

# Pompuraaw State School

## Queensland State School Reporting

### 2015 School Annual Report



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## Principal's foreword

### Introduction

This report outlines the growth, development and performance of Pompuraaw State School. Our school is proud of the achievements throughout 2015 and we acknowledge the hard work of students, staff and parents in ensuring quality outcomes are achieved. Pompuraaw State School celebrates the integral role parents, staff and the wider community all play in promoting a safe and challenging environment that not only achieves academic results but prepares students for the future when they go away to attend boarding school.

School systems are embedded and documented and shared with new staff who are appointed to the school. These systems are clearly articulated and followed by all staff in a systematic fashion, ensuring consistency with the high staff turn over every two years. A school Ed Studio for staff has been created and is maintained and updated regularly to ensure that all staff can access important documents and resources pertaining to the school. All new staff transferring in have access to a myriad of resources before they even start working on site and this can be accessed via the Learning Place.

### School progress towards its goals in 2015

Priority 1: Improving teaching	
Strategy 1.1	Explicit Teaching Model used for every lesson and Learning Intentions and Success Criteria are made clear to students.
Strategy 1.2	Ongoing curriculum review to adapt/adopt/update C2C units and focus on critical content aligned with Aust. Curriculum.
Strategy 1.3	Monitoring of classroom expectations through CWT's, formal observations of ETM
Strategy 1.4	All staff engaged in coaching/feedback of ETM with Principal twice per Term
Strategy 1.5	Utilise the FNQ explicit teaching coaching package
Strategy 1.6	Classroom profiling and ESCM feedback provided to all teachers twice per year
Strategy 1.7	Employing the FNQ ET coaches to visit twice per term to provide PD to school coaches and teaches
Strategy 1.8	Maintain a commitment to uninterrupted Literacy and Numeracy sessions
Strategy 1.9	Highly effective lessons developed from C2C and Australian Curriculum, adapting and adopting as required
Strategy 1.10	Using FLP's to support curriculum delivery, and clearly evident in daily teaching practise
Strategy 1.11	Prioritise opportunities for all students to participate in meaningful and continuous learning engagement in line with MSSWD/QSIL
Strategy 1.12	All students to have ILP's on OneSchool and reviewed by classroom teacher once per term for literacy and or numeracy
Strategy 1.13	Review existing Pedagogical Framework to ensure alignment with Regional expectations
Strategy 1.14	Use of ITS capability continuum for teacher's self-reflection

Strategy 1.15	NAPLAN strategy – build on successes and address poor performance areas/U2B's strategy – extend more able learners
<b>Priority 2: Refining and embedding data based decision making</b>	
Strategy 2.1	Embed processes to collect a range of whole school data – used to inform further planning and delivery in class
Strategy 2.2	Staff supported to develop data analysis skills to inform teaching practice
Strategy 2.3	Use “Differentiation Turtles” to monitor student progress 5 weekly to support individualised support/extension with QSIL priorities embedded
Strategy 2.4	5 weekly data collection of C2C units and diagnostic/standardised assessment via OS to monitor student progress and discuss with Principal
Strategy 2.5	Data walls and targets consistent with regional benchmarks and set amongst classrooms providing students with ongoing tracking-goal setting
Strategy 2.6	Implement the FNQ Mathematics Assessment Tool
Strategy 2.7	Set benchmarks and targets that challenge FNQ benchmark/targets
Strategy 2.8	Audit data collection for quality, compliance and value-addedness
Strategy 2.9	Establish systems to triangulate A-E data with NAPLAN and PAT data
<b>Priority 3: Refining and embedding Planning and Accountability Systems at all leadership levels</b>	
Strategy 3.1	All Teachers revisit Performance Plans in response to identified priorities
Strategy 3.2	All Teacher Aides develop Performance Plans in response to identified priorities in partnership with head teacher aide
Strategy 3.3	An Annual Professional Development Plan will be implemented, informed by data focusing on literacy and numeracy
Strategy 3.4	Implementation of FNQ Systems on Attendance, Improving Teaching and Behaviour Management
Strategy 3.5	Schedule the administration of the Control Self-Assessment Tool
Strategy 3.6	Address the recommendations of T&L/Discipline Audits scheduled for Term 1
<b>Priority 4: Connecting parents and caregivers with their children’s learning</b>	
Strategy 4.1	Celebrate and articulate successes across the school community via newsletters, flyers and daily school assembly
Strategy 4.2	Continue to organise Family Open Days once per term where family have the opportunity to visit the classroom and see teaching/learning in action with the Explicit teaching model being executed
Strategy 4.3	Continue to run a FAFT program run from the school once a week during school terms targeted at 0-4 years
Strategy 4.4	Maintain a relevant and meaningful school website
Strategy 4.5	Teachers will negotiate with parent/caregivers to set up regular opportunities to discuss achievement (i.e. telephone, meetings, class newsletters, interviews, home visits where appropriate)
Strategy 4.6	All staff will engage with parents to discuss and distribute reports cards at our ‘Report Card Celebration Day’
Strategy 4.7	Staff will at all times interact in a polite and positive manner with students, families and community members
Strategy 4.8	Liaise with Transition Support Services to ensure all parents of year 6 students are ready for the transition to Junior Secondary by providing ongoing preparation sessions throughout the year
Strategy 4.9	Continue to work through the Responsible Behaviour Plan weekly, linked directly linked to social skilling (whole school approach)
Strategy 4.10	Revisit and review the Charters of Expectations

