

# SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 17/08/2023

School number: 1207

School name: South Port Primary School

## 1. General information

### Part A

School Name: South Port Primary School  
School No.: 1207  
Principal: Mrs Nikki Garner  
Postal Address: 39 Jane Street, Port Noarlunga South 5167  
Location Address: 39 Jane Street, Port Noarlunga South 5167  
Partnership: River Hub  
Distance from GPO: 30km  
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CPC attached: Preschool co-located within main buildings

### February FTE Enrolment

| Primary      |                             | 2019       | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | 2023       | 2024       |
|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|              | Special                     | 20         | 17         | 18         | 19         | 20         | 19         |
|              | Reception                   | 45         | 35         | 41         | 42         | 34         | 58         |
|              | Year 1                      | 30         | 42         | 31         | 44         | 45         | 30         |
|              | Year 2                      | 33         | 32         | 41         | 28         | 46         | 45         |
|              | Year 3                      | 46         | 33         | 33         | 38         | 26         | 43         |
|              | Year 4                      | 30         | 48         | 32         | 32         | 38         | 29         |
|              | Year 5                      | 28         | 26         | 46         | 36         | 32         | 41         |
|              | Year 6                      | 36         | 29         | 29         | 45         | 36         | 33         |
|              | Year 7                      | 0          | 0          | 0          | N/A        | N/A        | N/A        |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                             | <b>268</b> | <b>262</b> | <b>271</b> | <b>284</b> | <b>277</b> | <b>298</b> |
|              | <b>School Card %</b>        | 52%        | 50%        | 46%        | 43%        | 40%        | 30%        |
|              | <b>EALD Enrolment</b>       | 06         | 05         | 03         | 03         | 06         | 16         |
|              | <b>Aboriginal Enrolment</b> | 12         | 12         | 15         | 16         | 17         | 22         |

### Part B

- **Deputy Principal**

Yvonne Haddy

- **Student Wellbeing Leader**

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- **Staffing numbers – 2024**

There are 12 mainstream classes and 2 Regional Special Small Classes:

6 Junior Primary Classes (3 part time, 3 fulltime, 6 female), 6 Primary Classes ( 6 full time, 5 female & 1 male),

2 Regional Special Small class teachers (2 full time, 1 female and 1 male) & 2 SSOs (26.5 h/pw each)

NIT 1.0 PE, (male), 0.6 Japanese (female), 1.0 The Arts (male)

0.2 Aboriginal Education Teacher (female)

3 FTE Leadership 1.0 Principal, 1.0 Deputy Principal and 0.6 Student Wellbeing Leader

### **Enrolment trends**

Our enrolments have been gradually increasing due to the local building work. Seaford Secondary College, our local secondary school, currently enrolls students from Year 7 – 12. Under the direction of a Memorandum of Understanding within our local River Hub Partnership, Year 6 students graduating at the end of that year move to Seaford Secondary College to commence their Year 7 studies.

- **Special arrangements**

In 2004 Seaford Area Preschool co-located under the school's main roof, incorporating the Kindergarten. Our site then changed names from Seaford Primary School to Seaford K-7 – A Birth to Year 7 Campus. On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 the site became South Port Primary School and South Port Kindergarten.

- **Year of opening**

1976

- **OSHC**

A range of options are available and accessed by our families to private childcare centres located a short distance from the school. The Seaford Early Learning Centre has pick up and drop off services to school however the Seaford District Children's Centre does not.

- **Public transport access**

Bus stop on Commercial Road to the east is within easy walking distance of the school and to the west on Norseman Street which forms our school boundary.

## **2. Students (and their welfare)**

- **General characteristics:**

Our students come from a diverse range of families and structures with almost 30% school card holders and including 22 Aboriginal and 16 EALD students.

Our school has two Regional Special Education classes: R-2 and Years 3-7 and these students are involved in many ways in the school. This includes assemblies, Buddy Classes, Year 6 Graduation, whole school events and activities or being involved in mainstream classes where there is a strength or a need, for example the Year 7 transition process.

