

Port Lincoln High School 2017 Annual Report to the School Community



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Port Lincoln High School Number: 791

Partnership: Port Lincoln

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Date of Endorsement:

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School Context and Highlights

Port Lincoln High School aims to provide a safe and secure environment for students and staff while providing the opportunity for all to be challenged to develop as effective learners and educators, capable of adapting to new educational, social and work place demands.

Students enrolled at Port Lincoln High School come from a wide geographic area and varied socio-economic and cultural backgrounds. It is a category 3 school and currently has 28.96% of our school population entitled to School Card. The majority of students are from English speaking backgrounds. There are 110 Indigenous students (16.28%) and 71 identified students with disabilities (9%). The student population of 770 students enables the school to provide a comprehensive curriculum and many pathways to work or further study.

The school is divided into Year 8-10 Sub-School and a Year 11-12 Sub-School. In addition the school operates a Trade Training Centre, a Flexible Learning Options Centre, a Better Behaviour Unit and a special class and extensive support is provided from many School Support Officers. PLHS also provides specialist subjects via digital technology to a number of other Area Schools on Eyre Peninsula. Within the school there are significant support programs for Aboriginal students including a SAASTA initiative, Stronger Smarter cadet-ship and a morning Arts engagement group.

Middle and Senior year subject offerings are broad and diverse and are delivered face to face and to other sites using video conferencing. They include academic, vocational education and community study pathways. A wide range of community sporting and cultural activities are offered after school by local sporting clubs, community groups, youth agencies and community members.

The school currently operates an electronic Learner Management System. Student attendance and subject information is available at all times and reports go home to parents/caregivers at the end of each term. Our SEQTA learner management system allows parents to access student assignment grades and due dates for tasks as well as monitor attendance and message subject teachers.

There are regular family and community updates through the monthly articles in the local press as well as an informative website and face-book service. As a school we are actively celebrating the achievements of students and promoting the school maxim of Non Nobis Solum (Not for ourselves alone).

Governing Council Report

Hello, I'm Jodi Blacker & I've been the chairperson of the 2017 Governing Council.

On behalf of the Governing Council I'd like to congratulate the staff of the Year 12 students, this year's graduating class. The encouragement, guidance & wisdom given to these students by staff has no doubt been invaluable & will provide an essential framework for them to use into their futures. Thanks to you all.

2017 has been a year of big developments for Port Lincoln High School. We are planning for our future with a successful grant of 2.5 million dollar to go towards the STEM project. The upgrade focusses on the design and coding classrooms & includes the science labs being combined with mathematics. These works will begin next month & are expected to take about 6 months.

Port Lincoln High School has also been successful in receiving 15 million dollars from the state government. This will be used for school improvements, with most of the old buildings at the top of the school campus being replaced. Planning with the architects will begin soon, then the building tender process will follow, with the start of works expected to happen in 2019.

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Improvement Planning and Outcomes

The 2014-2017 plan identified 4 key focus areas and a number of strategic directions to ensure the nominated outcomes can be met and measured. Many strands of this plan are ongoing and have been reshaped for the 2018 Site Improvement Plan.

A new planning cycle through 2017 identified the following areas;

- Quality Teaching and Learning
- Staff and student capacity building
- Facilities Development

These areas will form the basis of Action Planning in 2018. In addition the school successfully completed an external review and the report is available at the PLHS website.

The combined enrollments at the main site and the CLC have continued to grow and we report an increased number of 770 students with 130 of these in the FLO program. Our Year 8 figures continue to grow and there is significant new enrollments in the senior years from families seeking broad subject access Year 11 and 12.

The key strategies of telling the stories of successful learners and engaging families in their children's learning through social media and SEQTA has led to greater confidence in the programs and standards at the school. The parent opinion survey supports this view where most respondents agree that their children like being at school and the school is looking to improve supports anecdotal feedback from community members.

