



SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated:

School number: 0238

School name: Macclesfield Primary School

School Profile:

Macclesfield Primary School is a small school of less than 100 enrolments in the Southern Adelaide Hills 45 minutes from the CBD.

The school values are Responsibility, Respect, Caring, Success and Safety. These values are linked closely with '*Positive Education*' and '*Play IsThe Way*', two programs that the school is currently developing and modifying its participation in.

The school has strong links with the local community through its involvement with the RSL Club, the Macclesfield Community Association, sporting clubs and environmental groups. The school won the inaugural Mt Barker Council Environmental award in 2014.

Over the past couple of years the school has developed its Better Buddies program, linking our new Receptions with children from the senior class. Each week these two groups get together and participate in activities designed by the school's PCW.

The children from the senior class are involved in many SAPSASA events throughout the year. This class also participates in the annual Festival of Music Choir.

The school offers User Pays music tuition in piano, keyboard, guitar, ukulele and drums.

1. General information

- School Principal name: Lynne Noll
- Year of opening:1957
- Location Address:1-5 Luck Street Macclesfield SA 5153
- DECD Partnership: Heysen
- Geographical location – 45 km from the CBD surrounded by the townships of Mt Barker, Meadows, Echunga and Strathalbyn
- Telephone number: 8388 9338
- Fax Number: 8388 9028
- School website address: maccyps.sa.edu.au
- School e-mail address:info@maccyps.sa.edu.au
- Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service: Happy Haven offer an OSHC service each weekday afternoon.
- February FTE student enrolment:

	• 2013	• 2014	• 2015	• 2017
• R	• 18	• 8	• 18	• 7
• 1	• 12	• 14	• 7	• 9
• 2	• 8	• 9	• 16	• 17
• 3	• 10	• 7	• 8	• 6
• 4	• 15	• 6	• 5	• 18
• 5	• 4	• 14	• 6	• 6
• 6	• 10	• 3	• 13	• 3
• 7	• 14	• 9	• 3	• 3
• Total	• 91	• 70	• 76	• 69

- 2017 – 3 ATSI students, 2 GOM students, 5 students with disabilities (11 and 4D) and <20% School Card
- Student enrolment trends:Steady at around 70.

- Staffing numbers (as at February census):
 1.0 Principal (Band A2) 3 x 1.0 classroom teachers, 1 x 0.7, 1 x 0.4 classroom teacher, and 1 x 0.5 classroom teacher (NIT)
 25 hpw Front Office/Admin support, 15 hpw Finance Officer, 7.5 hpw ITC, 34 hpw student support, 5 hpw SAKG Garden, 7 hpw SAKG Kitchen, 7.5 hpw GSE

2. Students (and their welfare)

- General characteristics
 :Majority of children come from within the township of Macclesfield with the remaining few coming from surrounding farms and nearby towns
 4 classes, R/1, 2/3, 4 and 5/6/7
- Student well-being programs
 : Whole school - Play Is The Way, Positive Education, Senior class and Receptions – Better Buddies
- Student support offered
 Individual and small group support offered in classrooms for identified children
 PCW employed for 10 hours per week
- Student management
 :Principal takes on counselling/behaviour management role
- Student government
 : 3 leaders elected for full year from the Year 7 cohort and each semester classes elect 2 representatives for Student Leaders group which meets once a fortnight with Principal and PCW to discuss learning, school issues or issues raised in class meetings
- Special programmes
 :Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program – kitchen offered to senior class and whole school, R-7 involved in Garden
 User pays music – piano, keyboard, guitar, ukulele, drums
 Senior Choir
 Youth Environmental Leaders
 Visual Arts
 Footsteps Dance for 5 weeks in Term 3

3. Key School Policies

- Site Improvement Plan and other key statements or policies:
 :see website

- Recent key outcomes:
See Annual report on website

4. Curriculum

- Subject offerings: Australian Curriculum, 8 learning areas from the Australian Curriculum – LOTE Indonesian (through Open Access), Arts – Visual Arts NIT, Music NIT for 1 term/year
- Open Access/Distance Education provision:
- Special needs:
- Special curriculum features:
50% of teaching staff trained in Positive Education. All staff attended T&D for Play Is The Way program in 2015 and whole school is implementing philosophy into their programs. R-7 students using Jolly Phonics/Jolly Grammar program. All staff trained in Anne Baker and Tierney Kennedy Maths methodologies and using in classrooms. Staff work to Literacy and Numeracy Agreements.
- Teaching methodology:
Teachers work is aligned to TfEL. Each class has at least 6 computers and an IWB. Computer suite of 30 computers. Computer resources maintained by ICT SSO. Students with disabilities supported in classrooms by SSOs. Teachers support learning programs with selected on-line programs such as Mathletics, Literacy Pro, Reading Eggs, IXL Maths, etc
- Student assessment procedures and reporting
Meet the parent/teacher evening early Term 1, Parent/Teacher interviews late Term 1, mid-year written reports late Term 2, Parent/Teacher interviews early Term 3 and End of Year written reports Term 4

