage** Category 3

**Geographical location** 45 minute drive north of Adelaide City centre, **30** minutes from Gepps Cross

## ENROLMENT TRENDS

The school opened on the present campus in 1979 with an enrolment of 260 students. This increased steadily, peaking at 500 in 1995. Currently enrolment stands at 341 students R-7.

Enrolments fluctuate yearly. In the last 5 years, enrolments have fluctuated between 300-380 students. We are seeing a growth in enrolments this year due to housing development in the local area. However we do have a level of transience. Already this year we have seen 18 additional enrolments with another 11 families leaving the school (this 11 includes some of the new families).

### Enrolments:

<b>2017</b>	<b>341</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>330</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>320</b>

### Specific Population Enrolment:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>ATSI</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Disabilities</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>School Card</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>GOM</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>



## General characteristics:

School **ICSEA** value 969  
Average **ICSEA** value 1000

	Bottom quarter	Middle quarters		Top quarter
School distribution	42%	35%	20%	3%
Australian distribution	25%	25%	25%	25%

*Percentages are rounded and may not add up to 100*

\*Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage (**ICSEA**) is a special measure that enables meaningful and fair comparisons to be made across schools. For more information visit [myschool.edu.au](http://myschool.edu.au)

## Staffing Numbers

1 Principal

1 Deputy

1 Counsellor

16 teaching staff

9 non-teaching (SSOs, ACEO, CPSW, Grounds)

## Special site arrangements

Many students travel to Two Wells Primary School via four school bus runs. We currently have two DECD buses and two contracted buses (LinkSA and Farnham Roadlines). Students must live 5km or more away from the school to be eligible for DECD bus transport.

The Two Wells Community Children's Centre is located next to the school (far side of the oval). This year we continue to work with the Director and preschool staff as part of the ECHO project. This will better support the transition of supports from the preschool to school setting. As well we have established a timetable for Preschool students to visit the school on a weekly basis and participate in activities such as library, CLIP (Creative Learning in Play) etc.

## STUDENTS AND THEIR WELFARE

### Student well-being

Wellbeing is a high priority in the school. Positive Education is a focus with teaching staff incorporating Character Strengths, Mindsets, Mindfulness and Kimochis into daily classroom routines and programs. Wellbeing programs including Child Protection Curriculum, Relationships and Sexual Health, Student Voice operate across classes Reception to Year 7. A School Counsellor and Pastoral Support Worker support wellbeing programs.

### Student Management

Student Behaviour Management includes agreed whole school expectations, negotiated classroom rules and consequences. Agreed practices for the yard include school rules and consequences for inappropriate behaviour with a focus on restorative processes. The Leadership team including a Counsellor support staff and students.



## **Feeder schools**

Two Wells Primary School is a feeder school for Gawler District College. Some parents opt to use a private bus service to have their children attend Balaklava High School. A number of students also attend local non-government schools.

## **Sporting Activities**

Students participate in a wide variety of sports including SAPSASA. Coaching clinics are regularly held. Reception to Year 5 students participate in the DECD Swimming Program at the Gawler Outdoor Swimming Centre. Year 6-7 students attend an Aquatics Program at West Lakes. A whole school Sports Day is held annually.

## **Other activities**

Grandparents Day

Sports Day

School Choir (Festival of Music)

Whole school assemblies

Book Week including Book Parade

Science Week

End of year carols night

R-5 Swimming

Year 6/7 Aquatics

Year 7 Graduation Night

Harmony/Bullying No Way Day.

Reconciliation Week.

Gardening Program

## **KEY SCHOOL POLICIES**

Policies are updated regularly and approved by the Governing Council. WHS is a priority and a WHS Committee operates in the school. DIAF is an integral part of School Operations. The School underwent a successful School Review in 2014. Staff have access to school policies via the curriculum network Staff Share folder.

## **CURRICULUM**

Physical Education, The Arts, Japanese and Science are currently being taught as Non Instruction Time subjects.

A focus on effective numeracy pedagogy including problem solving is supported by our Learning Coordinator from Reception to year seven using the Numeracy proficiencies as well as the pedagogy of Ann Baker, Tierney Kennedy and Jo Boaler. Explicit Teaching of Reading and Writing is taught in a daily literacy block using the Gradual Release of Responsibility Model.

Excursions are held regularly. Camps are held at the discretion of the teacher. Daily Fitness Programmes operate in all classes.

An abundance of teaching resources and concrete materials are available.



## **Open Access**

NIL

## **Special curriculum features**

ICT will be boosted in 2017 with the addition of well needed resources being made available in classrooms. The school is cabled to connect all parts of the school to the main server.

We are being funding for a STEM building this year which will enhance our existing focus in Science and Maths.

## **Special Needs**

Groups of students are identified annually for extra support. This is provided through adapted programming and additional SSO support. Students with disabilities are supported and NEPS are updated regularly. The Preschool – School Transition Program is organised as part of the school's Early Years Strategy.

Intervention in the JP years aims at the early detection of learning difficulties. Jolly Phonics is used by all JP classes as an aspect of phonics development.

Intervention is a priority in the school to support student learning in Numeracy and Literacy.

