

Eungella State School

Queensland State School Reporting

2015 School Annual Report



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Principal's foreword

Introduction

Queensland schools annually publish meaningful information to parents about student and school performance. This document contains important information about Eungella State School's journey in 2015 and can be obtained via the school's website, email or in hard copy from the office.

Our Annual Report provides an insight into some of the fantastic achievements and also identifies our future plans to ensure we are providing the best educational opportunity for each of our students. We are committed to achieving very high outcomes for all students through productive partnerships with our school community.

Eungella State School is a small rural school about 74 kms west of Mackay, within the Pioneer Valley region. The township is situated at the top of the Clarke Mountain Range, with the school located in the township, along Eungella Dam Road.

The school has a strong productive partnership with Eungella Community Development Association (E.C.D.A.), which is an active and well-established community group.

Eungella State School enrolments are relatively stable. We are fortunate to have very experienced and dedicated classroom teacher aides, learning support staff, office staff and a P&C committee that have been part of the community for a long time. They contribute positively to the school in every way.

School progress towards its goals in 2015

In 2015, the school focus was:

Writing

- Develop teacher capability to teach and assess writing
- Monitor achievement data in writing
- Analyse student writing performance and differentiate instruction

Numeracy

- Develop teacher capability to teach and assess numeracy
- Analyse student numeracy performance and differentiate instruction

Reading

- Differentiate within each classroom according to results for individual students
- Implement early and sustained intervention for children at risk

Attendance

- Monitor absence pattern of students
- Promote full attendance

Future outlook

In 2016, we will be implementing the strategies identified in our Explicit Improvement Agenda. Our major priorities for next year are:

Writing

- Formulating whole school data practices and building staff data literacies to ensure improvement in student writing
- Differentiating writing instruction through data analysis, goal setting and feedback
- Ensuring teaching strategies are effective in writing instruction

Numeracy

- Formulating whole school data practices and building staff data literacies to ensure improvement in student numeracy
- Ensuring teaching strategies are highly effective within numeracy instruction regarding problem solving

Our school at a glance

School Profile

Coeducational or single sex: Coeducational

Independent Public School: No

Year levels offered in 2015: Prep Year - Year 6

Student enrolments for this school:

	Total	Girls	Boys	Indigenous	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2013	43	18	25	<5	98%
2014	40	16	24	<5	90%
2015	33	15	18	<5	88%

Student counts are based on the Census (August) enrolment collection.

In 2015, there were no students enrolled in a Pre-Prep program.*

*Pre-Prep is a kindergarten program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, living across 35 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, in the year before school (<http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/families/pre-prep-indigenous.html>).

Characteristics of the student body:

The Eungella State School student body is very diverse. Many of the students have a parent working in the mines, dairies, tourism or local businesses. Being a rural community, a large number of our students travel on buses from their properties to school each day.

Average class sizes

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2013	2014	2015
Prep – Year 3	10	22	16
Year 4 – Year 7 Primary	22	20	16

School Disciplinary Absences

Disciplinary Absences	Count of Incidents		
	2013	2014*	2015**
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	<5	0	<5
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	0	0	0
Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

* Caution should be used when comparing post 2013 SDA data as amendments to EGPA disciplinary provisions and changes in methodology created time series breaks in 2014 and 2015.

**From 2015, Exclusion represents principal decisions to exclude rather than recommendations for exclusion. From 2015 where a principal decided not to exclude, a small number of recommendations for exclusions have been counted as a long suspension. Exclusions, Cancellations and Long & Charge Suspensions may be upheld or set aside through an appeals process.

