



# Mount Stromlo High School

## Annual School Board Report 2019



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## Reporting to the community

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Schools 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
- newsletters
- other sources such as My School.

## School Context

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Mount Stromlo High School is proud to be a traditional coeducational public school providing high quality education for students in year 7 to year 10. Through purposeful educational experiences in and out of the classroom, teachers nurture and challenge students to become resilient, respectful and committed young people who make a positive contribution to the school and their community. Student learning and achievement is the core of our school. We have a strong sense of community as teachers, support staff, parents, carers and community organisations work together to support and develop our students. Our dedicated teachers are united in the belief that all students can learn to high levels and we are committed to building a collaborative and positive learning community that embodies the school values of respect, learning, pride and endeavour.

## Student Information

### *Student enrolment*

In this reporting period there were a total of 720 students enrolled at this school.

**Table: Student enrolment**

Student type	Number of students
Male	385
Female	335
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	18
LBOTE*	128

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

\*Language Background Other Than English

### *Student attendance*

The following table identifies the attendance rate of students by year level during this reporting period. 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: Attendance rates in percentages**

Year level	Attendance rate
7	89.0
8	89.0
9	86.0
10	84.0

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

## Supporting attendance and managing non-attendance

ACT public schools support parents and carers to meet their legal responsibilities in relation to the compulsory education requirements of the *Education Act 2004*. 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 current reporting period is provided 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 of the reporting period, 119 Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander staff members were employed across the Directorate.

**Table: Workforce composition numbers**

Staff employment category	TOTAL
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Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent Permanent	45.05
Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent Temporary	7.63
Non Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent	20.57

Source: ACT Education Directorate, People and Performance Branch

## 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*'. Annually, system and school level data are used alongside the National School Improvement Tool to support targeted school improvement, 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 improvement cycle. In the fourth year schools underwent an external Validation process. In 2016 this changed to a five-year cycle with a School Review at the end.

Our school was reviewed in 2018. A copy of the Report of Review 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. Annually in August/September ACT schools undertake a survey to gain an understanding of school satisfaction at that time. This information is collected from staff, parents and students from year 5 and above through an online survey.

## Overall Satisfaction

In this period of reporting, 77% of parents and carers, 98% of staff, and 64% 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 54 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	
Parents at this school can talk to teachers about their concerns.	89
Staff are well supported at this school.	82
Staff get quality feedback on their performance.	78

Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	74
Students at this school can talk to their teachers about their concerns.	94
Students feel safe at this school.	93
Students like being at this school.	91
Students' learning needs are being met at this school.	91
Teachers at this school expect students to do their best.	98
Teachers at this school motivate students to learn.	93
Teachers at this school treat students fairly.	96
Teachers give useful feedback.	90
Teachers give useful feedback.	90
This school is well maintained.	85
This school looks for ways to improve.	93
This school takes staff opinions seriously.	83
This school works with parents to support students' learning.	91

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

\*Data derived from annual School Satisfaction Survey

A total of 201 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	
I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns.	84
My child feels safe at this school.	84
My child is making good progress at this school.	74
My child likes being at this school.	79
My child's learning needs are being met at this school.	71
Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	63
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best.	86
Teachers at this school give useful feedback.	68
Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn.	71
Teachers at this school treat students fairly.	78
This school is well maintained.	79
This school looks for ways to improve.	75
This school takes parents' opinions seriously.	64
This school works with me to support my child's learning.	64

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

\*Data derived from annual School Satisfaction Survey

A total of 550 students responded to the survey. Please note that not all responders answered every question.

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

National opinion item	
I can talk to my teachers about my concerns.	44
I feel safe at this school.	45
I like being at my school.	56
My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things.	71
My school is well maintained.	39
My school looks for ways to improve.	58
My teachers expect me to do my best.	87
My teachers motivate me to learn.	55
Staff take students' concerns seriously.	50
Student behaviour is well managed at my school.	22
Teachers at my school treat students fairly.	50
Teachers give useful feedback.	50

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

\*Data derived from annual School Satisfaction Survey

## Learning and Assessment

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### NAPLAN

Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all ACT schools participate in the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This program assesses skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

In this reporting period, 1.00 % of year 7 students and 0.50 % of year 9 students were exempt from testing based on nationally agreed criteria.

For reasons of statistical reliability, as well as to protect the privacy of students, results are not reported when the sample size is less than five.

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

**Table: NAPLAN Mean Scores**

Test Domain	Year 7 School	Year 7 ACT	Year 9 School	Year 9 ACT
Reading	556	550	588	592
Writing	520	509	541	544

<b>Spelling</b>	535	542	582	584
<b>Grammar &amp; Punctuation</b>	545	544	582	580
<b>Numeracy</b>	555	552	600	594

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

## 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	425092.88	259743.97	684836.85
Voluntary contributions	22289.00	7381.00	29670.00
Contributions & donations	6360.00	912.00	7272.00
Subject contributions	66616.50	30273.18	96889.68
External income (including community use)	25029.02	53573.98	78603.00
Proceeds from sale of assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	10704.24	9318.94	20023.18
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>556091.64</b>	<b>361203.07</b>	<b>917294.71</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Utilities and general overheads	62419.33	108376.43	170795.76
Cleaning	129454.49	0.00	129454.49
Security	0.00	259.86	259.86
Maintenance	51992.70	221429.09	273421.79
Administration	5698.11	6436.72	12134.83
Staffing	1090.91	1930.05	3020.96
Communication	11669.23	4679.34	16348.57
Assets	61305.00	16060.39	77365.39
Leases	0.00	0.00	0.00
General office expenditure	23525.85	21529.35	45055.20
Educational	31173.25	37744.77	68918.02
Subject consumables	58890.97	31907.38	90798.35
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>437219.84</b>	<b>450353.38</b>	<b>887573.22</b>
<b>OPERATING RESULT</b>	<b>118871.80</b>	<b>-89150.31</b>	<b>29721.49</b>
<b>Actual</b> Accumulated Funds	488122.08	568013.96	599087.08
Outstanding commitments (minus)	-245963.68	0.00	-245963.68
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>361030.20</b>	<b>478863.65</b>	<b>382844.89</b>

## Voluntary Contributions

The Voluntary funds were used to support the general operations of the school. The spending of voluntary contributions is in line with the approved budget for this reporting period. There were no specific areas for spending the Voluntary Contributions however they help to “buffer” expenditure related to providing a quality educational facility for students at the school.

## Reserves

<b>Name and Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Expected Completion</b>
Special Project 2020	\$16646.92	2020
Tree Planting maintenance 2020	\$4000.00	2020
Staffing 2020	\$60000.00	2020
Science Textbooks 2020-2023	\$1183.0	2023
Outdoor Equipment 2020	\$2300.00	2023

## Endorsement Page

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### Members of the School Board

<b>Parent Representative(s):</b>	Debra Gradie
<b>Community Representative(s):</b>	
<b>Teacher Representative(s):</b>	Jacqueline Campbell, Rod Grieve
<b>Student Representative(s):</b>	Ella Van Der Muellen, James Webb,
<b>Board Chair:</b>	Bronwyn Madge
<b>Principal:</b>	Peter Radford

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

Board Chair Signature: Bronwyn Madge

Date: 09 / 06 / 2020

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: Peter Radford

Date: 05 / 06 / 2020