

Fernvale State School
Queensland State School Reporting
2013 School Annual Report



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Principal's foreword

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Introduction

Fernvale State School enrolments continued to grow and major infrastructure projects were common throughout 2013. The school site was a major construction site with new projects including Administration building, Music Centre, four demountable classrooms and new Kindergarten.

Through the construction process and major disruptions, Fernvale State School continued to remain a vibrant school community and seek to attain high levels of achievement in academic, sporting and cultural success in 2013.

The staff undertook an extensive Professional Development program throughout the year on number of strategic areas and Implementation of the Australian Curriculum continued to be a major focus for all Teaching and Learning activities.

School progress towards its goals in 2013

In the Year 2013, there were many goals set for Fernvale State School.

The Implementation of the Australian Curriculum continued to be a high priority and key focus. English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography were the focus key learning areas and much time and development and refining school programs occurred.

The main school priority in 2013 was the continued development of the English and Mathematic School Program. These programs are now almost complete.

The Teaching of Reading in particular and the journey in this priority was the main focus of all Professional Development of all staff in 2013. This journey will continue well into 2014.

Future outlook

The key priorities for Fernvale State School for the future include:

- *Implementation of the Australian Curriculum
- *Improved school performance (particularly in the Teaching of Reading)
- *Implement whole school pedagogical practices
- *Using data to inform teaching practice
- *Develop instructional leadership with a focus on workforce performance
- *Develop productive partnerships with students, staff, parents and the community

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	526	244	282	94%
2012	571	260	311	95%
2013	591	268	323	96%

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

Characteristics of the student body:

Fernvale school student population continues to grow mainly due to the growth in real estate developments in the local area. Census data would indicate that the area is considered to be low socio-economic with many families relocating to the areas of cheaper rent as compared to that of Brisbane and the Gold Coast. The number of indigenous students in the school continued to increase as compared to the previous year. In 2013, the total student population indicated that there continued to be more males as compared to females across the school.

Average Class sizes

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2011	2012	2013
Prep – Year 3	22	24	23
Year 4 – Year 7 Primary	26	26	26

School Disciplinary Absences

Disciplinary Absences	Count of Incidents		
	2011	2012	2013
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	4	4	3
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	1	1	2
Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

Curriculum offerings

Our distinctive curriculum offerings:

Fernvale State School continued to offer many distinctive curriculum offerings.

Our Social Skilling program (Making A Difference "M.A.D" program) continued across the school from Prep to Year Seven. This school based program clearly supported the school's Values and Beliefs.

The chess program at Fernvale State School continued to operate and brought about many outstanding achievements by students in this program in 2013. Teams represented our school at the State Chess Championships.

Extra curricula activities:

Fernvale State School offered many extra curricula activities for the students of the school community. Great success and value has been attained through the remarkable achievements of many activities namely:

*Smarties Art club and associated art programs

*After school sporting programs

*Choir and Band programs

*Computer clubs

*Our Chess program continued to bring about great success for our students and school.

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning:

Students at Fernvale State School have great opportunity to engage in Information and Communication Technologies. Staff continued to develop their skills in ICT's to assist teaching and learning. Through the introduction of the Australian Curriculum more resources required a greater understanding and use of digital technologies to implement effective teaching and learning activities. Staff successfully implemented curriculum through the use of Interactive Whiteboards. All classrooms including the newly constructed buildings all have Interactive Whiteboards and wireless facilities.

Social climate

Fernvale State School continues to enjoy a safe and supportive school environment. The school climate is an extremely positive one and encourages students (and parents) to be involved in the life of the school in a nurturing manner. Families are valued and are an important element in the learning partnership at Fernvale State School. The school always welcomes parents/family members to join in school activities and parental involvement is always encouraged. Our School Chaplain continues to assist our families and broader school community members where a need exists.

Our school at a glance

Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school

The overall satisfaction of parents, students and staff at Fernvale State School is deemed as being quite high on a number of Performance measures.

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)	97%	100%
this is a good school (S2035)	97%	100%
their child likes being at this school* (S2001)	94%	100%
their child feels safe at this school* (S2002)	97%	97%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)	97%	100%
their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004)	97%	100%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005)	100%	100%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006)	94%	93%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007)	94%	100%
teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008)	97%	93%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns* (S2009)	97%	100%
this school works with them to support their child's learning* (S2010)	94%	94%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously* (S2011)	89%	97%
student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)	97%	90%
this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013)	97%	100%
this school is well maintained* (S2014)	97%	100%

Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown*)

Percentage of students who agree that:	2012	2013
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	98%	100%
they like being at their school* (S2036)	96%	100%
they feel safe at their school* (S2037)	96%	98%
their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038)	96%	100%
their teachers expect them to do their best* (S2039)	100%	100%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work* (S2040)	97%	100%
teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041)	94%	98%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042)	88%	94%
their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043)	91%	98%
student behaviour is well managed at their school* (S2044)	90%	98%
their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045)	95%	100%

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their school is well maintained* (S2046)	96%	97%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047)	96%	100%

Performance measure

Percentage of school staff who agree that:	2013
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	100%
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	100%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	97%
students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	100%
students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	100%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	100%
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	94%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	97%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	100%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	97%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	100%

* 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 redevelopment 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

Fernvale State School expects and encourages parents/family members to be involved in the education of their children. Numerous opportunities are available for families to be a part of the Fernvale School community. Some examples of these avenues include involvement through the Parent and Citizens Association, Home Reading, Camp/Excursions program, Chess helpers, Sport Days and a host of other extra curricula activities.

