



Wulguru State School

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## School Overview

Wulguru State School prides itself in providing opportunities for its students, reflected in its vision statement 'learning together creates a world of opportunities'. Established in 1962, it carries strong sporting traditions with students always displaying a passionate sense of school pride. Students come from diverse backgrounds and tolerance, inclusiveness and fairness are values that are promoted in the school.

The school strives to improve student academic outcomes as well as promoting student well-being and good citizenship. Many extra-curricular activities are offered such as camps for Yr 4-7 students, eisteddfod, Anzac Day, NAIDOC celebrations, school concert, fete, dance and ceramic programs, Optiminds and sporting competitions .

We pride ourselves on our exceptional facilities such as our playgrounds, covered basketball court, computer lab, games room, school vegetable garden, lush green oval, synthetic netball court as well as many outdoor learning areas.

Wulguru State School is considered to be friendly and supportive of its students and parents and the P and C Association makes a valuable contribution to our school facilities and resources.

## Principal's Foreword

### Introduction

The School Annual Report outlines for parents and the wider community the continuing achievements of Wulguru State School during the 2017 school year. This report includes information about school operations, outcomes of students, staff information, professional development undertaken and much more.

Areas that we are particularly pleased with in this report include the wide range of curriculum offerings and extra-curricular activities. Everyone agrees that we want our children to get the best possible education, and we also want to create experiences that contribute to the students' social and emotional growth and that they remember in years to come.

In addition to this, if readers look to the section titled 'Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school', they will be amazed at the results of the School Opinion Survey. In the majority of performance measures for staff, they are 100% satisfied with Wulguru State School. This is definitely reflected in the culture that exists within the school. It is a very positive place to work and learn.

## School Progress towards its goals in 2017

In 2015, we began to work on our new Strategic Plan for 2015 to 2018. The following table identifies our core priorities and progress for 2017. For more information regarding the core priorities and specific targets, refer to the Wulguru State School's Strategic Plan: 2015 to 2018 or Wulguru State School's Annual Implementation Plan for 2017.

Core Priorities	Targets	Progress
Reading	Increase in NAPLAN, PM Benchmarks and A to E data	Ongoing, PM Benchmarks further increased in 2017, moving closer to targets
Writing	Increase in NAPLAN and A to E data	In 2017 we witnessed a significant improvement in our A to E data, starting in Semester 1 and further improving in Semester 2.
Numeracy	Increase in NAPLAN and A to E data	YUMI continues to be an important element of our school
Attendance	Target is 92.2% attendance rate	Attendance continues to be an area that we need to work on. Our Term 1 attendance data was the highest for the 2017 year and for many previous years.
Wulguru Practices Professional Practices	School Opinion Survey Data	Staff continue to participate in Professional Development activities, with 100% of staff engaging in relevant training for their work
Values and Behaviour	School Opinion Survey Data	After commencing PBL training in 2016, 2017 was the first full year of implementation.
Closing the Gap	NAPLAN Mean Scale Scores and attendance	While there continues to be a small gap between Mean Scale Scores for writing, our Indigenous students perform equally as well in Reading and Numeracy as our non-Indigenous students.
Transition	Increase enrolment numbers by >5% each year	Orientation activities continued and we continued to look for new ways to attract new students to our great school.
School Community Participation Practices	5% increase in participation numbers each year	P&C were very active in 2017, continuing some of their great work from previous years.

## Future Outlook

In 2017, the school began participating in a Priority Support Review. This process led to the development of the Wulguru State School's Strategic Plan 2018-2021. This new strategic plan then identified the new focus areas for 2018.

Some of the School Improvement Priorities for 2018 are listed below, with the key Explicit Improvement Agenda items marked in bold. These priorities will form the driving agenda throughout 2018.