5. Sporting Activities

- :SAPSASA Athletics, Cross Country, Table Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Small schools Knock Out Football (combine with Meadows PS) and Netball
R-5 swimming Term 3 week 10 at Noarlunga Swimming Centre
Year 6/7 Aquatics program – odd year Noarlunga/even year Murraylands

6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

Each year 4 Year 5 students elected onto YEL – environmental group run by local NRM Board – responsibility for organising an environmental focus for the year
Year 5/6/7 class involved in FOM choir
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program
End of Year concert – early Term 4
Footsteps Dance concert week 5 Term 3
Sports Day Term 1

Participate in local RSL Anzac and Remembrance Day ceremonies

7. Staff (and their welfare)

- Staff profile
:1 male – principal, 7 female teaching staff, 1 male teacher, 6 female SSOs and 1 male.

1 Principal

4.6 F.T.E teachers

72 SSO1 hours

15 SSO2 hours

11 SSO3 hours

8 GSE hours

8 Pastoral Care Worker Hours

:Elected PAC

- Staff support systems
T&D determined by site and/or individual needs as indicated by SIP
- Performance Management
Regular PM meetings with written feedback in line with DECD policy
- Staff utilisation policies
Determined annually on a needs basis

Staff Profile

9. School Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
School built in current location in 1957. Buildings and grounds are well maintained and in good condition
Main building consists of Admin area, Principal's office, Finance Officer and Staff preparation room, printing room, staff Room and staff toilets, Library, Computer suite, Year 5/6/7 classroom, SAKG Kitchen/Art room, multi-purpose room, teachers' resource store room and student toilets
2011 ELC was built and houses 2 classrooms and large shared space housing a small wet area and 12 computers
2 transportable classrooms
Gymnasium
Several sheds – 2x store sheds, Groundsperson's shed, SAKG shed
Large verandah areas for outside play, 2 playground areas, large SAKG Garden area, oval, tennis court and large natural scrub area

- Heating and cooling
:Reverse cycle airconditioners in all areas
- Specialist facilities and equipment
SAKG Kitchen/Art room consisting of 4 cooking work stations
Multi-purpose room used for User Pays Music instruction, Monday morning assemblies and drama
Gymnasium – hired by local Table Tennis Club 2 nights a week April – September and local basketball club November – March (not school holidays)
- Access for students and staff with disabilities
:Main Building, ELC and Gymnasium have wheel chair access. 1 disability toilet
- Access to bus transport
DECD bus run for eligible students
Use local company for excursions

10. School Operations

- Decision making structures
Weekly staff meetings (one for teaching staff and one for SSOs) and 2x term Governing Council meetings
- Regular publications
Once a fortnight newsletter
Regular article in Macclesfield Community newsletter
- School financial position
:Sound financial position

11. Local Community

- General characteristics
Stable community – little or no employment in town. Parents either work in close larger towns of Mt Barker or Strathalbyn or commute to Adelaide.
Some are self employed
- Parent and community involvement
:Very strong
- Feeder or destination schools
Mt Barker HS is school of right – Year 7 children historically have chosen alternate high school destinations such as EFS, Heathfield, Urrbrae, Cornerstone College and St Francis deSales but this trend is changing.
Majority of the Reception intake come from Meadows Kindy with some coming from Strathalbyn, Mt Barker, Willow Close or Echunga Kindies,

- Other local care and educational facilities
Macclesfield Playgroup meets on Tuesday mornings at old Catholic School building in Macclesfield
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
:General Store, Post Office, 2x hotels and Farmer Supplies
- Other local facilities
Macclesfield Football, Netball, Tennis, Cricket, Softball Clubs
Macclesfield Community Association and its subsidiary groups
Macclesfield Bush Care group
Macclesfield RSL
Battunga Lions Club
- Availability of staff housing
No Government Housing available, Limited availability of rental properties
- Accessibility
Adelaide is 45 minutes away on SE Freeway. Larger townships of Mt Barker and Strathalbyn are both 15 minutes away on sealed roads
- Local Government body
:District Council of Mt Barker and the Macclesfield Community Association

12. Further Comments