

SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 20/06/2022

School Name: Littlehampton Primary School & Preschool

School Number: 0225

1. General Information

Part A

School name : LITTLEHAMPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
Pre school No. : 1829
School No. : 0225 Courier : Adelaide Hills
Principal : Mrs Suyin McDonald
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PRESCHOOL (CPC)

February FTE Enrolment

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
TOTAL	51	55	47	44	54	54	55

SCHOOL

February FTE Enrolment

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Reception	48	50	59	51	48	51	58
Year 1	72	50	48	55	51	46	52
Year 2.	63	74	54	49	58	53	47
Year 3.	68	65	74	53	53	54	54
Year 4.	58	68	65	76	55	56	50
Year 5.	46	62	70	65	79	55	52
Year 6.	41	43	60	71	63	78	49
Year 7.	34	29	40	48	48	48	
TOTAL	430	441	470	468	455	439	416

School Card Approvals (Persons) 65 -15%
EALD Total (Persons) 23
Aboriginal FTE Enrolment 3 FTE

Note: Placement points for Complexity and (Base plus Isolation) can be obtained from the document 'Placement Points History' in the 'schools/placement' section of the 'Legal and Policy Framework Library' available on the departmental CD-ROM or web-site.

Part B

Deputy Principal Mrs Brigitte French

Co-Ordinator, Student Support & Curriculum Mrs Lorna McLean

Business Manager Mrs Michelle Calderwood

Staffing numbers (Jun, 2022) 47 staff, including 4 in Preschool, 1 OSHC Director

Principal, Deputy Principal, Co-Ordinator, Business Manager

Staff in School 26 teachers and 18 ancillary staff:

Teacher/Librarian 0.8

L.O.T.E Teacher 0.6

PE Teacher .04

Art Teacher 0.4

Music Teacher 0.8

13 Classroom Teachers (13 classes)

EALD teacher 0.2

Special Ed / Enrichment Teacher 0.4

17 Ancillary Staff

12 SSOs in Admin, Preschool and student support

2 Groundsmen

1 Kitchen Specialist

1 Garden Specialist

Staff in Preschool

2 Teachers

2 SSOs

Staff Gender Profile

6 male, 38 female

Other

1 Pastoral Support Worker

School Based Preschool

The preschool provides full day sessions of preschool to children who are 4 or turning 4 before 1 May. There is a single starting date for all children in the preschool. The children are currently provided with 15 hours of Preschool program. This is provided to children in two groups. **Group A** children attend access the program on Monday, Tuesday and every second Friday, **Group B** children attend on Wednesdays, Thursdays and every second Friday. The Preschool is located in a purpose built facility which was officially opened in Nov 2010. Monday to Thursday 8:45am to 3:00pm. Friday fortnight 8:45am to 1:45pm.

Out of School Hours Care

Our OSHC service commenced in 2009. We operate a before school program, after school program and vacation care program. We provide care to children in the preschool as well as the school. A special care program for preschool children commences on Fridays at 1:45pm, the time the preschool program ends. Regular hours of operation are 6:30am – 8:45am for before school care, 3:10pm to 6:30pm (Except Wednesdays which begins at 3:00pm) for after school care and 7.00am to 6:30pm for vacation care. The director is Kathryn Schultz.

Enrolment trends

There has been a steady increase over the past 10 years with increased housing developments in the Littlehampton area. While population in Littlehampton is predicted to grow, ABS data shows predicted growth in Littlehampton is not as high as other areas in

the Greater Mount Barker Council. We are confident that by using our zone of right we can cater for all children in the Littlehampton area well into the future.

Recent purchase of land

Recently additional land has been purchased by DfE for the school, to provide for additional class buildings when needed.

Special Arrangements- Zone of Right

The school has a zone of right, which restricts enrolment to a specific geographic area around the township of Littlehampton.

Year of opening

Although our registers go back to 1892, our school opened on our current site in 1900 in the original stone school building. This 1900 sandstone building has been included in the development of the main Administration and classroom block.