Core Priorities	Targets	Progress
Writing	<b>Increase in NAPLAN and A to E data</b>	<b>To further enhance our drive towards improving our A to E data, we introduced a Support Teacher: Writing to ensure consistency of classroom pedagogical practices</b>
Numeracy	Increase in NAPLAN and A to E data	The Master Teacher began driving the reinvigoration of the YUMI focus, utilising the co-planning, co-teaching model to enhance teacher knowledge and skills
Attendance	Target is 92.2% attendance rate	In 2018, we will continue to be a 'Try for 5' school and also use a range of other strategies to encourage and enforce attendance.
Positive Behaviour for Learning	<b>Reduce the number of students who have &gt;4 major incidents each year</b>	<b>Continue to implement Positive Behaviour for Learning rigorously. Introduce and implement the Wulguru SS Wellbeing Framework</b>
#TownsvillesBestKeptSecret	<b>Increase percentage of students who live in catchment and are enrolled at Wulguru SS</b>	<b>In 2018, we will work to improve our community presence through social media. We will also be looking at our transition to prep processes and how we are attracting new prep families to our school.</b>

# Our School at a Glance

## School Profile

<b>Coeducational or single sex:</b>	Coeducational
<b>Independent Public School:</b>	No
<b>Year levels offered in 2017:</b>	Prep Year - Year 6
<b>Student enrolments for this school:</b>	

	Total	Girls	Boys	Indigenous	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
<b>2015</b>	334	172	162	88	89%
<b>2016</b>	342	167	175	96	91%
<b>2017</b>	328	152	176	98	93%

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

In 2017, 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 (<https://qed.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/families/pre-prep-indigenous>).

## Characteristics of the Student Body

### Overview

Wulguru was originally a farming community, however, it is now an urban suburb bounded by the Cluden racecourse, Mt Stuart and Lavarack Army Barracks. It still retains that small community character and the school has some second and third generation families in attendance. It has been providing quality education to the local community since 1962.

The current school population comes from a diverse mix of socio-economic backgrounds and cultures, therefore, the school community values tolerance, inclusiveness and fairness. Our enrolment in 2016 was 342 students with 28% identifying as Indigenous and less than 10% as ESL.

Classes at Wulguru SS are co-educational and of mixed ability. They consist of single level and composite classes within cooperative teaching situations.

### Average Class Sizes

The following table shows the average class size information for each phase of schooling.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZES			
Phase	2015	2016	2017
Prep – Year 3	25	24	22
Year 4 – Year 6	26	27	26
Year 7 – Year 10			
Year 11 – Year 12			

# Curriculum Delivery

## Our Approach to Curriculum Delivery

- Literacy Focus (Reading) –2014 saw the introduction of explicit, focused, small group Guided Reading lessons for all children across the school. This continues to be a major focus as we believe that learning to read is critical for success in life.
- Literacy Focus (Writing) – In 2017, one of the Key School Priorities continued to be writing. Our work around our Professional Learning Teams continued to evolve. The 'co-plan, co-teach, co-reflect' model was continued with a second teacher working in the classroom for some of the writing time each week to co-teach with the class teacher and to support students to become better writers.
- Literacy Focus (Writing) – The work with the 7 Steps to Writing program also continued in 2017. This gave teachers a common language and common structure to help their students become more effective and creative writers.
- Digital Pedagogy has continued to be supported by the use of numerous devices across all year levels. Students and teachers have access to desktops, laptops, iPads, iPods, interactive whiteboards, digital cameras, digital video cameras, robotic construction equipment and digital projectors.
- STEM – A number of our classes engaged with coding activities, and began teaching Digital Technologies, which forms part of the new Australian Curriculum learning area – Technologies.
- LOTE – Chinese Mandarin was taught to years five and six, while students in year one through to four participated in Chinese Cultural Studies.
- Arts Program – Our year 2 and year 4 participated in Youth Extensions dance program, while all students from year 4 to year 6 were involved in a ceramics program. Both of these continue to be delivered by professional personnel from the Townsville Community.
- School swimming program – Students from prep to year six participated in the school swimming program. In the lower year levels the focus was on 'learn to swim' and this moved to developing greater confidence and competency in the water for middle and upper students. Students also participate in an annual school swimming carnival.
- Market Day – Year 6 students developed a business plan for the creation of a product to suit the consumer needs of the student community. Once produced, this product was sold at school. The profits were then used to fund graduation week activities and to buy a parting gift for the school. This activity aligns with the Australian Curriculum.

