

# 2022 Annual Report

# Kotara School



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## Introduction

The Annual Report for 2022 is provided to the community of Kotara School as an account of the school's operations and achievements throughout the year.

It provides a detailed account of the progress the school has made to provide high quality educational opportunities for all students, as set out in the Strategic Improvement Plan. It outlines the findings from self-assessment that reflect the impact of key school strategies for improved learning and the benefit to all students from the expenditure of resources, including equity funding.

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## **School vision**

Leading innovative practices through high quality relationships, excelling in academic and wellbeing outcomes that are culturally safe and foster inclusion and positive transitions.

## **School context**

Kotara School is a school for specific purposes across two sites situated in the Glenrock network. The school has a total enrolment of 42 students across the two sites. Our student body is drawn from a wide area including Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and Port Stephens area. We provide the opportunity for every student to achieve success. To provide an environment that supports students to find the 'Courage to learn, courage to change'.

The Kotara Campus has 28 places and caters to students between years 2 and 6. Students are offered a place by the district placement panel, made up of staff from Educational Services, psychologists, principals and consultants. Approximately 50% of students at Kotara Campus identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Each class is staffed with a classroom teacher and School Learning Support Officer.

Nexus Education is a satellite faculty, located at the Nexus Child and Adolescent In-patient unit at The John Hunter Hospital. Nexus Education facilitates learning for up to 14 students from years 6 to year 12. We work alongside NSW Health and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, to support over 300 young people each year, who are admitted to access support for their mental health needs.

The length of each student's enrolment at Kotara School is individualised to their need. Academic and wellbeing programs are taught to ensure our students return successfully to their census schools. Our behavioural interventions are based on the work of Dr Bruce Perry and his Neurosequential Model for Education and our pedagogy is based upon the Quality Teaching Framework through the implementation of Quality Teaching Rounds.

The consultation process with stakeholders including students, families, carers, communities, census schools and Muloobinbah Aboriginal Education Consultative Group informed our situational analysis and the development of the strategic improvement plan. As a result of this process, high-level areas for improvement were identified such as the embedding of evidenced based pedagogical practices into curriculum, the implementation of assessment and the analysis of data. This process also highlighted the importance of key systems in effectively supporting all stakeholders.

Kotara School is staffed with a school Principal, three Assistant Principals, Aboriginal Education Officer, Classroom Teachers, Student Learning and Support Officers, Chaplain, Student Support Officer and school administrative staff.

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## Self-assessment and school achievement

This section of the annual report outlines the findings from self-assessment using the School Excellence Framework, school achievements and the next steps to be pursued.

This year, our school undertook self-assessment using the School Excellence Framework. The Framework is a statement of what is valued as excellence for NSW public schools, both now and into the future. The Framework supports public schools throughout NSW in the pursuit of excellence by providing a clear description of high quality practice across the three domains of Learning, Teaching and Leading.

Each year, we assess our practice against the Framework to inform our Strategic Improvement Plan and annual report.

Our self-assessment process will assist the school to refine our Strategic Improvement Plan, leading to further improvements in the delivery of education to our students.

For more information about the School Excellence Framework: https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/school-excellence-and-accountability

## Self-assessment using the School Excellence Framework

Elements	2022 School Assessment
LEARNING: Learning Culture	Sustaining and Growing
LEARNING: Wellbeing	Excelling
LEARNING: Curriculum	Delivering
LEARNING: Assessment	Delivering
LEARNING: Reporting	Delivering
LEARNING: Student performance measures	Delivering
TEACHING: Effective classroom practice	Delivering
TEACHING: Data skills and use	Delivering
TEACHING: Professional standards	Delivering
TEACHING: Learning and development	Sustaining and Growing
LEADING: Educational leadership	Delivering
LEADING: School planning, implementation and reporting	Delivering
LEADING: School resources	Excelling
LEADING: Management practices and processes	Delivering

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## Strategic Direction 1: Student growth and attainment

#### **Purpose**

To ensure high quality teaching programs and practices are embedded across the school through quality professional learning and curriculum differentiation so that all students can excel in academic and wellbeing outcomes.

#### **Initiatives**

This year our school implemented the following initiatives to support the realisation of the four year Strategic Improvement Plan and the achievement of system-negotiated and school-determined targets.

