



Two Wells Primary School

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Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Persistence

SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Date: February 2019

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.

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 delays, ASD, Dyslexia etc. Jolly Phonics/Jolly Grammar is used across the school from Reception to Year 5. MiniLit is a strategy to support reading improvement in the junior and middle primary with SSOs providing intense support for identified students. The Numeracy Intervention teacher also supports teachers to identify students struggling with maths, providing intervention as well as classroom differentiation strategies.

Site Improvement priorities continue to focus on Literacy and Numeracy improvement. Literacy Improvement in 2019 supported by the employment of an Educational Consultant, with Numeracy improvement focused on the Big Ideas in Number with the support of a Numeracy Intervention teacher. Underpinning this work is the use of the Department for Education Literacy and Numeracy guidebooks, specifically, the high impact teaching strategies that promote quality teaching and learning. These will be heavily aligned to Performance Management processes in 2019.

The school has one computer room as well as several class sets of portable devices used in classrooms. Other features include interactive televisions in all classrooms. Students also have access to other equipment such as flip and digital cameras, document cameras, l pads, 3D printers, laser cutters, VR goggle etc.

A variety of extra-curricular opportunities provided, including 'Festival of Music' - School Choir, District/ SAPSASA sports, STEM, SA Schools Space Mission, Lego League etc. We also provide a range of lunchtime activities as an alternative to yard play, including gardening, computers, library, craft etc. In 2018, we saw the completion of a Nature Play Space and bike track, as well as the line marking of a number of games across the yard to provide further play options as well as improve the overall look of the yard.

The school encourages the involvement of parents and caregivers in classroom programs and extra-curricular activities.



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. Current enrolment stands at 360 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 developments in the local area and the new Single Intake model for receptions.

Enrolments:

2019	360
2018	343
2017	341

Specific Population Enrolment:

	2017	2018	2019
ATSI	11	18	22
Disabilities	32	29	30
School Card	70	66	81
GOM	6	4	11



General characteristics:

School **ICSEA** value 965
Average **ICSEA** value 1000

	Bottom quarter	Middle quarters		Top quarter
School distribution	45%	34%	16%	5%
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

Staffing Numbers

1 Principal

1 Deputy Principal

1 Student Wellbeing Leader

20 teaching staff

17 non-teaching - varies depending on needs of students

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 supports transition from preschool to the school setting. We have established a timetable for Preschool students to visit the school on a fortnightly basis (from term 2) to participate in activities with Reception teachers and their students.

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. This year we are focusing on the Body domain of the Berry Street Education Model. A Student Wellbeing Leader and Pastoral Support Worker introduce and support other wellbeing programs as the need arises.

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. Our policy currently under review.

Feeder schools



Two Wells Primary School is a feeder school for Gawler District College. 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 a 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

School Choir (Festival of Music)

Whole school assemblies

Book Week including Book Parade

Science Week

End of year carols night

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. 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 specialist subjects.

A Numeracy Intervention teacher from Reception to year seven supports a focus on Big Ideas in Number. Explicit Teaching of Reading and Writing is taught in a daily literacy block using the Gradual Release of Responsibility Model. Literacy practices are being reviewed in 2019 with the support of an Educational Consultant, in line with the department's guidebooks.

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 regularly for extra support. This may be provided through differentiated teaching and/or additional classroom 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 is a priority in the school to support student learning outcomes 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
- 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 currently has 15 classroom teachers, 4 specialist teachers and 4 permanent non-teaching staff with a range of experience. Casual non-teaching staff are employed on a needs basis. Currently we have four contract teachers, 3 in the classroom and one in a specialist role.

Leadership structure

Leadership team - Principal, Deputy, Wellbeing Leader, Numeracy Intervention teacher.

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, Special Educator etc. Other agencies are available on a needs basis such as CAMHS, Relationships Australia, counselling services, NACYS, SASVI etc.

Staff facilities

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

Ramp access to some 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, two basketball/netball courts. Gardens etc



A new Gym and Library were constructed as part of BER initiatives in 2009/2010. The school hall was refurbished last year as part of the state governments STEM initiative. School 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 painted in 2018 with some landscaping work completed. There are currently a number of projects underway to enhance the grounds including student gardening projects and an outdoor stage/eating space.

Specialist facilities

A Gym and a Resource Centre with a Computer Room were constructed in 2009/2010, with the hall refurbished for STEM in 2018.

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 three times per term
- School website
- Staff handbook available
- Parent Handbook available

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
- Whole School Assemblies
- 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 – located in the STEM building.

Two Wells Playgroup use the Taikondi Room 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)

