



PORT WAKEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning

Respect

Honesty

Teamwork

SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: September 2020

School number: 0366

School name: Port Wakefield Primary School

School Profile:

Port Wakefield Primary School was established in 1866 and in 2016 celebrated 150 years of providing education to the community. In 2020, year levels range from R-7. The town is located 98km from the Adelaide CBD.

Port Wakefield Primary school is part of the Lower Mid North Partnership that has a very cohesive and collaborative intent to provide education for students from Birth to Year 12 and beyond.

At the start of 2020, 42 students were enrolled at the school. We have second and third generational families returning to their family beginnings. There is a history of a transitional population of families.

Port Wakefield Primary School is a Category 2 school on the Department for Education Index of Educational Disadvantage. Approximately 52% of our Students are eligible for School Card.

Port Wakefield Primary School liaises closely with our feeder preschool, located approximately 50 metres from the school and we share a combined Governing Council and work collaboratively together to provide a transition program that is positive for students and families.

We collaborate with our feeder high school (Balaklava) with regular communication and activities that makes this transition to a new environment a positive exercise for students and their families.

Port Wakefield Primary School has a strong commitment to being involved with the local community to enhance a "sense of belonging".

We have a strong relationship with Wakefield Regional Council that has enabled us to be involved in community enhancement projects and grants, as well as a strong connection with the local church and community.

The school vision is:

Port Wakefield Primary School empowers its community to be positive, courageous and dynamic learners.

School Values:

The school has the values of Learning, Respect, Honesty and Teamwork. There is a focus on these values through lessons and yard tickets.



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1. General information

School Name : PORT WAKEFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

School No. : 0366 Courier : Lower Mid North

Year of Opening : 1866

Principal : Ms. Kerri Blackwell

Postal Address : 22 Mine Street, Port Wakefield 5550

Location Address : 22 Mine Street, Port Wakefield 5550

Email Address : dl.0366.admin@schools.sa.edu.au

School Website : www.portwakefieldps.com.au

District : Lower Mid North

Distance from GPO : 98 kms

Phone No. : 08 8867 1012 Fax No. : 08 8867 1001

Local Government Area: Wakefield Regional Council

CPC attached : No

Latitude : S34.187379

Longitude : E138.14930

February FTE Enrolment - Primary	2017	2018	2019	2020
Reception	5.0	4.0	5.0	7.0
Year 1	8.0	6.0	5.0	2.0
Year 2	8.0	6.0	7.0	5.0
Year 3	19.0	7.0	7.0	6.0
Year 4	7.0	17.0	5.0	4.0
Year 5	6.0	7.0	15.0	5.0
Year 6	10.0	7.0	7.0	9.0
Year 7	7.0	7.0	5.0	4.0
Total Enrolments	70	61	56	42
School Card percentage	35%	33%	52%	52%
NESB	8.0	8.0	6.0	5.0
ATSI	5.0	5.0	6.0	5.0

Student enrolment trends – transience occurs, currently declining

Staffing Numbers (as at February 2020 census):

Teaching Staff – 4.8 (FTE)

Non-Teaching Staff – 6 School Support Officers
1 General Services Officer - Grounds



2. Students (and their welfare)

General characteristics

The school has three classes: Junior Primary R/1, Middle Primary 2/3/4 and Upper Primary 5/6/7. The student population hovers between 40 and 50.

Students are involved in decision making through class meetings and Student Representative Council

School assemblies organised and run by the students three times per term.

School camp held on a bi-annual basis.

Student well-being programs

Pastoral Care program

Port Wakefield provides a strong supportive environment for students. A Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) has been employed for two days per week on a 12 month contract.

Student support offered

Support is provided for students with special needs.

Access to the Department for Education specialist services

Student management

The Behaviour Development Policy is consistent with the Department for Education policy and aims to promote a positive learning environment. The school has a behaviour development code, grievance procedures and anti-harassment policy.

Student Behaviour Development procedures operate as a whole school approach. In 2020, the school completed a Positive Behaviour Support Pilot with a behavioural scientist. The Positive Support Behaviour programme has been implemented throughout the school.

Student government

School Captains and Vice-Captains are elected each year. Students who wish to be elected need to submit an application. Staff read all applications and select the leaders for the year.

Class meetings and Student Representative Council meet regularly. SRC has representatives from each class.

Special programmes

Older students in the school provide peer mediation support. Peer mediators participate in a professional development session about how to conduct themselves when in the role and when they need to access adult support.

3. Key School Policies

Site Improvement Plan and other key statements or policies: Focus on Learning

Whole School Agreements on improving literacy outcomes for all students.

- *NAPLAN results
- *Running Records
- *Pat R Comprehension and Vocab.
- *South Australian Spelling Test
- *PAT Grammar

Whole School Agreements on improving numeracy outcomes for all students.

- *NAPLAN
- *PAT Maths

Resources are deployed to ensure that Intervention Programs make a difference in all student's learning achievements

Wellbeing for Learning

- *Attendance Data
- *EDSAS *Behaviour data
- *Well-being audits (termly)

4. Curriculum

Subject offerings:

The core business of Port Wakefield Primary School is to provide, in a safe and caring environment, a balanced curriculum to R-7 students in the required subjects. English, Maths, Science, Technologies-Digital and Design, The Arts – Dance, Drama, Media, Music and Visual, HASS – History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship (3-7), Economics and Business (5-7), Health and Physical Education and LOTE – Spanish is being offered through Open Access college.