## Future outlook

### Student Outcomes

- Implement Australian Curriculum (C2C)
- Continue to embed practices that utilise data to influence teaching practices to differentiate student learning
- Develop teaching practices that is reflective of FNQ’s signature pedagogy of Explicit Teaching
- Embed the use of ICTs to be integrated in teaching practices
- Community Partnerships: PPAC, Pormpuraaw Aboriginal Shire Council, RFDS, Appunipima, Transitions Support Services, Qld Police Service
- Develop staff succession planning to enable seamless passing of knowledge
- Staff Performance and Development
- Continue to develop coaching and mentoring skills of staff
- Update and maintain ILP’s for every student not meeting NMS in literacy and or numeracy
- Create a ‘Culture Club’ within the school run by elder in the community to teach the students how to make spears, and weave dilly bags.

A focus on THRASS as the basis of all pedagogy in literacy will continue with a heavy focus on explicit instruction with every lesson beginning with a consolidation episode to move short term knowledge to long term memory. Partnerships will continue to produce cultural projects such as the “Jimmy Little Project” and the bush tucker garden project. Culture will continue to be a strong focus into the future with families playing an integral part of their children’s education and future success when they enter boarding school.

## Our school at a glance

### School Profile

**Coeducational or single sex:** Coeducational

**Independent Public School:** No

**Year levels offered in 2015:** Early Childhood - Year 6

**Student enrolments for this school:**

	Total	Girls	Boys	Indigenous	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2013	95	42	53	94	96%
2014	93	41	52	91	94%
2015	81	38	43	80	84%

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

\*From 2015, data for all state high schools include Year 7 students. Prior to 2015, only state high schools offering Year 7 had these students included in their counts.

In 2015, there were 15 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 (<http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/families/pre-prep-indigenous.html>).

### Characteristics of the student body:

97% of children are of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent. 97% of children have English as their second or third language. Indigenous languages are spoken at home in over 50% of households. The Socio-economic Index is below 600. All children regularly take advantage of the isolation and rugged remoteness surrounding Pormpuraaw to partake in activities such as camping, fishing and hunting.

### Average class sizes

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2013	2014	2015
Prep – Year 3	15	12	13
Year 4 – Year 7 Primary	17	14	18
Year 7 Secondary – Year 10			
Year 11 – Year 12			

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### School Disciplinary Absences

Disciplinary Absences	Count of Incidents		
	2013	2014*	2015**
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	11	15	13
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	3	1	4

Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

\* Caution should be used when comparing post 2013 SDA data as amendments to EGPA disciplinary provisions and changes in methodology created time series breaks in 2014 and 2015.

\*\*From 2015, Exclusion represents principal decisions to exclude rather than recommendations for exclusion. From 2015 where a principal decided not to exclude, a small number of recommendations for exclusions have been counted as a long suspension. Exclusions, Cancellations and Long & Charge Suspensions may be upheld or set aside through an appeals process.

## Curriculum delivery

### Our approach to curriculum delivery

- Heavy focus on reading, spelling, writing and speaking standard Australian English through the application of THRASS methodology.
- 12.5 hours of English per week.
- 7.5 hours of maths per week.
- Weekly culture club – linked to the attendance strategy

### Extra curricula activities

- After School Care - PPAC
- Active After School Program – Pormpuraaw SS
- “Bush Tucker” project - JobFind
- Interschool Rugby League
- Interschool Softball
- Cape York AFL
- Cairns NRL
- Computer Club
- Loom Band Club
- Reading Club
- Origami Lessons
- Vacation Care – PPAC

