



# Ngunnawal Primary School

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Annual School Board Report  
2018



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## Reporting to the community

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School report to communities in range of ways, including through:

- Annual School Board Reports
- a (5-year) School Improvement Plan (formerly School Strategic Plan)
- Annual Impact Reports/ Annual Action Plan Reports
- newsletters
- other sources such as My School.

## School Context

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Ngunnawal Primary School's enrolment remained stable during 2018. Approximately 30 percent of students at the school come from a language background other than English and approximately 7 percent of students identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. By the end of 2018 student enrolments at Ngunnawal Primary School had reached 562 from Kindergarten - Year Six.

## Student Information

### *Student enrolment*

In 2018 there were a total of 562 students enrolled at this school.

**Table: 2018 Student enrolment**

Student type	Number of students
Male	288
Female	274
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	33
LBOTE*	178

\*Language Background Other Than English

Source: Analytics and Evaluation, December 2018

### *Student attendance*

The following table identifies the attendance rate of students by year level during 2018. Student attendance rate is the percentage of school days attended by students in each year level at the school. Student attendance is measured over two school terms; that is from the first day of the school year for students in term 1 to the last day of term 2.

**Table: 2018 Attendance rates in percentages\***

Year level	Attendance rate
1	92.0

2	89.0
3	91.0
4	92.0
5	91.0
6	89.0

Source: Analytics and Evaluation, December 2018

\* Attendance data for 2018 have been derived from a school administration system in the process of implementation. Care should be taken when comparing these data with data from previous years and from other jurisdictions.

## Supporting attendance and managing non-attendance

All ACT public schools put into effect the education participation requirements in the *Education Act 2004* and the responsibilities of schools in relation to compulsory education. The Education Directorate's *Education Participation (Enrolment and Attendance) Policy* describes its position with regard to supporting attendance and managing non-attendance. A suite of procedures supports the implementation of the policy. Please refer to <https://www.education.act.gov.au/> for further details.

## Staff Information

### *Teacher qualifications*

All teachers at this school meet the professional requirements for teaching in an ACT public school. The ACT Teacher Quality Institute (TQI) specifies two main types of provision for teachers at different stages of their career, these are detailed below.

- **Full registration** is for teachers with experience working in a registered school in Australia or New Zealand who have been assessed as meeting the Proficient level of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.
- **Provisional registration** is for newly qualified teachers or teachers who do not have recent experience teaching in a school in Australia and New Zealand. Many teachers moving to Australia from another country apply for Provisional registration.

### *Workforce composition*

Workforce composition for the year of reporting is highlighted in the following table. The data is taken from the school's verified August staffing report. For reporting purposes it incorporates all school staff including preschools, staff absent for a period of less than four consecutive weeks and staff replacing staff absent for more than four consecutive weeks. It does not include casuals and staff absent for a period of four consecutive weeks or longer.

The Education Directorate is required to report Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff figures. As of June 2018, 101 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff members were employed across the Directorate.

### **Table: 2018 Workforce composition numbers**

Staff employment category	TOTAL
Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent Permanent	39.50
Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent Temporary	6.20
Non Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent	11.98

Source: This data is from the 2018 August census date and is calculated using the parameters provided by the ABS.

## School Review and Development

The ACT Education Directorate's Strategic Plan 2018-2021 provides the framework and strategic direction for School Improvement Plans (formerly School Strategic Plans). This is supported by the school performance and accountability framework, *'People, Practice and Performance: School Improvement in Canberra Public Schools, A Framework for Performance and Accountability'*. This framework has school improvement at its centre, with the National School Improvement Tool (NSIT) as its core feature, providing support to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in ACT public schools.

Prior to 2016 all ACT public schools participated in a four-year cycle of school review and development. In the fourth year schools underwent an external validation process. In 2016 this changed to a five-year cycle with an External School Review at the end.

Our school will be reviewed in 2022. A copy of the most recent validation report can be found on our school website.