Curriculum delivery

Our approach to curriculum delivery

Through our Whole School Curriculum Program, students are immersed in the Australian Curriculum requirements within our two-year curriculum cycle. Students at Eungella State School are immersed in learning experiences that are differentiated to cater for all learning styles and needs. Throughout 2015, distinctive curriculum offerings included:

- Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden: students from Yr 2-6 are involved in developing and maintaining the school garden. In connection with this, students sort their rubbish to be used where possible in the compost, worm farm and chickens. Year 4-6 students prepare and share a delicious, healthy meal each fortnight. Community and parent volunteers are mentors for this program

Extra curricula activities

Our school encourages all students to participate in all sporting, cultural and community initiatives. The activities our students engage with are:

- Pioneer Valley Athletics
- Pioneer Valley Cross Country
- Whole School camp
- GRIP Leadership Program for Yr 6
- Whitsunday Voices Literature Festival Prep-6
- Mackay Choral Festival Yr 5-6
- Participation in Charity and Recognition days

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to improve learning

With an effective ratio of one computer to three children, students are able to use computers as a regular part of their learning, including searching for information, reinforcing skills through web-based applications and purchased software as well as publishing their work in both paper and digital form. Interactive whiteboards, along with wireless access in all classrooms, has enabled teachers to provide increasingly stimulating learning environments for students.

Social Climate

A whole school philosophy encourages positive interaction between all ages, including staff and parents. The school's Responsible Behaviour Plan outlines the actions taken to ensure positive behavior and consequences for inappropriate actions. Student wellbeing has continued to be a high priority in 2015. The school commenced a weekly Breakfast Club in 2015 and all students enjoy healthy delicious food from the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen each fortnight.

Through our three school rules – Respect Self, Respect Others, Respect the Environment; students actively learn social and emotional resilience, anti-bullying procedures (including cyber bullying), protective behaviours and keys to success.

The school received funding for a Chaplain one day a week in 2015. The Chaplaincy program reinforces our school rules and gives students another avenue for emotional support.

At Eungella State School we have a diverse range of students, from high academic to special needs. As a result, we use differentiation and inclusive practices on a day to day basis or as needed.

Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school

Performance measure	2013	2014	2015
Percentage of parent/caregivers who agree [#] that:			
their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	93%	75%	100%
this is a good school (S2035)	93%	75%	100%
their child likes being at this school (S2001)	100%	75%	100%
their child feels safe at this school (S2002)	100%	75%	100%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school (S2003)	93%	75%	100%
their child is making good progress at this school (S2004)	93%	75%	100%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best (S2005)	100%	75%	100%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work (S2006)	100%	75%	100%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn (S2007)	100%	75%	100%
teachers at this school treat students fairly (S2008)	93%	75%	100%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns (S2009)	93%	75%	100%
this school works with them to support their child's learning (S2010)	93%	75%	100%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously (S2011)	93%	75%	100%
student behaviour is well managed at this school (S2012)	93%	75%	100%
this school looks for ways to improve (S2013)	100%	75%	100%
this school is well maintained (S2014)	100%	75%	100%

Performance measure	2013	2014	2015
Percentage of students who agree [#] that:			
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	100%	95%	100%
they like being at their school (S2036)	100%	95%	100%
they feel safe at their school (S2037)	100%	94%	100%
their teachers motivate them to learn (S2038)	100%	100%	93%
their teachers expect them to do their best (S2039)	100%	100%	100%

Performance measure			
Percentage of students who agree# that:	2013	2014	2015
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work (S2040)	100%	94%	100%
teachers treat students fairly at their school (S2041)	94%	83%	86%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns (S2042)	100%	100%	92%
their school takes students' opinions seriously (S2043)	100%	84%	87%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2044)	94%	89%	93%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2045)	100%	94%	100%
their school is well maintained (S2046)	100%	100%	100%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2047)	100%	100%	100%

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree# that:	2013	2014	2015
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	100%	100%	100%
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	100%	100%	100%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	100%	100%	100%
they feel confident embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the learning areas (S2114)	DW	100%	DW
students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	100%	100%	100%
students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	100%	100%	100%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	100%	100%	100%
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	100%	100%	100%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	100%	100%	100%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	100%	100%	100%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	100%	100%	100%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	100%	100%	100%

'Agree' represents the percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement.
DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

Parent and Community Engagement

Parents are encouraged to be involved in their child's education and the life of the school. Details of class programs and school events are provided through the weekly newsletter. Weekly parades offer another opportunity for parents to be involved with their child at school. Parents are encouraged to talk to teachers about any concerns by arranging a time after school, with formal interview times being offered during Term 1 and 2. Parent volunteers participate in classroom activities as well as kitchen and garden classes. The active P&C Association invites all parents to attend monthly meetings and participate in a range of activities, including working bees, sports days and fundraisers.