Public transport

A bus service is available to and from Adelaide from North Terrace Littlehampton. The Mount Barker Council have also put on keo rides. Some of our families use this transport. It services Mount Barker, Littlehampton and Nairne.

2. Students (and their welfare)

General characteristics of the student body

As Littlehampton is a zoned of right school the majority of students live in the Littlehampton area and move together from preschool to the R-7 section of the school, enabling good transitions and a sense of belonging. This continuity of schooling is valued by parents. While largely a monocultural school, there is a diverse range of individual values and attitudes.

Pastoral Care and Leadership

Class teachers have the major role in pastoral care. The majority of classes are straight year level classes and each class has a buddy class which they work with for some activities. The deputy principal role includes a 0.2 component as School Counsellor. A Pastoral Support Worker has been employed to work with individual students or with small groups, supporting teachers in classes too.

Student Behaviour Management

Our Student Wellbeing Policy was developed in 2006 and was lastly reviewed in 2021. Its focus is in developing a positive climate and supporting students in self managing their behaviour and learning effective skills for productive work and play. Student behaviour management processes are based on restorative justice principles, and a counselling approach to improving student behaviour. As a school we have introduced the Zones of Regulation as a tool to support students to self regulate.

Student Executives

The school uses a Student Executive model for years 6-7. The student executive team work with school leadership on whole school projects and work with classes by receiving feedback from class meetings. They regularly share information at assemblies and through the student newsletter.

3. Key School Policies

School Vision: We aim to develop creative, confident learners who can adapt to and participate effectively in a rapidly changing world. We will value and promote personal excellence, a love of learning and quality relationships between the students, staff, parents and wider community.

Aspiration Statement: Our aspiration is that all students at Littlehampton exhibit the characteristics of an effective, assessment capable learner. They understand what they have learnt, how they are going, and where they will go to next.

School Priorities: Our Site Learning Plan for 2021 is currently on the website. Our goals for whole school improvement are:

- Goal 1: To increase student achievement in literacy, with a focus on Reading and Writing R-7.
- Goal 2: To increase student achievement in mathematics, particularly in the number strand R-7.

4 A. Curriculum and Key Features of Preschool

Recent Key Outcomes-Preschool

- Project based inquiry learning
- Provision of 15 hours for each child
- Quality Standard introduction
- 2018 National Quality Accreditation is "Meeting" National Quality Standards
- Continued links with Early Years section of the school
- Strong positive response from Preschool Parent Annual Surveys

CURRICULUM Preschool

Preschool education is play based and is guided by the five Learning Outcomes of *The Early Years Learning Framework*:

- Children have a strong sense of identity
- Children are connected with and contribute to their world
- Children have a strong sense of well being
- Children are confident and involved learners
- Children are effective communicators

Key Features of the Preschool

- Focus on *Being Belonging Becoming* the Early Years Framework.
- Student learning is tracked using learning stories, annotated work samples and observations using the Literacy and Numeracy indicators when assessing children through Learning Stories
- The preschool environment is stimulating, safe and facilitates learning through play.
- The outdoor learning environment has become a focus of our Preschool Improvement Plan
- Programming, assessment and communication with parents about the curriculum and their child's learning is based on "The Early Years Learning Framework for Australia"

4 B. Curriculum and Key Features of School, Reception to Year 7

Key Features and Highlight Programs - School

- **Environmental Education:** Our school has a strong commitment to environmental education over many years. Students can join the Youth Environmental Leaders run by the Natural Resources Management. Year 6 and 7 are able to join the Environmental Student group. Recycling of waste around the school is commonplace, with waste being sorted into compost, chicken scraps, paper and cardboard, soft plastic, and "hard recycling." Each classroom has bins of each type available.
- **Music:** Music is a highlight program for our school and is supported by regular classroom music lessons for Reception to Year 7. Children learn to read, write and perform music. We also offer

choir for students in Years 5 & 6. Instrumental lessons in a range of brass and woodwind instruments, piano and guitar are provided by private instrumental, and IMS teachers at the school.

