

Tingalpa State School

Queensland State School Reporting

2013 School Annual Report



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Principal's foreword

Introduction

The purpose of the school annual report is to provide parents and community members with information required by the Queensland Government and the Australian Government for all state and non-state schools. It provides an overview of the highlights of the 2013 school year at Tingalpa State School.

Tingalpa State School is a small to medium sized primary school situated 12 kilometres east of the Brisbane CBD and is a member of **WMsea** (Wynnum Manly State Education Alliance) which includes the Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre and all state primary, secondary and special schools in the Brisbane Bayside area.



Our "**Strive to Excel**" and "**Learning for life in a Caring Community**" mottos and symbols create a vision and purpose where every Tingalpa State School student can learn and achieve everyday. Our mottos mean that we want...

...students to achieve or exceed learning expectations. **(STRIVE TO EXCEL)**

...teaching staff (with parents/carers and students) to set high expectations and help each student achieve daily through quality curriculum planning, teaching, assessment and reporting that fosters life long learning. **(LEARNING FOR LIFE)**

...all staff, students, parents/carers and community members CARE and contribute to high standards of behaviour, resources and facilities. **(IN A CARING COMMUNITY)**

School progress towards its goals in 2013

Tingalpa SS NAPLAN 2013. % of children above National Minimum Standard.

	READING	WRITING	SPELLING	GRAMMAR & PUNCTUATION	NUMERACY
YEAR 3	97.6	97.6	92.7	92.7	97.6
YEAR 5	100	100	97.6	100	100
Year 7	95.7	100	95.7	100	100

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In 2010-2013 we focussed resources on improving literacy and numeracy results in all year levels.

* School based assessment shows an increase of 3.2% of children with a reading age at or above their chronological age from the start to the end of 2013.

* All children are explicitly taught mathematical problem solving strategies.

* Whole school literacy and numeracy data is moderated across all year levels to ensure consistency is maintained.

Community Partnerships continued to be developed during 2013 with an increase in the number of parents participating in different celebrations of learning in every classroom and whole school events.

Tingalpa SS, with the WMSea cluster of schools, has increased its offering of extension programs to students by 100%. This has seen many more students accessing programs designed specifically to explore and develop their special interests.

In 2013 we introduced a number of targeted programs aimed at increasing student outcomes:

*streamed rotations across year 3 and 4 cohorts focusing on literacy and numeracy.

*provided a philosophy coach to our support staff to assist teachers to plan and teach philosophy.

*up-skilled our teachers in literacy pedagogy across the 5 and 6 cohorts.

*provided a C.A.R.E coordinator to coordinate whole school events and raise the profile of C.A.R.E in the community.

*'Reading Heroes Program' was implemented as a program to support Prep children's early reading acquisition and the 'Target Reading Program' continued and grew to include additional students from 1-7.

Future outlook

Our four priorities for 2014 are:

* **Continue to build on improving literacy and numeracy results. This involves whole school approach to explicit teaching of problem solving and editing strategies.**

* Reading

* Numeracy.

* Continuing to build on implementing *Philosophy in Classrooms* program to improve our thinking skills.

* **Consolidate *Explicit Teaching* practices across the whole school.**

* Continue to implement the Australian Curriculum

* Introduction of French Bilingual Immersion program into Prep

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	318	158	160	93%
2012	356	176	180	87%
2013	334	167	167	93%

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

Characteristics of the student body:

Tingalpa State School students are responsible independent thinkers. They exhibit enormous pride in their school and themselves.

Tingalpa State School has a strong sense of and connection with its community. Community groups are most welcome at Tingalpa State School. The Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) facility assists families who need care before and after school. Its ongoing presence assures families that their children will be cared for from 6:30am – 6:00pm if required.

Student Family Backgrounds: Sixteen Tingalpa State School students identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander. There are also students at Tingalpa School who have family backgrounds/cultures from at least 17 different countries with an increasing number of families moving to Tingalpa from overseas.