Reducing the school's environmental footprint

Students monitor the school's use of electricity by turning off all lights at breaks and turning off standby lights at the end of the school day. With only tank water available, the school community has made water-wise choices such as reduced flush toilets and automatic taps as well as increasing the number of tanks to collect water. Solar panels located on our school roof contribute to reduced electrical power usage..

Years	Environmental footprint indicators	
	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2012-2013	15,630	0
2013-2014	21,177	0
2014-2015	22,368	0

*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.

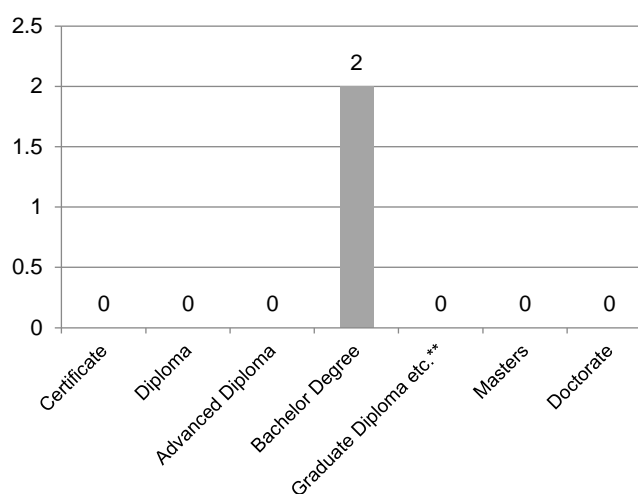
Our staff profile

Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2015 Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff*	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	2	5	0
Full-time equivalents	2	3	0

Qualification of all teachers

Highest level of attainment	Number of Teaching Staff *
Certificate	0
Diploma	0
Advanced Diploma	0
Bachelor Degree	2
Graduate Diploma etc.**	0
Masters	0
Doctorate	0
Total	2



*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 2015 were \$12262.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- Leadership development and coaching, including QELI Co-operative Practices project
- Cluster initiatives including reading and writing programs, moderation
- Early Years Transition
- Support-A-Writer

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2015 was 100%.

Average staff attendance	2013	2014	2015
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	98%	97%	97%

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 57% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2015 school year.

School income broken down by funding source

School income broken down by funding source is available via the *My School* website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.

To access our income details, click on the *My School* link above. You will then be taken to the *My School* website with the following 'Find a school' text box.

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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 profile 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

Student attendance	2013	2014	2015
The overall attendance rate for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	93%	91%	90%

The student attendance rate is generated by dividing the total of full-days and part-days that students attended, and comparing this to the total of all possible days for students to attend, expressed as a percentage.

The overall attendance rate in 2015 for all Queensland Primary schools was 93%.

Student attendance rate for each year level (shown as a percentage)													
	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2013	88%	90%	92%	92%	93%	96%	94%	94%					
2014	DW	87%	89%	DW	94%	95%	93%	DW					
2015	DW	DW	91%	DW	DW	92%	86%						

*From 2013, the methodology used for calculating attendance rates effectively counts attendance for every student for every day of attendance in Semester 1. The student attendance rate is generated by dividing the total of full-days and part-days that students attended, and comparing this to the total of all possible days for students to attend, expressed as a percentage.

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Student attendance distribution

Due to small student numbers, the data for attendance distribution has been withheld. However, from 2014 to 2015 there was a reduction of the students who attended less than 90% and an increase of students attending school greater than 90%.

Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the DET procedures, *Managing Student Absences and Enforcing Enrolment and Attendance at State Schools* and *Roll Marking in State Schools*, which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

The importance of school attendance is discussed regularly with children at weekly assemblies. Parents are reminded in the weekly newsletter **every day counts**. The newsletter also outlines the current attendance percentage of our students each week and term.

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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.

Due to low student numbers in Year 3 and Year 5, the data on the MySchool website has been withheld for these cohorts. 100% of students achieved At or Above National Minimum Standards in all NAPLAN areas.

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/>.

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School name

Suburb, town or postcode

Sector:

Government

Non-government

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