- · Implementing Research Based Practices
- Data Driven Processes

## Resources allocated to this strategic direction

Professional learning: \$12,322.53

SSP supplementary funding: \$210,399.30 Socio-economic background: \$70,070.13 Literacy and numeracy: \$2,961.59

QTSS release: \$16,088.94

## Summary of progress

**KSC**: 2022 has been a successful year for SD1 at KSC. We have successfully implemented Quality Teaching Rounds for all staff members and begun the process of generating an SLSO version of QTR in consultation with the university.

Academic programs have been collaboratively created and reviewed each term, with engaging topics to promote the successful implementation of explicit teaching opportunities. 2023 will see us moving to the use of the Digital Resource Hub and Curriculum Reform units of work, which will be coded against the Quality Teaching Model to assess which elements can be improved to best support our students.

Internal data has been consistently collected, but opportunities to analyse reliable external data has been impacted by the lack of results provided from NAPLAN and the difficulty of differentiation for our students in the Check-in Assessments.

#### NE:

Nexus Education has been successfully implementing and refining our core curriculum within the inpatient unit. The opportunity of quality teaching round at Nexus has ensured that teaching staff have had the opportunity for collaboration and lesson feedback. Evidence based curriculum is being delivered and lessons have now been coded with with the quality teaching framework elements and 8 Aboriginal Ways of Learning. Aboriginal Education has been embedded into our curriculum practice at Nexus. Data has been continually collected however it is now apparent that our focus for 2023 will be to analyse the impact of this data. Our focus on our collection and projection of data will be key to drive impactful and invidualised curriculuum in 2023.

## Progress towards achieving improvement measures

The annual progress measures indicate the expected annual level of achievement for each improvement measure, aligned to the initiatives, in the Strategic Improvement Plan. Schools evaluate their achievement against annual progress measures to determine progress and inform future planning.

Annual progress measure	Progress towards achievement
By 2022, the school will be Sustaining and Growing in the School Excellence Framework theme of Collaborative Practice and Feedback.	Kotara School Campus: Self-assessment against the School Excellence Framework shows the school currently performing at sustaining and growing in the theme of Collaborative Practice and Feedback.  Nexus Education: Self-assessment against the School Excellence Framework shows the school currently performing at delivering in the theme of Collaborative Practice and Feedback.
At the completion of 2022, the school will be Sustaining and Growing in the	Self-assessment against the School Excellence Framework shows the theme of Internal and External Measures to be delivering.

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School Excellence Framework theme of Internal and External Measures Against Syllabus Standards.	Self-assessment against the School Excellence Framework shows the theme of Feedback to be sustaining and growing.
In 2022, the school will be Sustaining and Growing in the School Excellence Framework theme of Teaching and learning programs.	<ul> <li>Self-assessment against the School Excellence framework shows the element of assessment to be sustaining and growing.</li> <li>Self-assessment against the School Excellence framework shows the element of assessment to be sustaining and growing.</li> </ul>

## Strategic Direction 2: Quality wellbeing

### **Purpose**

To be a centre of excellence in the provision of holistic student wellbeing by supporting our school community in a neurologically respectful manner to ensure all students can access an education in an environment that supports their individual needs.

#### **Initiatives**

This year our school implemented the following initiatives to support the realisation of the four year Strategic Improvement Plan and the achievement of system-negotiated and school-determined targets.

- Attendance and Engagement
- Transition

### Resources allocated to this strategic direction

Aboriginal background: \$22,298.23 Student support officer (SSO): \$96,058.00

Flexible Funding for Wellbeing Services: \$3,798.09

SSP quality teaching support: \$40,434.61

Per capita: \$20,285.12 Location: \$647.00

#### Summary of progress

**KS:** Throughout 2022, Kotara School has been working toward sustaining and growing attendance, data analysis, and transition and continuity of learning. This year we have also aimed to excel in student care, welfare, and behaviour support.

This year we have successfully worked with Uncle Perry and Madison Piercy to implement various successful Aboriginal Education programs. The University and our QTR rounds coded these programs. In both instances, the Aboriginal Pedagogy lessons were coded well in nearly all areas, especially excelling in cultural knowledge, high order thinking, and deep understanding. Aboriginal Education was also successfully implemented at Nexus with Uncle Perry's incursions producing high-quality engagement and learning throughout the year. Programs such as sister-speak and weaving were also implemented at Nexus, Kotara, and other schools such as Kotara High for cultural immersion days with great success.

The Student Support Officer (SSO) position has been integral to Kotara School in 2022. The position has made it possible to create the Kotara School Clinic, the dental clinic, and many other health programs within the school. The SSO position has been fundamental in student welfare and allowed Kotara School to function to its highest level of support.