- **Physical Education:** supported strongly through daily lessons, a specialist PE program, participation in SAPSASA, swimming and aquatics programmes and sporting clinics.
- **Kitchen Garden Program:** where children are involved in planting, and growing food, followed by preparing and cooking food, and enjoying eating food together in the dining room. The program began in Term 2 of 2011. Students from years 3-6 participate in a garden lesson and kitchen lesson supported by a kitchen specialist and garden specialist.
- **Early Years Literacy and Numeracy Plan** - In 2019 we introduced the Read, Write, Inc. Phonics program as a differentiated approach to teaching early letter recognition, reading, writing, spelling and grammar skills to Reception to Year 2 students. Words Their Way and word study programs form the basis of spelling program from Years 3-6.
- **Visible Learning and Learning Goals:** Students need to know what they are learning, and what is needed in the task to make them successful. These are known as Learning Intentions and Success Criteria. Our students use the Effective Learner Profile which was contributed to by staff, students and our parent community. ***The Effective Learner Profile identifies the essential characteristics of a life-long learner as being Connected, Brave, Creative, Engaged, Gritty, Self-Aware***
- **Wellbeing** this involves the development of Anti-bullying policy and regular well being audits; Student Behaviour Management processes based on restorative justice principles and a counselling approach to improving student behaviour;
- **Superseven values** with strong ownership of students, developing shared understandings and practising these values through student wellbeing and forum groups:
Respect, Kindness, Being Trustworthy, Including Others, Valuing Others, Fairness, A Positive Attitude

Curriculum - School

Our school is currently implementing the Australian Curriculum in all learning areas:

- **English**
- **Mathematics**
- **Science**
- **Health and Physical Education**
- **Humanities and Social Sciences (History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship)**
- **The Arts – Music and Visual Arts**
- **LOTE - Spanish**
- **Technologies**

Inquiry Pedagogy

Our school uses an agreed Inquiry Framework for teaching across the Australian Curriculum. This includes:

- an agreed Inquiry Scope and Sequence,
- an agreed methodology guided by the Inquiry Framework
- an agreed planner, the *Inquiry Backwards Planner*.

The Scope and Sequence is currently being reviewed continually to ensure the units are challenging incorporate key concepts from the Australian Curriculum, a capture students curiosity and interest.

Special Needs- Student Support Programs

The school provides support for student learning through:

- **Special Education** for students identified with Special Education needs through a Psychology or Speech report. The Special Education teacher and the Deputy Principal coordinates this program and individual or small group assistance provided by School Services Officers.
- **Enrichment**, a wholistic approach to learning enrichment and well being, supporting students academically, emotionally and socially within all aspects of their schooling.
- **The Learning Assistance Programme (LAP)**. Parent and Community members who would like to assist are invited to do so. Our LAP program has been operating continuously for 18 years under the leadership of Pauline Bolto.
- **Gross Motor Skill Coordination Programme**. (Fun & Games)
- **Early Assistance** screening and assistance in oral language and phonological awareness at 5 and 6 years of age.
- **Multilit**, a catch up program for students from Years 2 – 5 falling behind in literacy.
- **Levelled Literacy** Support Groups for students from Year 1 – 5 using the Fountas and Pinnell program.
- **Quicksmart**, a program for students in Years 5 – 7. This program teaches number facts to automaticity, and our data shows that students on this program made almost 3 years growth in maths in one year.
- **Fresh Start**, is a program

Reporting

Reporting Timeline:

Term 1 Week 3 Teachers meet with parents in an Acquaintance Night

Term 1 Week 10 Parent Teacher Interviews

Term 2 Week 10 Written Reports

Term 3 Weeks 1—3 Parent Teacher Interviews on request.

Term 4 Week 8 Final Written Report.

5. Sporting Activities

At School students participate in a wide range of sporting activities including school Sports Day, Courier Cup Swimming Carnival, Cross Country, Lightning Carnival (6/7 students) and Crows Cup. House Captains show great leadership during Sports Day.

SAPSASA Students in Years 4 – 6 also participate in SAPSASA events.

Sporting Schools Program This Australian Government funded program enables us to provide quality skills programs for students during their PE lessons by providing development officers from the various sporting development groups to take lessons for our students. Recent programs are basketball, rugby and gymnastics.