### How Information and Communication Technologies are used to improve learning

All classrooms are equipped with Smartboards which are used extensively. I-Pads, Nintendo DS machines, Easi-Speak microphones, Bee Bots and Vado ‘Flip’ cameras are used regularly by both teachers and students and are incorporated mainly into the English language program. Video and voice recording is used to give students and teachers feedback. There is a fully equipped computer lab and two sets of classroom laptops which are regularly used by all classes. All classrooms are fitted with a ‘Sound Field’ so students can hear the teacher speaking in an amplified manner and assist with the delivery of curriculum. Fortnightly PD in a box sessions occur to provide teachers with PD via Skype. The PD in a box sessions are flexible and tailored made to suit the needs of teachers PD requests, assisting to deliver C2C effectively using ICT’s where appropriate. The school also has Video Ling which is also used for meetings, PD and sharing best practise with other schools in the region. All students from Prep to Year 7 have a digital subscription to Mathletics and Reading Eggs and this is accessed on a weekly basis utilising the bank of laptops and the computer lab.

### Social Climate

Pormpuraaw State School is a happy school. We continue to enjoy very good behaviour from most children. Parents have expressed their approval of the continuing good behaviour. Children are encouraged to make good choices and to help their school mates to do the same. Bullying and teasing is not tolerated in any form.

### Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school

Performance measure			
Percentage of parent/caregivers who agree# that:	2013	2014	2015
their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	90%	97%	93%
this is a good school (S2035)	100%	100%	94%
their child likes being at this school (S2001)	100%	97%	94%
their child feels safe at this school (S2002)	90%	97%	100%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school (S2003)	80%	94%	94%
their child is making good progress at this school (S2004)	90%	97%	94%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best (S2005)	100%	97%	87%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work (S2006)	100%	100%	88%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn (S2007)	90%	97%	93%
teachers at this school treat students fairly (S2008)	100%	97%	93%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns (S2009)	100%	100%	92%
this school works with them to support their child's learning (S2010)	90%	100%	92%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously (S2011)	100%	94%	92%
student behaviour is well managed at this school (S2012)	80%	97%	93%
this school looks for ways to improve (S2013)	100%	94%	87%
this school is well maintained (S2014)	100%	100%	93%

Performance measure			
Percentage of students who agree# that:	2013	2014	2015
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	100%	100%	100%
they like being at their school (S2036)	96%	100%	100%
they feel safe at their school (S2037)	100%	77%	100%
their teachers motivate them to learn (S2038)	96%	100%	100%
their teachers expect them to do their best (S2039)	100%	100%	100%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work (S2040)	95%	100%	100%
teachers treat students fairly at their school (S2041)	96%	92%	100%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns (S2042)	95%	100%	100%
their school takes students' opinions seriously (S2043)	96%	83%	100%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2044)	100%	85%	70%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2045)	91%	100%	90%
their school is well maintained (S2046)	100%	85%	95%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2047)	100%	100%	95%

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree# that:	2013	2014	2015
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	94%	94%	100%

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree <sup>#</sup> that:	2013	2014	2015
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	94%	94%	100%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	100%	94%	100%
they feel confident embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the learning areas (S2114)	100%	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%	94%	100%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	94%	82%	100%
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	100%	89%	100%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	93%	88%	100%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	94%	94%	100%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	100%	100%	100%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	81%	94%	100%

<sup>#</sup> '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

Twice per term the school holds a parent open day. The parents and families of students are invited to attend the school for a sausage sizzle followed by a session in the classroom. During this session teachers showcase what the students have been learning about and use this as an informal way to chat to parents and show them student work samples. The school also runs workshops on THRASS for parents to demonstrate how literacy is approached whole school. These sessions help parents and gives them a shared understanding of what their children are learning about. Meetings are held to address any issues that arise within the school in a pro-active manner to avoid these issues turning negative. We have had outstanding parent and family numbers attend the cross country, sports day, Easter Bonnet Parade, Domestic Violence Marches (May), NAIDOC Day, Under 8's Day and the Christmas Concert and end of year awards. Every Indigenous staff member is a parent or family member of a child who attends

### Reducing the school's environmental footprint

During 2014, the school made a conscientious effort to reduce the environmental footprint by turning off all lights and fans before leaving the classroom. Teachers also ensured that they only ran air-conditioning when extremely hot, and often only ran 1 air conditioner as an alternative to having 2 on at the same time. Fridges and freezers that were not being used were switched off over holiday periods in the tuckshop. Banana trees were planted in the school in a pit like formation where any leaves or grass clippings are regularly deposited in the surrounding pit, to act as mulch. This is also helping the community environmental footprint as the school takes less green waste to the local dump. The school oval is only watered early in the morning or very late in the evening, along with general school grounds. The school recycles any aluminium cans within the school and coordinates with the council to send them to the recycle plant. Additional plants were put into the Prep garden to create a cooler area for the students to play under for the future.

Years	Environmental footprint indicators	
	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2012-2013	74,775	0
2013-2014	85,868	0
2014-2015	28,830	

\*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.