At Kotara School, we have successfully updated KIN to run continuously through the school account, allowing for increased control of the application and maintenance to be run locally. We would like to improve this app next year and train census schools on its use and access. The attendance flow chart has been developed and will be used to train staff about attendance procedures and roll assignments.

The updated transition process for Kotara School has been successfully implemented throughout 2022. We have successfully started the transition of 5 students, with all students succeeding at their census school. It has so far been a very positive process, something that we will look to build upon in 2023. The system and process for other areas, such as enrolment, suspension, and PBL have also been implemented throughout 2022. We will look to build on these processes and bring them in line with the new IER guidelines for 2023.

**NE:** Nexus Education continues to showcase a high level of expertise in the area of wellbeing. We have seen continued attendance increases due to our classroom and staffing stucture. Nexus continues to work effectively with the Nexus allied health and medical team to ensure that young people, their families and school receive evidence based wellbeing programs. Nexus Education are providing a highly effective transition programs that are meeting the needs of their census schools and students. Nexus is collaboratively working at state level with inpatient units and sharing transition processes through our involvement in the Co-Location Inpatient Unit Network. Nexus Education ensure that the continuity of education throughout a young persons hospital admission and work in partnership with key stakeholders to

ensure the least amount of negative impact to learning outcomes. Nexus Education has effectively embedded weaving, sister speak and Aboriginal Education Incursions into Nexus Education programming. We have worked with Hunter New England Health and community partners, to provide regular professional learning to all staff. In 2022 we have focused on ensuring that our wellbeing curriculum delivery is evidence based and highly engaging. We have ensured that we are making good progress across attendance, data skills and use, wellbeing, learning culture and educational leadership and we hope to continue to strive towards excellence in 2023.

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The annual progress measures indicate the expected annual level of achievement for each improvement measure, aligned to the initiatives, in the Strategic Improvement Plan. Schools evaluate their achievement against annual progress measures to determine progress and inform future planning.

Annual progress measure	Progress towards achievement
In 2022, the school will be sustaining and growing in the theme attendance in the School Excellence Framework.	Self-assessment against the School Excellence framework shows the element of Attendance to be <delivering and="" excelling="" growing="" sustaining="">.     Self-assessment against the School Excellence framework shows the element of assessment to be <delivering and="" excelling="" growing="" sustaining="">.</delivering></delivering>
In 2022, Kotara School will be sustaining and growing in the School Excellence Framework theme of <i>data analysis</i> to support the creation of individualised student learning goals.	<ul> <li>Self-assessment against the School Excellence framework shows the school currently performing at <delivering and="" excelling="" growing="" sustaining=""> in the element of data skills and use while the element of assessment has remained at sustaining and growing.</delivering></li> <li>Self-assessment against the School Excellence framework shows the school currently performing at <delivering and="" excelling="" growing="" sustaining=""> in the element of data skills and use while the element of assessment has remained at sustaining and growing.</delivering></li> </ul>
By 2022, the school will be excelling in the School Excellence Framework themes of caring for students and behaviour.	Self-assessment against the School Excellence Framework shows the school currently performing at <delivering and="" excelling="" growing="" sustaining=""> in the element of effective classroom practice.     Self-assessment against the School Excellence Framework shows the school currently performing at <delivering and="" excelling="" growing="" sustaining=""> in the element of data skills and use.</delivering></delivering>
In 2022, Kotara School will be sustaining and growing in the School Excellence Framework theme of transitions and continuity of learning.	Self-assessment against the School Excellence framework shows the element of assessment to be <delivering and="" excelling="" growing="" sustaining="">.     Self-assessment against the School Excellence framework shows the element of assessment to be <delivering and="" excelling="" growing="" sustaining="">.</delivering></delivering>
By 2022, Kotara School will be sustaining and growing in the theme of community engagement in the School Excellence Framework.	Self-assessment against the School Excellence framework shows the school currently performing at <delivering and="" excelling="" growing="" sustaining=""> in the element of data skills and use while the element of assessment has remained at sustaining and growing.     Self-assessment against the School Excellence framework shows the school currently performing at <delivering and="" excelling="" growing="" sustaining=""> in the element of data skills and use while the element of assessment has remained at sustaining and growing.</delivering></delivering>