## **Student assessment procedures and reporting**

- Standardised tests
- NAPLAN Tests
- PAT R and PAT Maths assessments
- Big Ideas in Number Diagnostic assessments
- University of NSW Competitions.
- Parent /Teacher Interviews (Term 1 and 3)
- Written Reports (Terms 2 and 4)
- Informal interviews available on request from parents/teachers

## **STAFF (AND THEIR WELFARE)**

### **Staff profile**

Two Wells Primary School has 13 classroom teachers, 4 specialist teachers and 5 permanent non-teaching staff with a range of experience. Casual non-teaching staff are employed on a needs basis. There is limited turn over with only four classroom contracts in 2017. A number of teachers are on Step 9.

### **Leadership structure**

Leadership team - Principal, Deputy, Counsellor, Literacy and Numeracy Co-ordinator.

### **Performance Development**

All staff participate in Performance Development processes.

### **Access to special staff**

Regular support provided by Regional Office personnel - Speech Pathologist, Guidance Officer, Behaviour Support Team, Hearing Consultant, Disability Coordinator etc. Other agencies are available on a needs basis such as CAMHS, Relationships Australia, counselling services, NACYS etc.



## **Staff facilities**

All Staff have access to computing facilities in their classrooms, staffroom and a computer room. Staff also have access to electronic whiteboards. All staff have an email address with easy access to this and the world wide web.

Ramp access to buildings, including staff/visitors car park.

## **Other**

SSO time is allocated to support the identified school priorities of literacy and numeracy improvement as well as students with specific disabilities and learning needs.

## **SCHOOL FACILITIES**

### **Buildings and grounds**

Grounds: 4.046 hectares – Hockey/ Soccer field and Football oval, Tennis/Netball Court, Basketball Court. Gardens etc

A new Gym and Library were constructed as part of BER initiatives in 2010.

Assembly/General Purpose Hall

Canteen

DEMAC teacher units, carpeted and air conditioned. Each DEMAC has 3/4 size withdrawal room, teacher prep room, wet/cooking area and phone.

Two wooden blocks of 4 and 3 rooms - carpeted and air conditioned.

Administration area which has undergone some remodelling and is fully air conditioned.

The exterior of the school was repainted in 2010 with some minor landscaping. There are currently a number of projects underway to enhance the grounds including student gardening programs and an additional play space.

### **Specialist facilities**

A Gym and a Resource Centre with a Computer Room were constructed in 2010. The Library is fully automated (Bookmark). A multipurpose hall is also available. A STEM building is also planned for 2017.

## **Other**

Access to bus transport – two DECD buses are parked at the school during the day and are available for hire for excursions. Some bus drivers live locally and are also available during the day to drive the buses; this helps to reduce costs and is appreciated by the school community.

A Parent Room/Drop-In Centre is available. This incorporates a School Uniform Shop run by parent volunteers.

Canteen facilities (including lunch orders) are available to students and staff five days a week, with the canteen open at both recess and lunch.

## **SCHOOL OPERATIONS**

### **Decision making structures**

- Staff Meetings
- Governing Council
- PAC

### **Regular publications**

- Newsletter published fortnightly
- School website
- Staff handbook available
- Parent Handbook available
- Year 7 Magazine (prepared annually)



## **Other communication**

- Class fliers (produced by individual teachers)
- Acquaintance Night in term 1 to welcome and get to know families
- Student Diaries/ Communication Books used by classes for daily communication
- End of year presentation
- Year 7 graduation
- Interviews
- Skoolbag app.
- Transition meetings
- Parent Workshops

## **School financial position**

The school is in a sound financial position.

## **Governing Council Sub-committees**

Finance  
Parents and Friends  
Canteen

## **LOCAL COMMUNITY**

### **General**

Parent and community involvement is encouraged.

A number of parents assist in classes and attend Assemblies.

Parents and Friends organise a number of school activities and fundraisers. They are an extremely proactive group within the school community.

### **Other local care and educational facilities**

OSHC facilities are available through Stepping Stones Children Centre or the Two Wells Community Children's Centre. Both Centres have pick up and drop off at the school. A Vacation Care service was established in December 2016 in the school hall.

Playgroup use the school hall every Tuesday. The school gym and grounds are also hired by a number of fitness groups throughout the week.

### **Public transport access**

There is no public transport access, apart from morning/evening services from Two Wells main street (Premier Roadlines).

### **Commercial/Industrial and shopping facilities**

The town of Two Wells has a doctors surgery, post office, Two Wells Community Library, Two Wells Police Station, bank agencies, Two Wells Community Children's Centre (childcare, playgroup and preschool), Stepping Stones Children's Centre (childcare and OSHC), two hotels, hardware/fodder, IGA, delicatessen, fruit and vegetable store, craft shop, Corstons Bus Company, butcher, pizza shop, snack bar, hairdresser, chemist, service stations etc



Other local facilities include the Two Wells Community Sporting Complex, a Historic Walk and a playground.

**Availability of staff housing**

NIL / N/A.

**Local Government body**

Adelaide Plains Council (formerly Mallala/Two Wells Council)