## School Satisfaction

Schools use a range evidence to gain an understanding of the satisfaction levels of their parents and carers, staff and students. In August/ September of this reporting period ACT schools undertook a survey to gain an understanding of school satisfaction at that time. This information was collected from Staff, parents and students from year 5 and above (with the exception of students in special schools) through an online survey.

## Overall Satisfaction

In 2018, 80% of parents and carers, 88% of staff, and 72% of students at this school indicated they were satisfied with the education provided by the school.

Included in the survey were 16 staff, 14 parent, and 12 student items which are described as the national opinion items. These items were approved by the then Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC) for use from 2015. The following tables show the percentage of parents and carers, students and staff who agreed with each of the national opinion items at this school.

A total of 33 staff responded to the survey. Please note that not all responders answered every question.

**Table: Proportion of staff in agreement with each national opinion item**

National opinion item	
Teachers at this school expect students to do their best.	97

Teachers give useful feedback.	75
Teachers at this school treat students fairly.	94
This school is well maintained.	85
Students feel safe at this school.	66
Students at this school can talk to their teachers about their concerns.	94
Parents at this school can talk to teachers about their concerns.	91
Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	55
Students like being at this school.	85
This school looks for ways to improve.	82
This school takes staff opinions seriously.	55
Teachers at this school motivate students to learn.	85
Students' learning needs are being met at this school.	73
This school works with parents to support students' learning.	82
Staff get quality feedback on their performance	56
Staff are well supported at this school.	64

Source: 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys, August/September 2018

\*Prior to 2018, the item wording and placement was slightly different.

A total of 235 parents responded to the survey. Please note that not all responders answered every question.

**Table: Proportion of parents and carers in agreement with each national opinion item**

National opinion item	
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best.	88
Teachers give useful feedback.	79
Teachers at this school treat students fairly.	80
This school is well maintained.	90
My child feels safe at this school.	87
I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns.	93
Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	63
My child likes being at this school.	86
This school looks for ways to improve.	76
This school takes parents' opinions seriously.	70
Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn.	80
My child is making good progress at this school.	78
My child's learning needs are being met at this school.	75
This school works with me to support my child's learning.	78

Source: 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys, August/September 2018

\*Prior to 2018, the item wording and placement was slightly different.

A total of 98 students responded to the survey. Please note that not all responders answered every question.



**Table: Proportion of students in years 5 to 6 in agreement with each national opinion item**

National opinion item	
My teachers expect me to do my best.	95
Teachers give useful feedback.	70
Teachers at my school treat students fairly.	58
My school is well maintained.	60
I feel safe at this school.	61
I can talk to my teachers about my concerns.	64
Student behaviour is well managed at my school.	29
I like being at my school.	65
My school looks for ways to improve.	72
Staff take students' opinions seriously.	66
My teachers motivate me to learn.	88
My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things.	68

Source: 2018 School Satisfaction Surveys, August/September 2018

\*Prior to 2018, the item wording and placement was slightly different.

These results, as well as the continual review of school performance, contributed to the evaluation of our Strategic Plan and the development of Annual Action Plans. The Strategic Plan (or School Improvement Plan) is available on the school website.

## Learning and Assessment

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### Performance in Literacy and Numeracy

#### *Early years assessment*

Students in kindergarten undertake an on-entry assessment of their early reading and numeracy skills using the Performance Indicators in Primary Schools (PIPS) program. Student results are reported against five performance bands at the end of semester 1 and 2. Below are the results for this school.

**Table: Ngunnawal Primary School PIPS 2018 mean raw scores**

Agency	Reading start	Reading end	Mathematics start	Mathematics end
School	54	127	39	53
ACT	49	124	39	54

Source: Analytics and Evaluation

Results are not reported when there are fewer than five students with results. This rule is applied for reasons of statistical reliability, as well as to protect the privacy of students in small schools.

The following table shows the mean scores achieved by students at this school compared to the ACT for this reporting period.