Class structures are mainly composite due to the number of students in each year level cohort.

Our school buildings are open space design with effective dividers across the learning areas. There are three distinct learning units – Yulti, Mirnu and Patha. The library and activity hall are located in a central position, overlooking our internal courtyard and turtle pond.

The gymnasium is used daily for PE lessons and can cater for a range of sports including: basketball, volleyball and badminton. It has a kitchen area, external toilets, air-conditioning and gas heating.

## **Pastoral care programs**

Our school has had the services of a Pastoral Support Worker for the past 18 years. He currently works with our students and families and is an integral part of our staff and school community. He and our Student Wellbeing Leader run a well-attended Breakfast Club five mornings a week, with food donated by Kick Start for Kids, through SMG and Food Bank.

The school has a strong emphasis on Social and Emotional Wellbeing. Our Student Wellbeing Leader supports the implementation of a range of programs and processes to develop and support our school values of *Respect, Resilience* and *Empathy and the Resilience Project*. We have a strong focus on The Zones of Regulation. The Child Protection Curriculum (CPC) taught by all teachers, supports these and the ACARA Health curriculum.

Anti-bullying and Behaviour Management brochures have been developed and all families receive these on enrolment and at the beginning of each school year.

- **Support offered**

Through the Department for Education verification process students receive additional support from our experienced SSOs, while teachers can access support from our ICT SSO either in the library, computer suite or in the classroom. Intervention programs in Literacy and Numeracy are provided for identified students.

- **Student management**

The school has a clear Behaviour Management Policy. This includes all classes negotiating class rules and codes of conduct in the form of Classroom Agreements within the whole school framework. The Student Wellbeing Leader offers support to students and staff as required. At present the STEP program is in place to support extreme inappropriate behaviour both in the yard and class.

- **Student government**

Student voice is accessed through participation in SRC and House Captains. Ideas and issues are discussed at the class level through Class Meetings and then collated information is presented by class representatives at SRC meetings. SRC host and report at whole school assemblies three times a term.

## **3. Key School Policies**

### **Improvement Plan**

The 2024 South Port Primary School Site Improvement Plan (SIP) was developed using the Department for Education Standard of Educational Achievement (SEA) and student learning achievement data in Literacy and Numeracy. We will focus on our challenge of practice in Literacy and Numeracy to improve and reach goals using high quality pedagogy, current research and advice strategies from the Department for Education. This is also supported by the River Hub Partnership Improvement Plan (PIP) priorities and in consultation with staff. The following are our priorities for 2024:

- Increase student achievement in mathematics
- Increase student achievement in reading
- Increase student achievement in writing

We use a Quality Improvement Cycle and review process to monitor and evaluate progress.

- **Special needs**

Our two regional Special Education classes are accessed by students through the Department for Education's Special Options Process and are from the immediate community as well as being transported from within the district. The Support Services Team through this process, manages the placement of students and a ceiling exists for each class: 8 students in the Junior Primary class and 12 in the Primary class. These classes are located in units alongside mainstream classes and are an integral part of our school.

- **Special curriculum features**

All classes participate in a buddy class system.

Our students participate in a range of SAPSASA activities and can access football, netball and soccer as part of Saturday club sports within the community.

Camps and excursions are encouraged and are an integral part of curriculum planning.

All classes take responsibility for contributing at whole school assemblies.

- **Teaching methodology**

We encourage teachers to use a broad range of methodologies to support student learning styles and develop a growth mind set with intellectual stretch and engagement for all our learners. The Department Units of Works and the *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers* are valuable resources we use to support teacher pedagogy and reflection on their practice.

- **Assessment procedures and reporting**

Written reports, student workbooks, student led conferences, termly curriculum overviews, open evenings and acquaintance sessions are all valued ways of reporting to parents at South Port.

Ongoing monitoring of student progress occurs through the use of Running Records, Phonological Awareness (PASM), Year 1 Phonics Screener, NAPLAN and PAT R and PAT M tests and diagnostic information collected by teachers on an ongoing basis.