## Co-curricular Activities

- Sporting Opportunities – Sport has continued to be valued and promoted, and has given students the opportunity to play a variety of sports and participate in both in-school and out-of-school competitions throughout the year. Athletics carnivals are also organised and interschool athletic events are attended.
- School camps are organised from year 4 to year 6. Experiences ranged from an overnight stay at Billabong Sanctuary to a three night stay at an outdoor education facility.
- NAIDOC - This is always celebrated at our school and involves events over a one-day period. All children become involved on this occasion, either through participation or presentation. Such activities support and align with the Australian Curriculum.
- Life Education – As an extension of our health and physical education curriculum, the school facilitates student exposure to these programs with the expectation that all students will attend.
- ICAS Assessment was offered to students from year 3 to year 6. These assessment tasks are voluntary and the cost is covered by parents. All students who participate receive a certificate.
- Instrumental Music program – Students from year 3 to year 6 have the opportunity to participate in the Instrumental Music program where they can learn to play a musical instrument, either from the strings, woodwind, brass or percussion family.
- Eisteddfod – Opportunity exists for our school choirs to perform in this annual event. Teachers are also encouraged to enter their classes into different categories if they so wish.
- Celebrations/Commemorations – The school participates in the ANZAC Day March and Walk Safely to School Day annually. A number of other relevant days are also observed throughout the year.
- Optiminds – In 2017, we began participating in the regional Optiminds competition.

- ATSIAP - This is an aspirant-educational program aimed to improve the educational outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in Queensland. It has over the years improved the social and emotional outcomes for Indigenous students, by improving self-confidence, developing positive self-identity, fostering cultural pride and a strong sense of motivation to achieve life goals. In 2017, our students performed exceedingly well, bringing back a number of trophies.
- Student Council gave students a voice to discuss issues and solve problems. Regular fundraising activities occurred throughout the year to support outside charities or deliver funds for school activities.

## How Information and Communication Technologies are used to Assist Learning

Wulguru State School has a strong vision for the use of digital technologies with an extensive range of devices available to both teachers and students to support learning. Most teachers are confident using online spaces and tools for curriculum delivery, collaboration and communication.

The school has two separate computer labs, each containing 28 desktops which are utilised on a weekly basis by all classes. Each classroom has between two and four computers as well as Apple iPads. The senior school students use laptops, iPads and Microsoft surfaces. These devices are used to publish stories and reports, develop literacy and numeracy skills, produce multi-modal responses, create educational presentations, deliver information, communicate and collaborate with peers, participate in virtual classrooms, connect with community, inquire and research pertinent topics and develop ethical informed citizens.

All classrooms have wireless internet access. E-learning opportunities are regularly delivered through the use of projectors and whiteboards, and children are encouraged to use computer labs during their lunch time break.

## Social Climate

### Overview

Wulguru State School was established in 1962 and carries strong sporting traditions with students always displaying a passionate sense of school pride. It's what we refer to as 'the Wulguru Spirit'. This spirit is encompassed in our school rules: Be Safe, Be Fair and Be Your Best.

We recognise the importance of establishing a safe, supportive school environment which endeavours to respect the rights and responsibilities of all community members. The development of our behaviour matrix identifies our values, sets clear expectations and provides the opportunity to develop teaching around specific behaviours and responsibilities.

To further support students, our Chaplaincy program has continued developing activities to meet the social and emotional needs of the student body. Senior students are involved in a Bully Buster program and provide support to our younger students in the playground.

At Wulguru State School, we endeavour to provide an environment where children can learn and grow. This is reflected in the School Opinion Survey results where 100% of our parents identified that their children like being at this school.