Average Class sizes

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2011	2012	2013
Prep – Year 3	23	20	24
Year 4 – Year 7 Primary	27	26	20
Year 7 Secondary – Year 10			
Year 11 – Year 12			

Our school at a glance

School Disciplinary Absences

Disciplinary Absences	Count of Incidents		
	2011	2012	2013
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	12	10	20
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	2	1	0
Exclusions	0	3	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

Curriculum offerings

The **Australian Curriculum** for English, Maths, Science and History and the **Essential Learnings** for SOSE, Technology, Physical Education and Health, The Arts and Japanese (as our language other than English taught in year 6 and 7) comprise our curriculum.

The school is developing a culture of high expectations in all key student learning areas but specifically in literacy and numeracy achievement. Focus has been placed on explicit curriculum planning, teaching, assessment and reporting practices that help individual students to achieve learning expectations.

Individualised programs are developed with support staff for gifted and talented students, English as a second language students, refugees, students with learning difficulties, students with disabilities and students in the care of the state.

Tingalpa State School has a very strong sporting program and an increasing focus on performing arts. The school also has environmental and educational links with Bulimba Creek Catchment Coordinating Committee 'B4C' and Moreton Bay Environmental Education Centre "MBEEC". This community and educational support is assisting to create environmentally sustainable practices in the school. This, along with embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives within the curriculum, is a growing distinction of Tingalpa State School's curriculum.

Every classroom from year Prep -7 has an interactive whiteboard. This assists with the integration of ICTs across the curriculum and complements work the students undertake in the computer laboratory and resource centre.

This year saw the continued focus on *Philosophy in Classrooms*. Every class has philosophy lessons once a week where the children are engaged in deep discussion about issues such as: what is a good friend; why do we have to show respect for others; and many more. The children are taught skills such as reasoning and using analogies. These skills enhance their learning in every subject as well as their ability to achieve success in social situations.

Extra curricula activities cater for the diversity of students in the school. These include:

*Sport - soccer, rugby league, touch football, netball, AFL, softball, swimming, cross country and athletics.

*Performing Arts – dance, choir, instrumental music band and ensembles.

*Academic- Resource Centre, Computer Lab, ICAS competitions, Gifted and Talented programs, Extension days, Chess club.

***Camp for students in Years 5, 6 and 7 at country and seaside settings.**

*Environmental and volunteering - Environment club and project work with B4C and MBEEC, weed busting.

*Pastoral Care and student leadership– Student council, school chaplain and Hope Mentors.

*** Student leadership - There are many opportunities for students to develop leadership skills and to participate in decision-making in the school such as the School Captains, Media Captains, Sports Captains, Performing Arts Captains and Student Councillors. Leadership pathways for students are created through participation in the various extra curricula activities teams and clubs. From year 4 students are able to participate in the student council and be part of the school's student leadership team.**

* Community events such as; Book week Fancy Dress Parade, Easter Hat Parade, ANZAC ceremony, Christmas Carols, Arts Night, NAIDOC week celebrations and Harmony Day activities.

* Well-being presentations such as; Spinal Injuries awareness, Day for Daniel, Road Safety, Cyber safety and Bike safety programs.

* Celebrations of learning occur on parade each fortnight and in classrooms at the end of each semester with an open classroom.

Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning. Tingalpa State School has the ICT facilities

Our school at a glance

available for computers to be used in individual, small group and whole class situations. Up to four computers are housed in each classroom along with a suite of 30 computers in a computer lab. Computers are used in conjunction with interactive white boards that are in all year Prep-7 classrooms.

Interactive whiteboards in each classroom have allowed for much greater whole class and group interaction using ICTs. Teachers and students together use the various web based learning objects and programs that provide students with the real life and life like learning opportunities.

Computers are used to keep accurate assessment records and create reporting data for school, system and parent use.