Community sporting associations provide many opportunities, and student participation in these groups is high: Littlehampton Tennis and Netball Clubs, Hahndorf Football Club and Soccer Club. Consistent with other schools in the Adelaide Hills and other inner rural areas, there is no school run after school sport.

6. Staff (and their welfare)

Staff Profile

Some of our staff have children in our school, play sport with local sporting organisations, and have firm friendships with other school families. This very much contributes to the community feel to our school and encourages a valuable partnership of parents, students and staff. As a staff we have a major focus on Positive Education and well being.

Performance Development

Littlehampton Primary School is a school which embraces innovation and looks to the future with a positive approach. Teachers are supported in pursuing areas of interest, specialisation or study and encouraged to utilise their skills within the whole school context.

Staff have a right to planned and constructive feedback about their performance. School leaders share this responsibility.

Staff Social Club

Staff social events include birthday celebrations, Happy Hours and other social occasions.

Access to Special Staff

Students Support Services, Speech Pathologists, Behaviour Support Unit personnel, Guidance Officers, Special Educators, Psychologists and other DfE support personnel are available to support teachers and their programmes through negotiation with the Deputy Principal.

7. School Facilities

Building & Grounds Redevelopment

In recent years the school has had almost continuous development.

- 2021 The old OSHC building is being renovated to create a new modern building for our OSHC families.
- 2020 Two new classrooms and a new disabled toilet.
- 2019 An 18th class temporarily placed in a portion of our existing Garth Boomer Resource Centre. Nature Play and Outdoor Learning Space developed on block behind gymnasium, incorporating rock amphitheatre, wood carvings, water play; plan to relocate Boomerimba musical play to Nature Play area.
- 2016 Development of play areas; an imaginative play area bordering Darnley Street; a musical playground to complement the Boomerimba; refurbishment of playground and installation of new play equipment; plans to develop a nature play area on the new block adjoining the gymnasium.
- 2014 State Government grants enabled refurbishment projects: painting of classrooms, soundproofing of rooms, building of outdoor learning area (stage). A matching grant from the Minister of Education, funds from the Garth Boomer Trust fund, and a contribution from Governing Council funded of our Boomerimba, a tuned musical instrument in the shape of a Boomerang, made from red gum, in honour of Garth Boomer.
- 2013 Purchase of an additional block of land by DfE for future development of our school.
- 2012 Completion of vegetable gardens provided through a DEEWR SAKG grant.
- 2011 Refurbishment of front office, completion of the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Dining Room with five fully equipped kitchens for student learning, funded by BER grant.

2009	Completion of new preschool, library resource centre and double classroom block, provided through BER funding and SA Capital Works Grant.
2008	New 4 classroom block. This involved shifting a 2 classroom transportable building developed in 2005, construction of a second 2 classroom transportable building, veranda area, ramps, steps and pathways
2007	New Gymnasium
1998	New Molly Miels building, a 4-class building with a central foyer, art room, two computer areas, office and withdrawal room. Included was a further redevelopment of the original sandstone building with redesign of the Administration and staffroom.
1982	Redevelopment of the original sandstone school building to provide classroom space for 150 students.
1900	School opened in original sandstone building

Key Features of our Grounds & Facilities

- Well maintained facilities include a Garth Boomer Resource Centre including a computer suite, a music room, art room, a fully equipped cooking centre with 5 full kitchens and gymnasium.
- Attractive and well maintained grounds for student use include play equipment, oval, grassed play area, vegetable garden and orchard and basketball court.
- Staff room with a dishwasher and courtyard with pergola. Staff toilets located in 4 areas.
- Wheelchair access for students and staff with disabilities via extensive paths to all classrooms, completed in 2009. Toilet and shower facilities in main building and external disabled toilet.
- Our school community adjoins “Coppins Bush” a 3-hectare area of the last remaining natural vegetation in this area. The school played a role in developing this reserve in 1981, and continues to work with the community in developing and caring for this valuable area. Classes utilise Coppins Bush as a focus for environmental education.