### Parent, Student and Staff Satisfaction

#### Parent opinion survey

Performance measure	2015	2016	2017
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree# that:			
their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	100%	90%	100%
this is a good school (S2035)	100%	92%	100%
their child likes being at this school* (S2001)	93%	97%	100%
their child feels safe at this school* (S2002)	86%	92%	100%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)	100%	85%	100%
their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004)	100%	89%	100%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005)	100%	97%	100%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006)	100%	92%	97%

Performance measure			
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree# that:	2015	2016	2017
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007)	100%	92%	100%
teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008)	100%	85%	94%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns* (S2009)	100%	97%	97%
this school works with them to support their child's learning* (S2010)	100%	92%	94%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously* (S2011)	100%	87%	97%
student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)	93%	85%	94%
this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013)	100%	89%	100%
this school is well maintained* (S2014)	100%	100%	94%

### Student opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of students who agree# that:	2015	2016	2017
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	98%	98%	98%
they like being at their school* (S2036)	92%	98%	99%
they feel safe at their school* (S2037)	92%	93%	97%
their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038)	99%	98%	98%
their teachers expect them to do their best* (S2039)	100%	98%	98%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work* (S2040)	96%	97%	99%
teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041)	96%	98%	98%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042)	94%	96%	97%
their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043)	94%	95%	95%
student behaviour is well managed at their school* (S2044)	92%	92%	93%
their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045)	99%	98%	98%
their school is well maintained* (S2046)	100%	98%	99%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047)	98%	98%	98%

### Staff opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree# that:	2015	2016	2017
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	100%	100%	98%
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	100%	100%	98%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	98%	100%	98%
they feel confident embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the learning areas (S2114)	96%	100%	100%
students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	100%	100%	100%
students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	100%	100%	95%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	100%	96%	88%
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	100%	100%	100%

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree <sup>#</sup> that:	2015	2016	2017
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	100%	98%	100%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	100%	100%	100%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	100%	98%	98%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	100%	100%	98%

\* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items

# '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

We believe that parents are partners in education and their involvement in the school and their child/children's education is valued. Parents are encouraged to maintain regular contact with class teachers through parent-teacher interviews, class information nights, and informal meetings before and after school, phone calls or email. A fortnightly newsletter which highlights student achievement and delivers relevant information is either sent home with students or emailed home. The newsletter is also available on the school website.

All parents are invited to attend the weekly assembly, sports days, school discos, class activities, school excursions, eisteddfods and swimming carnivals. There is a heavy emphasis in the early years for parent help in classrooms and volunteers are always appreciated in the tuck shop. At the end of each year our graduating senior students are formally presented to parents and relatives, an event that is held at James Cook University. This evening culminates in conversation and supper.

We have an active P&C Association which is open to all parents and carers of students attending Wulguru State School.

In 2017, the Yallorin Playgroup continued, introducing pre-prep parents to our school and a number of our key staff members.

## Respectful relationships programs

The school has developed and implemented a program/or programs that focus on appropriate, respectful, equitable and healthy relationships. In 2017, our school commenced work to become a White Ribbon school. We believed that this program, combined with our Positive Behaviour for Learning and the Wulguru Wellbeing program will help us to build a school culture that seeks to prevent all violence, including gender based violence, through the building of respectful relationships.

## School Disciplinary Absences

The following table shows the count of incidents for students recommended for each type of school disciplinary absence reported at the school.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY ABSENCES			
Type	2015	2016	2017
Short Suspensions – 1 to 10 days	40	24	72
Long Suspensions – 11 to 20 days	0	0	0
Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

## Environmental Footprint

### Reducing the school's environmental footprint

The school endeavours to minimise the use of 'town' water by using bore water to irrigate its oval. Grounds are usually maintained efficiently by a fully automated sprinkler system around buildings, play areas and gardens, however, in 2017, due to Level 3 water restrictions, we were no longer able to water the grounds and this was in line with our water management plan submitted to the council.