Social climate

Every member of Tingalpa State School is encouraged to use the **CARE** Code of Behaviour which reflects the values, beliefs and involvement of the wider Tingalpa community.

Cooperation– Work together and encourage others

Attitude– Be honest and act positively

Respect– People, property and the environment

Effort– Do your best and be responsible for your actions

Tingalpa State School employs a school chaplain. The chaplain works 2 days per week in the school and his main role is to be a support to the students, families and staff of the school. Through the chaplain the school also has volunteer "Kids Hope" mentors to work with individual students who, for various reasons, require extra assistance



Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school

Parents, students and staff communicated that Tingalpa SS is a safe school, there are high expectations at Tingalpa SS and that school staff provide support to enable children to achieve these.

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)	91%	91%
this is a good school (S2035)	88%	91%
their child likes being at this school* (S2001)	85%	97%
their child feels safe at this school* (S2002)	91%	94%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)	82%	91%
their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004)	85%	91%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005)	97%	97%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006)	75%	88%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007)	84%	82%
teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008)	82%	84%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns* (S2009)	88%	91%
this school works with them to support their child's learning* (S2010)	87%	82%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously* (S2011)	81%	76%
student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)	79%	78%
this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013)	93%	87%
this school is well maintained* (S2014)	100%	97%

Our school at a glance

Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown*)		
Percentage of students who agree that:	2012	2013
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	94%	98%
they like being at their school* (S2036)	88%	100%
they feel safe at their school* (S2037)	94%	98%
their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038)	97%	95%
their teachers expect them to do their best* (S2039)	99%	100%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work* (S2040)	97%	97%
teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041)	70%	92%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042)	91%	90%
their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043)	78%	94%
student behaviour is well managed at their school* (S2044)	57%	83%
their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045)	87%	99%
their school is well maintained* (S2046)	83%	96%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047)	96%	97%

Performance measure	
Percentage of school staff who agree that:	2013
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	86%
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	97%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	80%
students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	91%
students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	84%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	76%
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	74%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	74%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	94%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	97%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	82%

* 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 re-development 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 encouraged to contribute to their child's education by regularly visiting classrooms and volunteering. Tingalpa State School realises that only a proportion of parents can visit the school during school hours and therefore we endeavor to communicate with and involve parents in a variety of ways. Term class newsletters and fortnightly school newsletters are distributed both in hard copy format as well as online via the school's website.

We offer a range of parent information sessions about raising children and how parents can assist in their children's learning journey. We value the parent as the child's first teacher and develop strong partnerships with parents and carers to ensure that the children's schooling experience is enjoyable and successful.

The P&C association is an important group in which parents can be involved in school decision making processes. The principal reports to this group on a monthly basis. The P&C works collaboratively with staff at the school to raise funds to support school curriculum programs and initiatives, as well as work with the school to organise events that celebrate student learning and achievement. Outside School Hours Care is conducted by the Carindale Police Citizens Youth Club. It provides a valuable service for working families.

Reducing the school's environmental footprint

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

During 2012 the following initiatives were implemented to reduce the school's environmental footprint:

- Recycling in classrooms
- Vegetable gardens
- Earth hour to turn power off, raising awareness of power consumption
- Instillation of chair made from recycled materials
- Tree planting
- Watering system
- Bike days to encourage environmentally sustainable travel to school

	Environmental footprint indicators	
	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2010-2011	96,906	745
2011-2012	68,751	1,909
2012-2013	128,844	1,035

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.

