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Principal's foreword

Introduction

Wandoan State School is located in Wandoan on the Leichhardt Highway between Miles and Taroom. We aim to provide high quality education that assists all students to love learning, develop judgment and a sense of responsibility, understand the past and prepare to embrace the future. Our school is committed to working with the local community to provide students with opportunities to develop as creative, healthy and informed citizens, with the skills necessary to build positive human relationships and to accept a shared responsibility for developing the wellbeing of self, others and the world at large.

Future outlook

The major improvement priorities for 2008 for Wandoan State School include;

- Literacy and Numeracy
- Alignment of Curriculum – Planning, Assessment and Reporting
- Information Communication Technology
- Vocational and Career Education
- Building and enhancing relationships with other local schools, educational facilities and industry to facilitate pathways for students.
- Long term infrastructure planning and consistent maintenance of current facilities.

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Our school at a glance

School Profile

Wandoan State School is a co-educational P-10 School catering for 135 students from the Wandoan Township and the surrounding area. It is well resourced and fully air-conditioned. Most students come by bus from the surrounding areas.

Curriculum offerings

Wandoan State School maintains a strong focus on the basics of literacy and numeracy throughout our curriculum. In Year 10, extension subjects are offered in the form of Extension English and Extension Mathematics. These subjects are designed to prepare students for Years 11 and 12. There is a Gifted and Talented Program that allows students to extend themselves through an Honours Program. Work Experience is offered in Year 10. In Middle Schooling, there is a strong emphasis on students effectively engaging in Technology.

Our school offers many extra curricular activities. There is a strong Instrumental Music and Classroom Music Program in place. Sport is well catered for with intra-school as well as interschool sport. Many of our students go on to represent Miles District and the South-West Region.

Through our P-10 structure our primary students are able to access the facilities and expertise of our secondary department in a range of different programs.

Our school is well resourced with 65 modern computers and a fibre optic and wireless computer network to ensure all students have access to Information Communication Technology.

Extra curricula activities include.

- Instrumental Music program
- Active After School program
- Competitions
- School Musical
- Interschool Sport
- Sports Clinics
- Community Events
- School Camps

How computers are used to assist learning:

Our school has two computer labs as well as some computers located in classrooms. All computers are connected to the school's local area network and the world wide web through a combination of wireless and cable technology. Students have access to a variety of equipment ensuring that they are exposed to a relevant, meaningful curriculum for the 21st Century. Computers are used in all areas of the teaching learning process, school administration, teacher planning, assessment and reporting.

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Our school at a glance

Social climate

Wandoan School goes to great lengths to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students. The school is committed to maximising choices for all students through maximising educational outcomes in a culture where commitment to learning is supported by adherence to behavioural standards and the principles of equity.

A student council meets regularly providing a forum for the discussion of student issues, while school captains assist students and staff through the fulfilment of their duties.

School staff are enthusiastic and multi-skilled and work hard to support students in achieving quality educational outcomes.

Involving parents in their child's education.

Parents are involved in the School in many ways. There is a Parents' and Citizens' Association which meets monthly as well as a School Council which meets once per Term. Parents run the tuckshop which is open three days per week. In addition, parents are involved in school programs including assisting in the classroom, particularly in the lower Primary area. Sporting teams are often coached by parents with particular skills such as Rugby League and Netball.

There were 85% of parents satisfied with opportunities to participate in the life of the school in 2007.

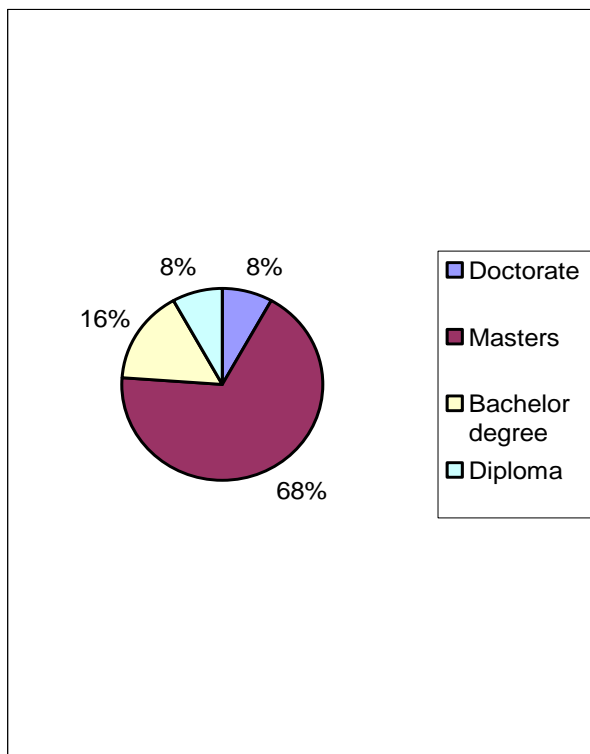
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Our staff profile

Qualifications of all teachers.

Highest level of attainment	Percentage of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Doctorate	0
Masters	8%
Bachelor degree	68%
Diploma	16%
Certificate	8%



Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development.

- The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2007 was \$7 845 . Professional development initiatives included:
Literacy, Numeracy, CPR / First Aid, Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting
- The involvement of the teaching staff in professional development activities during 2007 was 85 %.

Average staff attendance

- For permanent and temporary staff and school leaders the staff attendance rate was 98% in 2007.

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year.

- From the end of the 2006 school year, 93 % of staff were retained by the school for the entire 2007 school year.

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Performance of our students

Student attendance

The average attendance rate as a percentage in 2007 was 93%.

Key outcomes in the early and middle phases of learning

Results in the Year 2 Diagnostic Net	
	Percentage of students not requiring additional support
Reading	94 %
Writing	94 %
Number	75 %

Our reading, writing and numeracy results for the Queensland Years 3, 5 and 7 Literacy and Numeracy Tests.

		Yr 3	Yr 5	Yr 7	
Reading	Average score for the school	524	623	670	
	Average score for Queensland	527	606	672	
	Percentage of students at the school above the national benchmark	2007	100 %	83 %	89 %
		2006	100 %	60%	93 %
Writing	Average score for the school	527	582	665	
	Average score for Queensland	523	600	681	
	Percentage of students at the school above the national benchmark	2007	80 %	94 %	100 %
		2006	100 %	87 %	100 %
Numeracy	Average score for the school	548	597	640	
	Average score for Queensland	521	588	648	
	Percentage of students at the school above the national benchmark	2007	90 %	94 %	78 %
		2006	100 %	93 %	87 %

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Other Key Outcomes

Value added

Across our campus teachers determine the level of development of individual students and plan and deliver programs to build on that level. A support programs is available, ranging from additional assistance to extension activities. The schools newly developed Learning Support Policy is supported by a Student Services Committee who are responsible for facilitating and coordinating support services for all students.

In addition extra curricular programs including academic competitions, instrumental music, independent music tuition, school musical, homework club, Active After Hours program and various sporting activities maximize the experiences available at Wandoan SS.

Parent, student and teacher satisfaction with the school

In general terms the majority of parents and students are satisfied that Wandoan School is providing a good education. 82% Students and 79% of parents.

In 2007 89% of parents indicated that they thought the school was a good school.

At this rate the school continues to achieve at or above targeted levels.