**Our current reporting framework** is in line with the Department for Education Reporting Requirements.

**Term 1:** Weeks 10 & 11: **Learning Discussions** – Time for parents/ carers, teachers and students to discuss the year ahead and share targets.

**Term 2: Written Reports** in line with the Australian Curriculum Outcomes.

**Term 3:** Weeks 9 &10: **Learning Discussions-** Time for parents/ carers, teachers and students to discuss progress.

**Term 4: Written Report** in line with the Australian Curriculum Outcomes.

Throughout the year we offer a range of opportunities for parents and members of the wider community to visit the school and see learning in action through displays of student work, performances and other informal activities.

- **Joint programmes**

Successful transition programs are in place for both Receptions with the preschool onsite and Year 6 students with Seaford Secondary College.

## 5. Sporting Activities

- There are a variety of sporting activities organised through the school and SAPSASA e.g. football, cricket, athletics, cross country and netball.
- *Sporting Schools* grants last year provided students with access to gymnastics and orienteering coaching. We are hoping to be successful again to build on from these experiences.
- All students were encouraged to participate in the *Premier's Be Active Challenge*.

## 6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

- All students are encouraged to participate in the *Premier's Reading Challenge*
- The Smith Family offer to our students the "Student to Student" mentoring reading program which supports improving reading skills and developing relationships with an older peer.

## 7. Staff (and their welfare)

- Staff profile: We have several part time teaching staff and as a result of this, two of our fourteen classes have a shared teaching arrangement.
- Leadership structure: There is a Principal, Deputy Principal and Student Wellbeing Leader
- Staff support systems

Staff members are very supportive of each other and teaching teams work collaboratively and plan in various ways together. Classroom teachers are supported by a team of specialist teachers for The Arts, Physical Education and LOTE – Japanese.

We have a strong and diverse team of SSOs who also work cooperatively and flexibly to support students, teachers and each other.

Our Buddy class system, utilizing the *Better Buddies* principles, is another successful planning and support structure for our staff and students.

- Performance Management

Performance Management is aligned with the Department for Education's Policy and utilises the proforma. Staff meet with the Principal to discuss targets to improve learning outcomes for our students in individual meetings at least twice a year. The *Australian Professional Standards for Teachers* and self-reflection with students' learning targets form the basis of these meetings.

- Staff utilization policies

Every endeavour is made to utilize the skills of teachers. A review is held annually with staff able to submit requests for year levels and preferred areas of specialization.

- Access to special staff

Across our site we have a close and successful working relationship with the many staff from our local education office.

## 8. Incentives, support and award conditions for Staff

- Travelling time

From the CBD to South Port Primary School can take from 45-60 minutes.

- Cooling for school buildings

All buildings are air-conditioned.

## 9. School Facilities

- Buildings and grounds

The school consists of three solid construction, open plan, and flexible units. The units are carpeted and air-conditioned. The school has extensive grassed and hard play areas and shaded playgrounds. All areas of the school can be reached under cover via the verandas. Each unit has access to a telephone. Extensive redevelopment of buildings and grounds was completed in December 2003 after a fire in 2002. This included the co-location of the South Port Kindergarten to the site. Currently the school is a very attractive learning facility with new furnishings and resources. A gymnasium was built in 2010 using Federal funding obtained through the Building the Education Revolution Grants. In 2010 all remaining asbestos was removed from the school.

- Cooling

Ducted and Split system air conditioners provide effective heating and cooling throughout the school.

- Specialist facilities

The activity hall is used for The Arts, specialist lessons. The Japanese room is located in the library.

The gymnasium is used by the specialist PE teacher for the delivery of the PE curriculum and also after hours by local community groups.

Each teaching area has access to an active panel, laptops and *iPads*. As well, our school has a computer suite of 28 computers for explicit teaching/learning purposes.