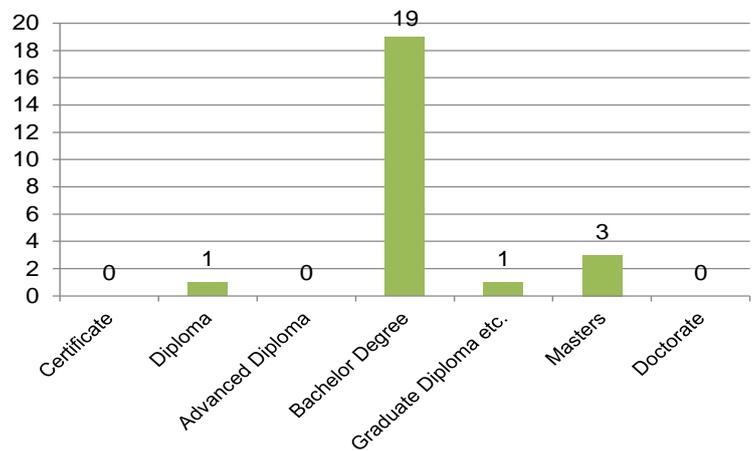
Our staff profile

Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2013 Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff *	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	24	13	<5
Full-time equivalents	20	9	<5

Qualifications of all teachers

Highest level of attainment	Number of Teaching Staff *
Certificate	0
Diploma	1
Advanced Diploma	0
Bachelor Degree	19
Graduate Diploma etc.	1
Masters	3
Doctorate	0
Total	24



* 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 \$ 8264.26.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- * Explicit teaching
- * Literacy
- * Numeracy
- * Philosophy
- * Moderation
- * Peer coaching
- * Gifted and Talented
- * Data analysis

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.	95%	96%	96%

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 95% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2013 school year.

School income broken down by funding source

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Performance of our students

Key student outcomes

Student attendance	2011	2012	2013
The overall attendance rate for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	93%	94%	93%
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)

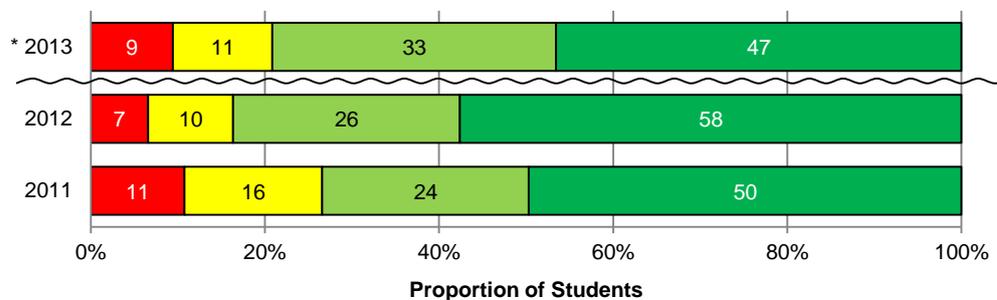
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2011	92%	93%	94%	93%	95%	94%	93%					
2012	96%	95%	95%	94%	93%	96%	92%					
2013	92%	94%	95%	94%	95%	90%	91%					

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Student Attendance Distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range.

Attendance Rate: ■ 0% to <85% ■ 85% to <90% ■ 90% to <95% ■ 95% to 100%



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

Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

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Rolls are marked twice each day at Tingalpa State School. Once at the start of the day and again after lunch. Parents are able to inform the school of student absence via phone, email or note. Roll data is entered into the school's computer system. Student absenteeism is discussed at regular administration meetings using the entered data as reference. It can also be brought to the attention of administration by teachers. Families of students with unexplained absenteeism are contacted to ensure a swift resolution to any unexplained absenteeism. If this is not possible then a process of formal letters are mailed to the parents in accordance with DET [Managing Student Absences](#) policies.

Performance of our students

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

Tingalpa State School has implemented a range of strategies to meet the needs of our Indigenous students. These include:

- Cultural awareness program
- Indigenous art work
- Intensive literacy and numeracy support
- Monitoring attendance
- Adult mentors
- Monitoring academic performance

Indigenous student attendance and non-indigenous attendance in 2013 was comparable. Retention of Indigenous students compared to Non-Indigenous students is also comparable. Academic attainment shows that Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students had a similar percentage of students achieving C or above in Maths, English and Science.