

# Tamrookum State School

## Queensland State School Reporting

### 2013 School Annual Report



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## Principal's foreword

### Introduction

Welcome to Tamrookum State School! Our school has a long and enviable tradition of providing quality education. We are very proud of our commitment to the Beaudesert community, our strong academic standards, our high expectations of good behaviour and our excellence in cultural and sporting activities. Our School Opinion Survey data indicates that our school community values our diverse and engaging curriculum delivered in a safe and supportive learning environment.

The content of this document meets both the QLD Govt and Aust Govt annual reporting requirements for schools.

### School progress towards its goals in 2014

The Early Years Program focusing on both child-based learning and structured teaching, real-life situations, investigations, routines and transitions and critical reflection was successfully implemented in 2013. This program is strongly supported by community and families which is reflected by the increasing enrolment numbers for this class and also the strong parental classroom support. A solid foundation has been established with emphasis upon structured teaching whilst adhering to the National Curriculum guidelines to ensure the continuation and development of an even stronger Early Years Program.

Our school is part of the Scenic Rim Small Schools Cluster and we meet regularly to develop and exchange ideas on curriculum planning, differentiation, moderation and assessment.

Our students regularly engage with other Scenic Rim students for Writing, Mathematics, Science and Technology days.

Our staff members are committed to continually improving the learning engagement and achievement of each student. Targeted professional development is attended which focuses on teaching strategies and the use of high quality digital resources to connect disengaged students so that quality learning will continue.

We have purchased laptops and iPads for students to access in classrooms to assist with research and to access current educational programs.

We have purchased subject- appropriate diagnostic assessment tools to provide teachers with relevant student data to enable teachers to provide quality individualised learning programs where required.

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The improvement of literacy and numeracy outcomes for all students will continue to be our unrelenting focus.

### Future outlook

#### Our key areas for improvement as outlined on our 2013 Improvement Agenda are:

- Quality implementation of the Australian Curriculum across all year levels.
- High quality teaching focussing on the application of consistent pedagogical practice.
- Increase individual student distance travelled through explicit and flexible curriculum delivery.
- Increase the performance of individual at risk students to achieve at or above National Minimum Standards.
- Increase parent satisfaction with School / Community communication through online information.

# Our school at a glance

## School Profile

**Coeducational or single sex:** Coeducational

**Year levels offered in 2013:** Prep Year - Year 7

**Total student enrolments for this school:**

	Total	Girls	Boys	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2011	92	43	49	84%
2012	89	42	47	89%
2013	114	57	57	83%

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

### Characteristics of the student body:

Our student body is comprised of rural and urban families, We have 5% indigenous families and we do not have any ESL students.

### Average Class sizes

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2011	2012	2013
Prep – Year 3	19	16	18
Year 4 – Year 7 Primary	16	23	26

### School Disciplinary Absences

Disciplinary Absences	Count of Incidents		
	2011	2012	2013
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	0	0	0
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	0	0	0
Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

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## Curriculum offerings

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We provide a range of intervention services to cater for students with specialized learning support needs

- Support Teacher Literacy and Numeracy
- Advisory Visiting Teachers (P.E., Music, LOTE (Japanese))
- Guidance Officer
- Behaviour Advisory Team
- Speech Language Pathologist

The principles of effective teaching and learning underpin Tamrookum State School's educational programs from Prep-Year 7.

Multi age groupings span across all year levels. We provide a Prep, Year 1 / 2, Year 2 / 3 / 4 and Year 4 / 5 and Year 6 / 7 classes.

Emphasis is placed upon the teaching of Literacy and Numeracy related to the National Curriculum and real-life experiences.

ICT learning is an integral facet of all teaching units. Each classroom has 5 computers (Senior classes have lap-tops) and there is a lab of 14 computers for use by all students. Prep has computers and iPads.

A range of intervention programs are provided for students with specific learning needs with the provision of services from the Support Teacher and the Advisory Visiting Teachers of the school's curriculum.

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## Extra curricula activities

- Instrumental music is offered to the students on a weekly basis.
- Various community and sporting groups are invited to the school to enhance the regular curriculum.
- A senior student council and school leadership positions including school and sports captains. Tennis coaching.
- Skipping fitness/skills program for 1 term.