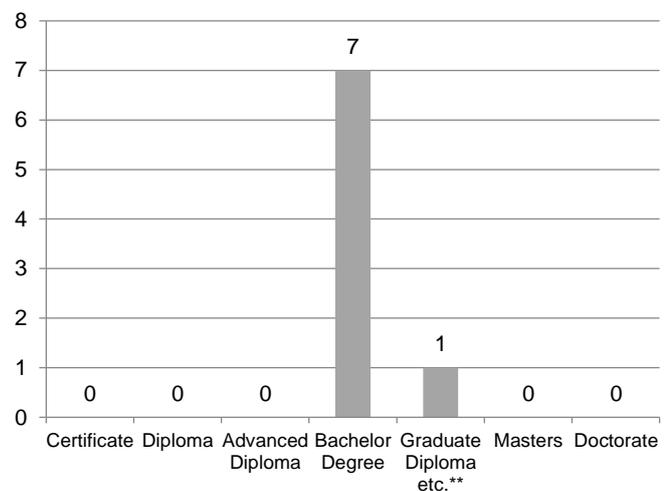
## Our staff profile

### Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2015 Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff*	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	8	2	<5
Full-time equivalents	8	1	<5

### Qualification of all teachers

Highest level of attainment	Number of Teaching Staff *
Certificate	0
Diploma	0
Advanced Diploma	0
Bachelor Degree	7
Graduate Diploma etc.**	1
Masters	0
Doctorate	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>



\*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 2015 were \$10,148.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- THRASS training – Semester 1 & 2

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2015 was 100%.

Average staff attendance	2013	2014	2015
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	98%	99%	99%

### Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 76% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2015 school year.

### School income broken down by funding source

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## Performance of our students

### Key student outcomes

Student attendance	2013	2014	2015
The overall attendance rate for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	77%	82%	85%
The attendance rate for Indigenous students at this school (shown as a percentage).	77%	82%	85%

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 attendance rate in 2015 for all Queensland Primary schools was 93%.

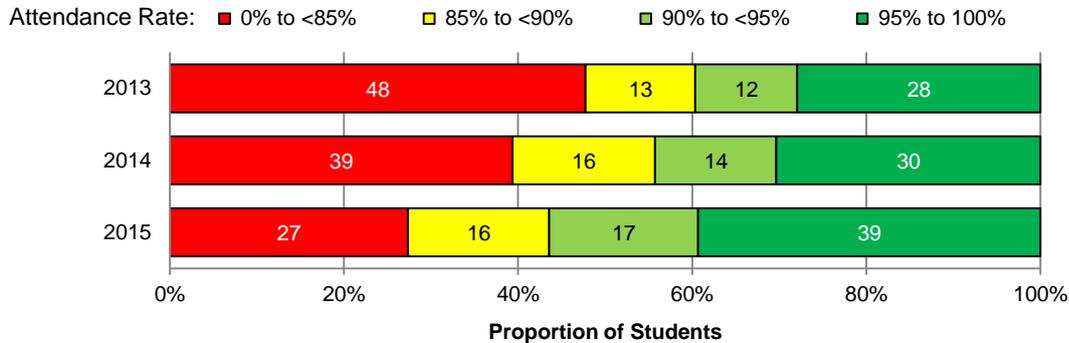
Student attendance rate for each year level (shown as a percentage)													
	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2013	67%	69%	80%	88%	84%	75%	64%	82%	100%				
2014	78%	80%	83%	81%	85%	84%	83%	81%	100%				
2015	86%	80%	86%	89%	86%	84%	82%	100%	100%				

\*From 2013, the methodology used for calculating attendance rates effectively counts 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.

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## 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 DET 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.

Rolls are marked twice per day (morning and afternoon). At Pormpuraaw State School, we are committed to achieving our school goal of 90% attendance. Absences for which a satisfactory reason has been provided are considered explained absences, and the student's enrolment is viewed as continuous. Undertaking a leisure activity such as shopping, visiting friends and relatives, fishing or camping, is not considered a satisfactory explanation for an absence. An absence for which a satisfactory reason has not been provided is considered an unexplained absence. When a student is absent without explanation for 3 days or a pattern of absences has been identified, Pormpuraaw State School will take the following actions:

Print out letters from OneSchool and send home requesting parents to explain absence(s).

Meet with parents/carers to discuss any issues regarding absence.

At Pormpuraaw State School the consequences or impacts of unexplained or unauthorised absences might include the following:

A letter will be sent home to the family requesting they explain the reason for the absence. The letter is to be returned to the school signed and dated by the parent/carer

A phone call to the parent enquiring about the students absence

## 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.

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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