**Table: Ngunnawal Primary School 2018 NAPLAN Mean Scores**

Test Domain	Year 3 School	Year 3 ACT	Year 5 School	Year 5 ACT
Reading	416	441	482	518
Writing	376	411	429	460
Spelling	404	410	490	494
Grammar & Punctuation	426	438	491	510
Numeracy	397	416	468	494

Source: Analytics and Evaluation

## Performance in Other Areas of the Curriculum

Ngunnawal Primary School has a proud tradition in the performing arts, and in 2018 the school held two very successful end of year concerts, where students' performances were outstanding. The highlight of the year was the school being in the Education Directorate's annual performing arts showcase, Step Into the Limelight. Approximately 30 students from years three to six performed an original song that celebrated the rich and continuing culture of the Ngunnawal people, together with dancing and musical accompaniment.

The school continues to build the profile of physical education and health. Students participated in a variety of sporting clinics throughout 2018, included but not limited to, were tennis, AFL and NRL clinics. In addition to this the school continued to increase the participation rate of swimmers at the annual swimming carnival.

## Financial Summary

The school has provided the Directorate with an end of year financial statement that was approved by the school board. Further details concerning the statement can be obtained by contacting the school. The following summary covers use of funds for operating costs and does not include expenditure in areas such as permanent salaries, buildings and major maintenance.

**Table: Financial Summary**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>January-June</b>	<b>July-December</b>	<b>January-December</b>
Self-management funds	249936.62	219415.38	469352.00
Voluntary contributions	7080.50	7677.50	14758.00
Contributions & donations	0.00	1000.00	1000.00
Subject contributions	3788.00	1908.90	5696.90
External income (including community use)	18203.26	13412.51	31615.77
Proceeds from sale of assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	4866.69	13782.35	18649.04
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>283875.07</b>	<b>257196.64</b>	<b>541071.71</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Utilities and general overheads	43771.64	83615.27	127386.91
Cleaning	72478.60	72726.27	145204.87
Security	145.45	7237.41	7382.86
Maintenance	5459.40	19765.60	25225.00
Administration	3366.40	2000.10	5366.50
Staffing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Communication	6420.23	2105.26	8525.49
Assets	9360.75	17006.37	26367.12
General office expenditure	18623.49	39143.82	57767.31
Educational	30167.63	13793.74	43961.37
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>189793.59</b>	<b>257393.84</b>	<b>447187.43</b>
<b>OPERATING RESULT</b>	<b>94081.48</b>	<b>-197.20</b>	<b>93884.28</b>
<b>Actual</b> Accumulated Funds	176966.94	176966.94	176966.94
Outstanding commitments (minus)	-5432.36	0.00	-5432.36
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>265616.06</b>	<b>176769.74</b>	<b>265418.86</b>

## Voluntary Contributions

The funds listed were used to support the general operations of the school. The spending of voluntary contributions is in line with the approved budget for 2018.

## Reserves

Name and Purpose	Amount	Expected Completion
Sensory Space 2019 – To provide students with a calming environment	\$12,000	August 2019
Front Garden 2019 –  To give the front of school an uplift and provide an area for students to sit whilst waiting to be picked up.	\$10,000	March 2019
Painting – Admin Building  To freshen up the old paint in the Admin building	\$15,130	April 2019
Switchboard Upgrade  Required improvement works	\$8215	October 2019
Furniture  Upgrade old furniture	\$10,000	June 2019

## Endorsement Page

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### Members of the School Board

<b>Parent Representative(s):</b>	Karen Jefferies,	[INSERT NAME],	[INSERT NAME].
<b>Community Representative(s):</b>	Russell Smidt,	[INSERT NAME],	[INSERT NAME].
<b>Teacher Representative(s):</b>	Nichole Edwards,	Nancye Marrington,	[INSERT NAME].
<b>Student Representative(s):</b>	N/A,	[INSERT NAME],	[INSERT NAME].
<b>Board Chair:</b>	Stephen Tokley		
<b>Principal:</b>	Kristine Stewart		

I approve the report, prepared in accordance with the provision of the *ACT Education Act 2004*, section 52.

Board Chair Signature: Stephen Tokley

Date: 21 / 08

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the evidence and information reported in this Annual School Board Report represents an accurate record of the Board's operations during this reporting period.

Principal Signature: Rebecca Turner

Date: 21/ 08 / 2019