Gymnasium

Our Gymnasium is used extensively for school P.E. lessons, OSHC, assemblies, performances, Music Showcases (concerts) and school community events. It is available for hire by groups within our community, and is currently used by Callisthenics, Focus(Martial Arts), Fencing teams and church groups.

8. School Operations

Decision Making

Governing Council sets direction, approves policy and operates the OSHC service.

Main staff decision making is through staff meetings.

Staff also contribute to whole school development and decision making through active involvement in Year level “Learning teams”, Professional Learning Committees for Visible Learning, Positive Education, Literacy, Numeracy, Inquiry; and School Development committees. These are:

- Governing Council & sub-committees (Finance Committee, Grounds and Facilities)
- Workplace Health and Safety
- Student Support
- Personnel Advisory Committee;
- Kitchen Garden Committee
- Extended Leadership or Site Learning plan Committee which deals with planning and management of staff meetings

Regular publications: All staff have daily notifications through emails, Sentral and weekly updated from Principals. School wide we use School Stream, Seesaw and fortnightly school newsletters.

Other communication: Staffroom whiteboard, Term Calendar sent home to all families and uploaded onto our web page, staff pigeon holes, phone communication to all areas. A School Handbook is available to all new staff, new and prospective parents. The school has implemented the use of an App – School Stream, as a means of sharing information electronically to school families. The

preschool also has a facebook page for preschool parents. All classes utilise app SeeSaw for communication between class teacher and family.

9. Local Community

Parent and community involvement

A key feature of our school is strong community involvement. There is a high level of parental support in classroom and student support programs. Our school also has a strong involvement with Littlehampton community organisations. Our students and school choir are involved in Remembrance Day and Anzac Day services and our school has a regular column in the Littlehampton Community Newsletter. Our school benefits enormously from the sponsorship of Mt Barker and Blakiston Rotary Clubs. Littlehampton Community Association currently has representation on our Governing Council, and our school is regularly involved in activities planned by this organisation. Kimanis Club of the Adelaide Hills present two awards each term to staff nominated students demonstrating positive characteristics and responsible citizenship.

General characteristics of the township

Littlehampton is a growing township with one hotel, a supermarket, a large family medical clinic, a pharmacy, a restaurant and café, one deli and an Australia Post outlet. There is a Community Hall and tennis courts, CFS, an Early Learning Centre, and two childcare centres. Spring Park Farm, Blakiston and other developing housing estates have dramatically increased housing available for families in the town.

Feeder schools/Kindergartens

Almost all Receptions come from our own preschool.

High Schools

Mount Barker High School is our feeder high school. Students also move on to Oakbank Area School, Heathfield High School and city schools such as Glenunga, Urrbrae and Mitcham Girls High.

Other Local Care and Educational facilities:

The Adelaide Hills Regional office of DfE is located nearby in Mt Barker.

Littlehampton Child Care Centre, Matildas Child Care Centre, Emali's Child Care Center.

Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities: Mount Barker offers a good range of shopping and industrial centres. Littlehampton has recently seen more businesses establish in the township, with a Foodland supermarket, bakery / cafe, chemist, a large doctors' surgery, Australia Post outlet, hairdressers and other social organisations.

Other local facilities: Mount Barker Library, recreation centre, Wallis Cinemas, wetlands, swimming pool, fitness centres, sporting facilities, Mount Barker hospital, Government Offices and social services.

Local government body: Mount Barker Council, Phone: 8391 1633.

10. Further Comments

We are proud to have had Garth Boomer as an old scholar. Our library resource centre is named in his honour, the *Garth Boomer Resource Centre*. Our highest achievement award, the *Garth Boomer* literacy award, is given each year to the Year 7 student with the best portfolio of writing. For many years the school held the Garth Boomer Trust fund, established by old scholars in honour of Garth Boomer. With financial support from DfE and community organisations, and the trust fund, a memorial for Garth Boomer was created in 2013. This is a beautiful boomerang shaped seat made out of river red gum. "*The Boomerimba*", which is actually a tuned musical instrument, is joyfully played each day by our students.