The school has some solar panels but our greatest success in managing our power is reminding teachers and students to switch off lights, fans and air conditioners when rooms are not being utilised, especially at the end of the school day. Over the holiday period most switches are turned off so equipment is not left on standby mode.



ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT INDICATORS		
Years	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2014-2015	301,808	15,094
2015-2016	288,362	13,970
2016-2017	331,566	2,775

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.

## School Funding

### School income broken down by funding source

School income, reported by financial year accounting cycle using standardized national methodologies and broken down by funding source is available via the *My School* website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.

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## Our Staff Profile

### Workforce Composition

#### Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2017 WORKFORCE COMPOSITION			
Description	Teaching Staff	Non-Teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	29	18	<5
Full-time Equivalents	25	12	<5

#### Qualification of all teachers

TEACHER* QUALIFICATIONS	
Highest level of qualification	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Doctorate	0
Masters	3
Graduate Diploma etc.**	6
Bachelor degree	20
Diploma	3
Certificate	0

\*Teaching staff includes School Leaders

\*\*Graduate Diploma etc. includes Graduate Diploma, Bachelor Honours Degree, and Graduate Certificate.

### Professional Development

#### Expenditure On and Teacher Participation in Professional Development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2017 were \$19 792.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- Frameworks for Effective Learning – Wulguru SS staff continued their relationship with Cathryn Stephens from INTUYU Consulting and explored the process of analysing student work and responding, through focused teaching. This process uses the Diagnose, Intervene, Evaluate model.
- Literacy Training – a series of literacy workshops were presented to all staff, by the Principal, Deputy Principal and the Master Teacher to ensure there were consistent practices across the school in the teaching of writing.
- Co-Plan, Co-Teach, Co-Reflect –to further enhance the teaching of writing in the learning area of English, we have continued to focus on this model.
- Quality Teaching and Learning – a number of staff participated in workshops run by North Queensland Region that focused on Quality Teaching and Learning and ensuring clarity in the planning process.
- Positive Behaviour for Learning – staff participated in a range of professional development activities, including activities in school for all staff and Regional training for some members of the PBL committee. In addition to this, a small number of PBL committee members attended the National Positive Behaviour for Learning Conference in Brisbane.
- English as a Second Language/Dialect – Staff participated in training to ensure we have an understanding of EAL/D learners, learning to analyse writing samples against bandscales and how this information impacts on their individual ability to access and respond to the curriculum.
- Professional Readings – throughout the year, teachers were provided with a number of readings on the teaching of reading and on different Pedagogical Frameworks.

- 'Teaching for Impact' Pedagogical Framework – as part of the Priority Support Review, an action plan was developed to deepen teacher understanding of all elements of the school's pedagogical framework. Through reading and discussing professional readings, developing success criteria and watching others work, the staff deepened their understanding of different elements of the pedagogical framework.
- Australian Curriculum – a series of different workshops occurred throughout the year to ensure all teaching staff had an effective understanding of the Australian Curriculum, including Digital Technologies.
- 'Developing an Effective Writing Program' by Sheena Cameron – all teaching staff were encouraged to attend this workshop
- The school began hosting twilight sessions run by EVOLVE around trauma and the impact on child development. A number of staff went to the five held at Wulguru SS.

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2017 was 100%.

## Staff Attendance and Retention

### Staff attendance

AVERAGE STAFF ATTENDANCE (%)			
Description	2015	2016	2017
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	93%	94%	96%

### Proportion of Staff Retained from the Previous School Year

From the end of the previous school year, 96% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2017.

## Performance of Our Students

### Key Student Outcomes

#### Student Attendance

##### Student attendance

The table below shows the attendance information for all students at this school:

STUDENT ATTENDANCE 2017			
Description	2015	2016	2017
The overall attendance rate* for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	91%	90%	91%
The attendance rate for Indigenous students at this school (shown as a percentage).	83%	85%	87%

\*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 student attendance rate in 2017 for all Queensland Primary schools was 93%.