Funding sources	Impact achieved this year
Socio-economic background \$70,070.13	Socio-economic background equity loading is used to meet the additional learning needs of students at Kotara School who may be experiencing educational disadvantage as a result of their socio-economic background.
	Funds have been targeted to provide additional support to students enabling initiatives in the school's strategic improvement plan including:  • Implementing Research Based Practices
	Overview of activities partially or fully funded with this equity loading include:  • professional development of staff to support student learning • employment of additional staff to support curriculum implementation.
	The allocation of this funding has resulted in the following impact: Improved outcomes for students in the areas Literacy and Numeracy as evidenced by internal school measures.
	After evaluation, the next steps to support our students will be: Continue to employ additional staff to facilitate professional learning in curriculum reform.
Aboriginal background \$22,298.23	Aboriginal background equity loading is used to meet the specific learning needs of Aboriginal students at Kotara School. Funds under this equity loading have been targeted to ensure that the performance of Aboriginal students in NSW public schools, across a broad range of key educational measures, improves to match or better those of the broader student population, while maintaining cultural identity.
	Funds have been targeted to provide additional support to students enabling initiatives in the school's strategic improvement plan including:  • Attendance and Engagement
	Overview of activities partially or fully funded with this equity loading include:  • employment of additional staff to deliver personalised support for Aboriginal students  • employment of specialist additional staff (AEO) to support Aboriginal students
	The allocation of this funding has resulted in the following impact: Improved outcomes for Aboriginal students in the areas Literacy, Numeracy, engagement and cultural awareness.
	After evaluation, the next steps to support our students will be: Continue to employ additional staff to facilitate Aboriginal Education and improved outcomes for Aboriginal students.
Location	The location funding allocation is provided to Kotara School to address school needs associated with remoteness and/or isolation.
\$647.00	Funds have been targeted to provide additional support to students enabling initiatives in the school's strategic improvement plan including:  • Transition
	Overview of activities partially or fully funded with this operational funding include:  • Transition programs.
	The allocation of this funding has resulted in the following impact: Improved outcomes for students in the areas of transition and engagement.
	After evaluation, the next steps to support our students will be:

Location \$647.00	Continue to provide opportunities for students to access enhanced transition.
Professional learning \$12,322.53	Professional learning funding is provided to enable all staff to engage in a cycle of continuous professional learning aligned with the requirement of the Professional Learning for Teachers and School Staff Policy at Kotara School.
	Funds have been targeted to provide additional support to students enabling initiatives in the school's strategic improvement plan including:  • Implementing Research Based Practices
	Overview of activities partially or fully funded with this initiative funding include:  • Engagement with the Quality Teaching Rounds.
	The allocation of this funding has resulted in the following impact: Improved outcomes for teachers and support staff in the area of pedagogy.
	After evaluation, the next steps to support our students will be: Continue to build teacher capacity to deliver engaging and evidence-based practice.
Literacy and numeracy \$2,961.59	The literacy and numeracy funding allocation is provided to address the literacy and numeracy learning needs of students at Kotara School from Kindergarten to Year 6.
	Funds have been targeted to provide additional support to students enabling initiatives in the school's strategic improvement plan including:
	<ul> <li>Implementing Research Based Practices</li> <li>Overview of activities partially or fully funded with this initiative funding include:</li> <li>staff training and support in literacy and numeracy</li> <li>targeted professional learning to improve literacy and numeracy</li> </ul>
	The allocation of this funding has resulted in the following impact: Improved outcomes for students in the areas Literacy and Numeracy as evidenced by internal school measures.
	After evaluation, the next steps to support our students will be: Continue to employ additional staff to facilitate professional learning in curriculum reform.
QTSS release \$16,088.94	The quality teaching, successful students (QTSS) allocation is provided to improve teacher quality and enhance professional practice at Kotara School.
φ10,000.9 <del>4</del>	Funds have been targeted to provide additional support to students enabling initiatives in the school's strategic improvement plan including:  • Implementing Research Based Practices
	Overview of activities partially or fully funded with this initiative funding include:  • additional staffing to support staff collaboration in the implementation of high-quality curriculum
	The allocation of this funding has resulted in the following impact: Improved outcomes for students in the areas Literacy and Numeracy as evidenced by internal school measures.
	After evaluation, the next steps to support our students will be: Continue to employ additional staff to facilitate professional learning in curriculum reform.