Special needs:

The school provides support for students with disabilities. Five SSO's provide support for students with special needs. All students have a One Plan, which is updated regularly.

Access to special staff – The Gawler Education Office has a team to provide support in the areas of Special Education, behaviour management, guidance, speech and language and hearing impairment.

Special curriculum features:

English as Additional Language - EALD support for required students.

Student assessment procedures and reporting

Student learning and progress is monitored through a range of assessment strategies. Regular contact with parents on an informal basis is encouraged throughout the year.

Parent/Teacher Interviews are held in the first and third term.

Written reports are sent home at the conclusion of the second and fourth term.

Students in Year Three, Five and Seven participate in NAPLAN. Students in Year One to Seven complete PAT Maths and PAT Reading.

Joint programmes:

Teachers work in a collaborative manner with shared activities across classes. The school works closely with the preschool, sharing activities where appropriate.

5. Sporting Activities

Swimming lessons are conducted at Balaklava Swimming Pool at the beginning of each year.

The school holds its own Sports Day annually.

There is involvement in coaching clinics as they are offered.

The school encourages participation in SAPSASA activities (Mid North District)

There are community organised sporting activities – football, netball, basketball, tennis and cricket.

6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

N/A

7. Staff (and their welfare)

Staff profile

Staffing is generally stable and mobility limited from year to year. 2 permanent teachers and 2 contract teachers.

Leadership structure – 1 Principal

Staff support systems

Performance Management processes for teachers link directly with the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers using the Department for Education Performance and Development Plan.

8. Incentives, support and award conditions for Staff

Complexity placement points N/A

Isolation placement points Nil

Travelling time

Travelling time to Adelaide is approximately 1 ½ hours by private car.

Other towns – Kadina & Clare is approximately 40 minutes. Balaklava is a 25 minute drive.

Housing assistance -Nil

Aboriginal/Anangu schools No

9. School Facilities

Buildings and grounds

The original stone building from 1866 now contains a classroom, ITC Room, Library and Art/Home Ec. area. The former Principal's residence was converted in the 1970's to an Administration area.

Three transportable buildings serve as classrooms and a Resources Room.

There are two play areas, one in the eastern area of the school, which was upgraded in 2009 into an Outdoor Values Learning Area.

The school has a lease agreement with Hummocks Watchman Eagles, which gives them access to the main oval, netball courts and clubrooms.

Access for students and staff with disabilities

A transportable disabled toilet is on the site for use. Wheelchair access is installed to the main stone building and the Junior Primary building.

Heating and cooling

Reverse cycle ducted air conditioning is supplied to all classrooms, Library, Art/Home Ec. room, Information Technology room and Administration block.

Computer Facilities

The school is well equipped with both desktop and laptops. The computer/laptop to student ratio is 1:1. The school has recently received approximately 60 iPad 4th Gen. Adjustments are currently being made to the set up before the iPad's become operational in the classes.

Each classroom has an Interactive Whiteboard installed for use. A new Admin and Curriculum server is budgeted for in 2020.

10. School Operations

Decision making structures

All committees make decisions using a consensus approach. Formal decision-making bodies are: Staff Meetings, Governing Council, Financial Advisory Committee and the Personnel Advisory Committee.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) meet regularly and arrange fundraising activities for different charities.

Regular Publications

The school produces a newsletter three times per term and includes community news. Other notices are sent out when required.

A parent handbook is available to all families and is updated annually.

A staff handbook is available to all staff and is updated annually.

Other communication

Class teachers produce notices for their own students on an individual need.

School financial position

The financial position of the school is sound.

Special funding

The school receives Rural and Isolated Index Funding.

11. Local Community

General characteristics

The town's population is approximately six hundred. Main employment avenues are the Roadhouses, Seven Point Pork Meat Works, Defence, Fishing, and Farming (cereal, sheep, chickens and pigs), Balco/Bowmans Intermodal and the Australian Milling Group. The Proof and Experimental Establishment, located ten kilometres from the town provides employment for both defence force personnel and civilians.

Parent and community involvement

Parents take an active interest in the school with parents strongly involved in the life of the school.

Feeder or destination schools

The Kindergarten runs sessions twice a week for pre-school children and Occasional Care sessions. Secondary schooling is available at Balaklava High School, twenty-six kilometres away. A school bus operates to transport students.

Commercial/Industrial and shopping facilities

The town has three bakeries, one hotel and two car mechanical businesses, various food outlets and three service stations. Some grocery items are available from service stations.

There is an agency for the Commonwealth Bank, Westpac, National Bank, and most Credit Unions – all card based at the Port Wakefield Post Office

Other local facilities

Sporting facilities include Lawn Bowls, Darts, Golf, Football, Netball, and Little Athletics. Competitive basketball (summer) and hockey (winter) is played at Balaklava (26 kms).

The Catholic and Uniting Churches provide a weekly service.

Availability of staff housing

No SA Government housing – private rental is required for accommodation. There are real estate offices in surrounding towns.

Accessibility

There is no public transport, but a regular bus service to Adelaide is available through Yorke Peninsula Coaches. Pick up and drop off is at the BP service station at the northern end of the town. There is a community bus available that does shopping trips to Balaklava and Munno Para.