- ICT facilities

We have a wireless network with a Dual ISP and currently use Promethean ActivPanels throughout the classrooms. Each classroom has an active panel which has access to the internet and a laptop that has full access to the curriculum server and the internet. Promethean Interactive Whiteboards (IWBs) are in the Library, computer studio and Activity Hall, as well as a large screen and projector in the gymnasium. There are 111 iPads. They are in trolleys around the school and are available for student use, and are connected to the wireless network. All teaching staff have access to an iPad as a teaching tool.

- Student facilities

Our library has a larger interactive whiteboard installed and utilises the Bookmark system.

- Staff facilities

The school has a well-equipped staff room and there are teacher preparation spaces around the school.

- Access for students and staff with disabilities

Wheelchair access to all areas of the school.

- Access to bus transport

Bus stops on Commercial Road and Norseman Street are within easy walking distance of the school.

## 10. School Operations

- Decision making structures

The school's clearly documented decision-making policy is readily available to parents.

- Regular publications

The school newsletter is available to parents/ carers and families electronically twice a term. This and other communication is also provided to the community on the free app, Class Dojo.

A Staff Handbook outlines all of the relevant information pertaining to the day-to-day running of the school.

A Parent Handbook and a new enrolment package is available for any potential new enrolling family.

Information is regularly updated on the school website and includes newsletters, parent handbooks, and information about the Joint Governing Council.

- Other communication

All classroom teachers use a communication book/folder or diary, email or Class Dojo for family communication.

- School financial position

The school is in a sound financial position with reserve amounts allocated for future equipment replacement. School fees are \$300 per student in 2024 in line with the School Card allocation.

- Special funding

The school actively pursues grants from a range of sources and has been able to use these to upgrade facilities and resources at the school. This year we are using a Department grant to update the courtyard area.

## 11. Local Community

- General characteristics

The school is on the Fleurieu Peninsula in the City of Onkaparinga council area. A popular surfing area is nearby on the coast, which is within five minutes walk of the school, whilst nearby is a large grape growing district. There are medium density dwellings, and new housing developments have occurred adjacent to the school, east of Commercial Road, which our school services.

- Parent and community involvement

Community support for the school is strong, with many parents involved in volunteering in the classroom, committees and for excursions and camps. The school has an active Governing Council. We have implemented the new Volunteer Policy using the Department for Education guidelines which has strengthened volunteers' understanding of their role in the school.

- Feeder schools

South Port Kindergarten (on-site) is the main feeder preschool. Seaford Secondary College is our local secondary school, with occasionally some students travelling to schools outside the area. The majority of our students transition to the secondary school at the end of Year 6.

- Other local care and educational facilities

*Seaford Early Learning Centre*, a private child care facility, provides a service to the families in our district. It is within walking distance of the school and provides a pick up and drop off service. Local families throughout the Seaford area also provide family day care.

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities

Local shopping centres at Seaford, Colonnades, light industrial and wine production.

- Other local facilities

A community library is situated adjacent to and shared with the Seaford Secondary College. Seaford Recreation Centre provides a range of after-school sport and full gym facilities. There is a strong Australian Rules Football Club at Port Noarlunga; Seaford Soccer Club is adjacent to the school, the Seaford Rise Cricket Club hires our grounds and facilities and a local skate park is adjacent to the school. Noarlunga Hospital and various medical clinics are close by. Seaford Ecumenical Mission and Southern Women's Community Health Centre provide support services for families.

- Availability of staff housing

Rental and properties for purchase are readily available.

- Accessibility

South Port Primary School can be accessed from the CBD by a train service which terminates at Seaford Shopping Centre, with connecting bus services. One travels along Commercial Road (within five minutes walk from school) and the other directly behind the school along Norseman Street.

- Local Government body

The City Of Onkaparinga, Ramsay Place, Noarlunga Centre. Telephone: 8384 0666. The Onkaparinga Community Directory is available from Noarlunga House, Noarlunga Centre at no cost. A comprehensive website can be found at [www.onkaparingacity.com](http://www.onkaparingacity.com)