SSP supplementary funding These funds have been used to support improved outcomes and the achievements of staff and students at Kotara School \$210,399.30 Funds have been targeted to provide additional support to students enabling initiatives in the school's strategic improvement plan including: Implementing Research Based Practices Overview of activities partially or fully funded with this site specific funding include: release time to engage staff in professional learning. release time for staff to support teacher mentoring • employment of APC&I for instructional leadership. The allocation of this funding has resulted in the following impact: Improved outcomes for students in the areas Literacy and Numeracy as evidenced by internal school measures. Improved outcomes for teachers in curriculum delivery. After evaluation, the next steps to support our students will be: Continue to employ additional staff to facilitate professional learning in curriculum reform. COVID ILSP The purpose of the COVID intensive learning support program is to deliver intensive small group tuition for students who have been disadvantaged by the move to remote and/or flexible learning and were identified by their \$32,568.00 school as most likely to benefit from additional support in 2022. Funds have been targeted to provide additional support to students enabling initiatives in the school's strategic improvement plan including: · Other funded activities Overview of activities partially or fully funded with this targeted funding include: • employment of teachers/educators to deliver small group tuition The allocation of this funding has resulted in the following impact: Improved outcomes for students in the areas Literacy and Numeracy as evidenced by internal school measures. After evaluation, the next steps to support our students will be: Continue to provide small group tuition for identified students. These funds have been used to support improved outcomes and the Student support officer (SSO) achievements of staff and students at Kotara School \$96,058.00 Funds have been targeted to provide additional support to students enabling initiatives in the school's strategic improvement plan including: Attendance and Engagement Overview of activities partially or fully funded with this Staffing - Other funding include: Community engagement projects to support whole school wellbeing. The allocation of this funding has resulted in the following impact: Improved outcomes for students in the areas of wellbeing and engagement After evaluation, the next steps to support our students will be: Continue to provide community engagement initiatives.

## Student information

## Student enrolment profile

	Enrolments			
Students	2019	2020	2021	2022
Boys	25	26	28	27
Girls	3	2	0	1

#### **Attendance**

NSW student attendance data in 2020 is not comparable to previous years due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. The NSW Government encouraged students to learn from home, where possible, for a seven week period from 24 March to 22 May 2020. During this period, schools monitored engagement with learning to determine whether students were marked present. This changed the attendance measure. There was also some evidence of varied marking practices as schools adjusted to the learning from home period, with some schools recording higher attendance rates while others recording markedly lower rates.

Attendance figures from 2021 were calculated differently to align with the third edition of ACARA's National Standards for Student Attendance Data and Reporting. Changes include treating partial absences over 120 minutes as a half day absence (instead of their actual value, calculated as a proportion of a nominal 6-hour day) and covers all weeks during Semester 1. Prior to 2021, the final week of Term 2 was excluded.

Furthermore, the department implemented an automated attendance feed (AAF) system in Semester 1 2021. AAF transfers data automatically from third-party attendance management systems to the department's centralised data warehouse every night. The AAF significantly improved data quality in 2021, which has affected data comparability with previous years.

Although there were no state-wide or regional lockdowns in NSW during Semester 1 2021, COVID-19 continued to affect student attendance. Analysis of attendance codes showed a change in the structure of absence reasons in 2021.

Although there were no state-wide or regional lockdowns in NSW during Semester 1 2022, student attendance was impacted by a range of factors:

- · Families evacuating and relocating due to NSW floods
- · Sick students staying at home until a negative COVID-19 test was returned
- Household members testing positive to COVID-19
- The easing of COVID-19 border controls at the beginning of 2022 which allowed families to travel inter-state and overseas.

## Management of non-attendance

Attendance at school has a big impact on longer term outcomes for children and young people. When a child is not at school they miss important opportunities to learn, build friendships and develop their skills through play. Regular attendance at school is a shared responsibility between schools and parents. By working together we can have a positive effect on supporting our children and young people to regularly attend school.

Our teachers promote and monitor regular attendance at school and all our schools have effective measures in place to record attendance and follow up student absences promptly. They are guided by the School Attendance policy which details the management of non-attendance.