Reducing the school's environmental footprint

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

In 2013 the school made a conscious effort to improve its' environmental footprint by way of closely monitoring electricity (and in particular use of Air conditioning) and water usage.

	Environmental footprint indicators	
	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2010-2011	115,472	3,367
2011-2012	87,744	6,332
2012-2013	122,187	0

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.

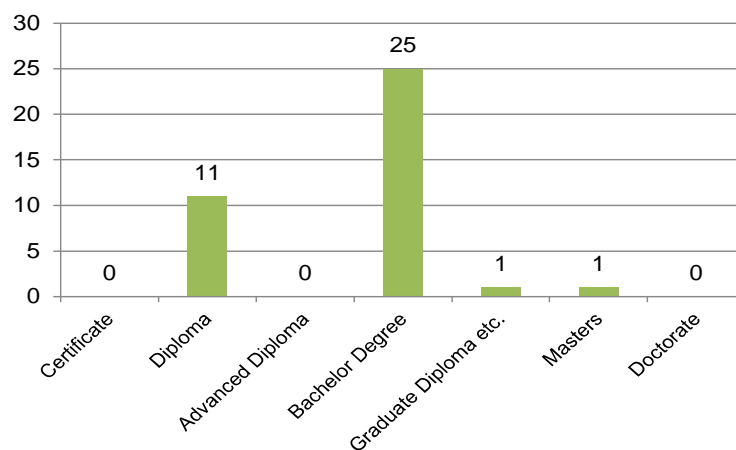
Our staff profile

Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2013 Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff *	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	38	20	<5
Full-time equivalents	32	11	<5

Qualifications of all teachers

Highest level of attainment	Number of Teaching Staff *
Certificate	0
Diploma	11
Advanced Diploma	0
Bachelor Degree	25
Graduate Diploma etc.	1
Masters	1
Doctorate	0
Total	38



* 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

Our staff profile

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2013 were \$ 13 146.50.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- Attending a variety of Literacy specific workshops
- Attending Explicit Instruction specific workshops
- Partaking in Teaching of Reading specific workshops
- Other workshops as on offer to meet school or systemic needs

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2013 was 100%.

Average staff attendance	2011	2012	2013
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	96%	96%	96%

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 94% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2013 school year.

School income broken down by funding source

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School financial information is available by selecting '**School finances**' in the menu box in the top left corner of the school's entry web page. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a paper copy of income by funding source.

Key student outcomes

Student attendance	2011	2012	2013
The overall attendance rate for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	93%	93%	92%
The overall attendance rate in 2013 for all Queensland state Primary schools was 92%.			

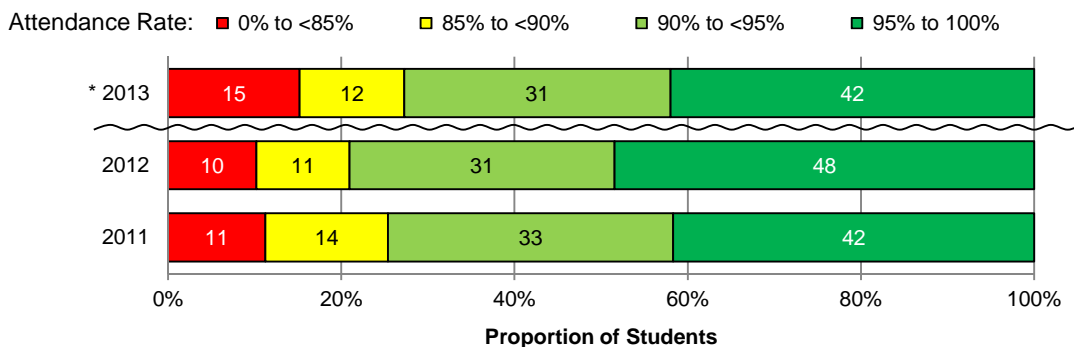
Student attendance rate for each year level (shown as a percentage)

	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	93%	92%	91%	93%	94%	92%	91%					
2012	93%	93%	93%	93%	94%	94%	92%					
2013	92%	92%	92%	93%	91%	92%	93%					

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Student Attendance Distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range.



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

Performance of our students

Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the DET policies, SMS-PR-029: Managing Student Absences and SMS-PR-036: Roll Marking in State Schools, which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

At Fernvale State School rolls are marked twice daily. Teachers and/or Administration phone parents where there is an unsatisfactory reason or no reason given at all.

Sustained absences are followed up with phone calls and/or letters by Administration.

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

At Fernvale State School the education of all students regardless of background is considered as our core business.

In 2013 there were 34 Indigenous students enrolled at Fernvale State School at the time of the August Census return.

The average daily attendance of all Indigenous students at our school in 2013 was 86.3% in Semester One and 83.3% in Semester Two. In comparison the Non Indigenous daily average attendance for 2013 was 92% and 90.7% respectively for each Semester.