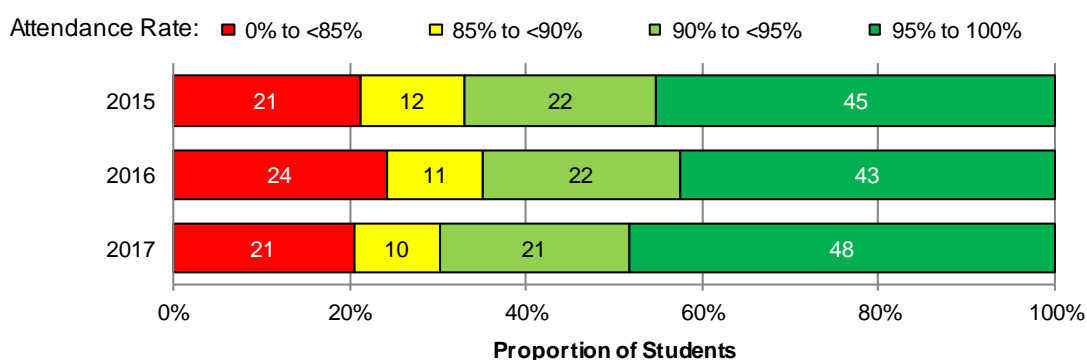
AVERAGE STUDENT ATTENDANCE RATE* (%) FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL													
Year Level	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2015	91%	86%	91%	92%	91%	92%	92%						
2016	90%	89%	89%	89%	92%	89%	91%						
2017	91%	94%	87%	91%	92%	92%	93%						

\*Attendance rates effectively count 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.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

### Student Attendance Distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range:



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

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the Department of Education 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 correlation between regular attendance and student achievement is recognised and the school encourages good attendance through proactive measures. Students/classes are recognised and rewarded for their high attendance rate, parents are encouraged to explain absences and students receive a positive welcome into the classroom, even when late.

Our Indigenous Education Officer follows through with students who are absent from school for unexplained reasons. She contacts parents by phone or makes home visits. The school also has a breakfast program and provides emergency lunches for students.

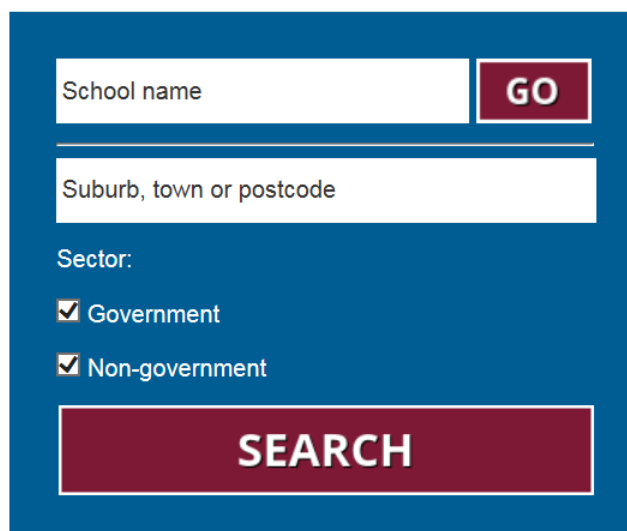
Electronic rolls are marked twice a day and late slips are issued to children who arrive after the start of the school day. Parents must sign children out if they intend to take their children home early. Text messages are sent daily to all parents of children whose absence is not explained. When issues arise parents are contacted via phone, email or letter and correct departmental procedures are followed.

## NAPLAN

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 NAPLAN information is available by selecting '**NAPLAN**' 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 our school's NAPLAN results.

## Conclusion

2017 was a year of new beginnings. We had a number of new staff, including a new Deputy Principal. A new pedagogical framework was developed and the school began their first full year as a Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) school. A Priority Support Review commenced with the two focus areas on improving our student's writing and teacher professional development on the school's pedagogical framework 'Teaching for Impact'.

As a result of these actions, it was our most successful year academically, with a distinct improvement in the number of children achieving C or above in English.

As we move into 2018, this work will continue and a new Strategic Plan for the next four years will be developed.