## Workforce information

## **Workforce composition**

Position	FTE*
Principal(s)	1
Assistant Principal(s)	2
Classroom Teacher(s)	4.64
Teacher Librarian	0.2
School Administration and Support Staff	9.02

<sup>\*</sup>Full Time Equivalent

## **Workforce composition statement**

From 2022 onwards, the new Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction (APCI) roles form part of entitlement. The FTE of these roles are counted as per entitlement in line with other non-deputy principal/head teacher executive positions as there is no off-set requirement from the teaching allocation. The APCI is included under the assistant principal(s) position grouping.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander workforce composition

The department actively supports the recruitment and retention of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander employees through the use of identified positions, and scholarship opportunities to become a teacher and by providing a culturally safe workplace. As of 2022, 4.6% of the department's overall workforce identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school workforce composition

Staff type	Benchmark <sup>1</sup>	2022 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander representation <sup>2</sup>
School Support	3.00%	4.10%
Teachers	3.00%	3.30%

Note 1: The NSW Public Sector Aboriginal Employment Strategy 2019-2025 takes a career pathway approach in that it sets an ambitious target of 3% Aboriginal employment at each non-executive grade of the public sector by 2025.

Note 2: Representation of diversity groups are calculated as the estimated number of staff in each group divided by the total number of staff. These statistics have been weighted to estimate the representation of diversity groups in the workforce, where diversity survey response rates were less than 100 per cent. The total number of staff is based on a headcount of permanent and temporary employees.

#### **Teacher qualifications**

All casual, temporary and permanent teachers in NSW public schools must hold a NSW Department of Education approval to teach. Teachers with approval to teach must be accredited with the NSW Education Standards Authority, and hold a recognised teaching degree. All NSW teachers must hold a valid NSW Working With Children Check clearance.

## Professional learning and teacher accreditation

Professional learning is core to enabling staff to improve their practice. Professional learning includes five student-free School Development Days and induction programs for staff new to our school and/or system. These days are used to improve the capacity of teaching and non-teaching staff in line with school and departmental priorities.

## Financial information

## **Financial summary**

The information provided in the financial summary includes reporting from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022. The Principal is responsible for the financial management of the school and ensuring all school funds are managed in line with department policy requirements.

	2022 Actual (\$)
Opening Balance	156,430
Revenue	2,354,104
Appropriation	2,344,256
Grants and contributions	8,005
Investment income	1,843
Expenses	-2,310,633
Employee related	-2,158,456
Operating expenses	-152,176
Surplus / deficit for the year	43,471
Closing Balance	199,901

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## Financial summary - Equity loadings

The equity loading data is the main component of the 'Appropriation' line item of the financial summary above.

	2022 SBAR Adjustments (\$)
Targeted Total	0
Equity Total	92,368
Equity - Aboriginal	22,298
Equity - Socio-economic	70,070
Equity - Language	0
Equity - Disability	0
Base Total	1,745,763
Base - Per Capita	20,285
Base - Location	647
Base - Other	1,724,831
Other Total	406,563
Grand Total	2,244,695

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## Parent/caregiver, student, teacher satisfaction

The school engaged in a range of measures across both campuses to evaluate student and community satisfaction.

- Feedback from students indicated appreciation for the range of extra curricular activities and relationships with students and teachers. In 2023 the school will invest in additional playground equipment.
- Teachers indicated they enjoyed the range of professional learning invested in for them in 2022. In 2023 the school will prioritise curriculum reform within the professional learning schedule.
- Parents and caregivers appreciated the opportunity to reengage in school activities such as the end of year assembly, NAIDOC and the short film festival. In 2023 the school will engage in consultation with the community to inform wellbeing initiatives.

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## **Policy requirements**

### **Aboriginal Education Policy**

The responsibility for enacting the Aboriginal Education Policy rests with all departmental staff. The policy should underpin and inform planning, teaching practice and approaches to educational leadership in all educational settings.

Evidence of effective implementation of the policy included:

- Establishing, building and strengthening relationships with the Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group, Aboriginal people and communities.
- Providing, in partnership with Aboriginal people and communities, education which promotes quality teaching, is engaging, and is culturally appropriate and relevant.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students will match or better the outcomes of the broader student population.
- Implementation of Personalised Learning Pathways for all Aboriginal students in a school culture of high expectations.

## **Anti-Racism Policy**

All teachers are responsible for addressing incidents of racism and supporting students to develop an understanding of racism and discrimination and the impact these may have on individuals and the broader community. The Principal is responsible for examining school practices and procedures to ensure they are consistent with the policy. The school has an Anti-Racism Contact Officer who is trained to respond to concerns in relation to racism.

### **Multicultural Education Policy**

Teachers are responsible for addressing the specific learning and wellbeing needs of students from culturally diverse backgrounds through their teaching and learning programs. The Principal is responsible for ensuring that school policies, programs and practices respond to the cultural, linguistic and religious diversity of the school community, and provide opportunities that enable all students to achieve equitable education and social outcomes.

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