The school conducts activities during special days and weeks, for example, Education Week, Anzac Day and Book Week, Under 8's Day.

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## How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning

Teachers have their own EQ laptops to complement their teaching / learning and planning / reporting and all classrooms have interactive whiteboards. Each class has a minimum of 5 new computers (senior classes have lap-tops). Learning support / SWD students have access to computers and iPads with their teacher.

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## Social climate

Tamrookum State School's motto, "Knowledge is Life" reflects the values of the school.

Our school is committed to continuous improvement, the provision of learning opportunities and the provision of a safe, nurturing environment that meets the diverse needs of our school learning community.

We are also acknowledged and respected by the parent /community cohort for the high quality programs being offered for students requiring learning support.

Parents and care givers are encouraged to be involved in the education of their children by helping in the classrooms or being

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supportive of homework or other activities in which the children are engaged.

Parents and students feel that they are treated fairly at our school and are comfortable speaking about issues to either the Principal or staff members.

Our P&C Association is a growing group of very dedicated members who undertake a range of fundraising activities to support learning programs via the purchase of resources.

Students are encouraged to develop responsibility for their own learning, to achieve maximum potential and to respect the rights of others to learn. Our senior students take a very active role in the organization of special events where the community is heavily involved eg ANZAC DAY service.

## Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school

School data in 2013 indicates that parents/ caregivers are confident that their children are happy to come to this school and that their children are working well and are confident using computers.

Teachers are aware of the need by some students of more detailed feedback and this issue is under scrutiny.

Parents are happy with the ways in which behaviour is managed at this school and they are secure in the knowledge that all issues are followed up by staff and Principal and phone calls to parents occur immediately .

The school workforce and staff were very satisfied with the staff morale and the opportunities to improve their skills and with how their work skills were appreciated.

The school is aiming to maintain these results in terms of staff satisfaction with school morale.

### Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown\*)

Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree that:	2012	2013
their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	100%	100%
this is a good school (S2035)	100%	95%
their child likes being at this school* (S2001)	100%	100%
their child feels safe at this school* (S2002)	100%	100%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)	100%	94%
their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004)	100%	94%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005)	100%	100%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006)	92%	89%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007)	92%	95%
teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008)	92%	94%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns* (S2009)	100%	100%
this school works with them to support their child's learning* (S2010)	100%	95%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously* (S2011)	100%	100%
student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)	100%	95%
this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013)	100%	95%
this school is well maintained* (S2014)	100%	95%

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<b>Performance measure</b> (Nationally agreed items shown*)		
Percentage of students who agree that:	2012	2013
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	100%	100%
they like being at their school* (S2036)	97%	97%
they feel safe at their school* (S2037)	91%	97%
their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038)	94%	100%
their teachers expect them to do their best* (S2039)	100%	100%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work* (S2040)	91%	100%
teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041)	94%	97%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042)	94%	100%
their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043)	88%	100%
student behaviour is well managed at their school* (S2044)	94%	97%
their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045)	97%	100%
their school is well maintained* (S2046)	100%	100%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047)	85%	97%

<b>Performance measure</b>	
Percentage of school staff who agree that:	2013
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	100%
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	100%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	92%
students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	100%
students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	100%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	83%
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	92%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	100%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	92%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	67%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	92%

\* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items were incorporated in the School Opinion Survey in 2012.

# 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.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

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## Involving parents in their child's education

Parents are kept informed of current / forthcoming educational themes via daily conversations, newsletters and formal meetings.

Parents are invited / encouraged to take part in all activities and an 'open-door' to teachers and Principal approach is stressed for all parents.

Parents are encouraged to attend Support-a -Reader courses.

Parents regularly accompany students and staff on excursions.

Our school has a very active and enthusiastic P&C Association which raises funds to benefit the children and the School. Parent attendance at meetings is constant and attendance allows parents to be involved in the decision making of school affairs.

## Reducing the school's environmental footprint

Data is sourced from school's annual utilities return and is reliant on the accuracy of these returns.

We have had Solar panels installed to help offset the cost of our electricity bills. The school is on tank water so students are constantly reminded of this as a precious resource.

	Environmental footprint indicators	
	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2010-2011	39,374	0
2011-2012	40,980	0
2012-2013	45,612	0

The consumption data is sourced from the validated utilities expenditure return which the school submits at the end of each financial year. The data provides an indication of the consumption trend in each of the utility categories which impact on the schools environmental footprint.

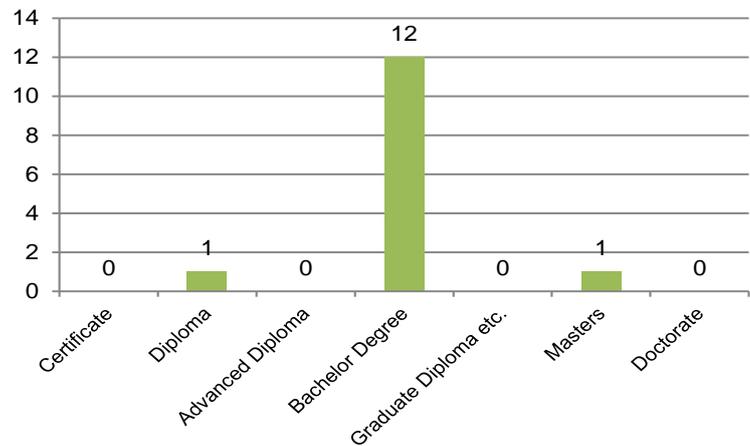
# Our staff profile

## Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2013 Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff *	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	14	6	0
Full-time equivalents	6	4	0

## Qualifications of all teachers

Highest level of attainment	Number of Teaching Staff *
Certificate	0
Diploma	1
Advanced Diploma	0
Bachelor Degree	12
Graduate Diploma etc.	0
Masters	1
Doctorate	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>



\* 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 2013 were \$4883.

- The major professional development initiatives are as follows:
  - Literacy
  - Numeracy
  - Planning on Oneschool
  - Planning for National Curriculum
  - Curriculum to Classroom (C2C) Learning Place

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2013 was 100%.

# Our staff profile

## Average staff attendance

	2011	2012	2013
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	97%	98%	96%

## Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 98% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2013 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/>.

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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 web page. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a paper copy of income by funding source.

## Key student outcomes

Student attendance	2011	2012	2013
The overall attendance rate for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	95%	92%	90%
The overall attendance rate in 2013 for all Queensland state Primary schools was 92%.			

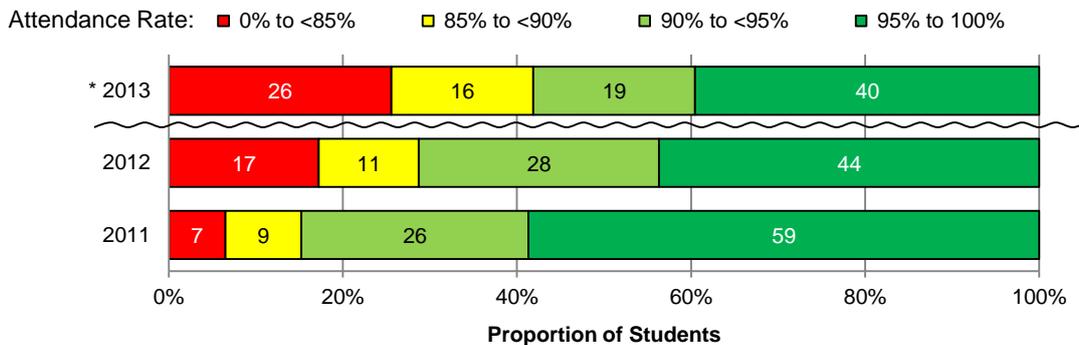
### Student attendance rate for each year level (shown as a percentage)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2011	93%	95%	97%	91%	91%	98%	97%					
2012	90%	91%	95%	92%	89%	95%	93%					
2013	87%	85%	93%	95%	91%	85%	92%					

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### Student Attendance Distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range.



\* The method for calculating attendance changed in 2013 – care should be taken when comparing data from 2013 to that of previous years.

# Performance of our students

## Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the DET 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 twice daily in classrooms
- Phone calls made by the Principal to parents who have students not attending regularly.

## 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.

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## Achievement – Closing the Gap

Attendance.

Less than 85% of the year

Indigenous students 25%

Non Indigenous students 17.2%

Every effort will be made in 2014 to lower both non attendance figures.