The school will continue to improve communication with the parent body and the wider community with the SEQTA parent portal and the interactive web page/ face-book page which has been widely appreciated as indicated by the Face-book 'likes' feedback. Through 2016 a number of curriculum areas have strengthened community links particularly in the areas of vocational studies and aboriginal family connections. There have been business links with the hospitality centre and the aquaculture facility where the skills and connections of community members have been a highlight.

A literacy and numeracy working party continues to meet with focus on developing strategies to address our NAPLAN and Pat R and Pat M testing results. The group meets to discuss the data and then allocates resources and assistance to targeted students. The group also assists other teachers address literacy teaching skills, organizes training and development and analyses teaching programs in the school. In 2016 there was an increase in achievement NAPLAN and SACE results however they will continue to be focus points in future planning.

There was significant restructure to the professional learning through 2017 using staff engagement groups to plan for improved classroom learning particularly in the senior years where digital teaching and learning is a focus. The school is currently involved with two STEM learning projects as we prepare for the completion of the STEM rebuild mid 2018.

The school is involved in two Numeracy projects from 2016 aimed at the pedagogy of teaching mathematics and the application of numeracy across all subject areas. These projects will be reporting to staff about what works in the teaching of mathematics.

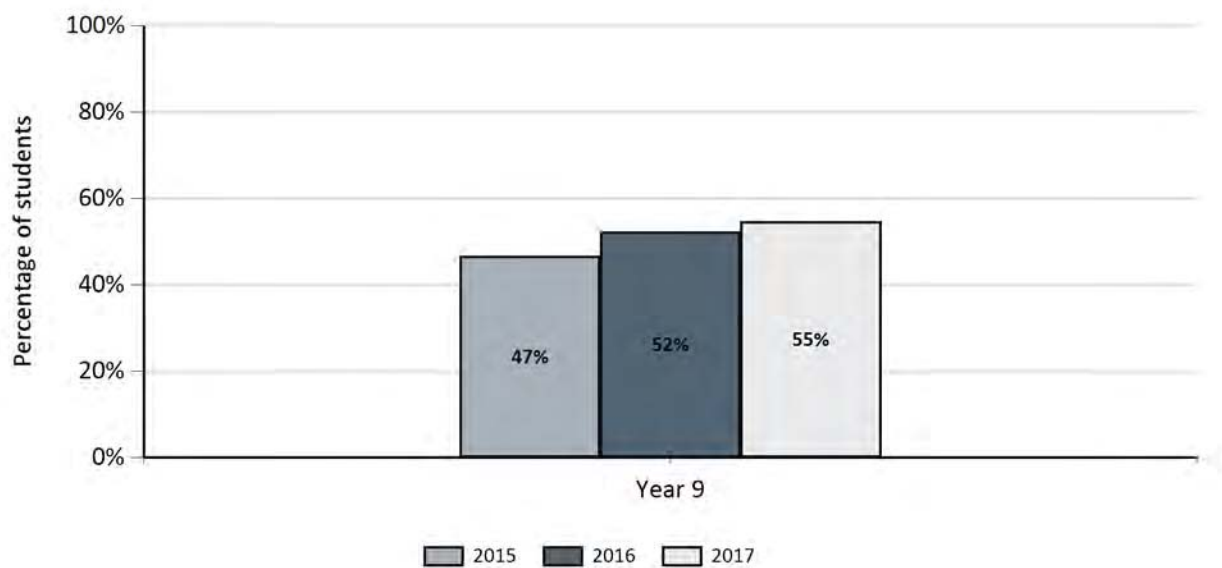
Currently there is ongoing planning for a future rebuild of the school where a \$15 Million Building Better Schools project is underway and meets the long term planning that progressed in 2017.

Performance Summary

NAPLAN Proficiency

The DECD Standard of Educational Achievement (SEA) is defined as children and young people progressing and achieving at or above their appropriate year level. For NAPLAN, this is students achieving in proficiency bands one or more above the National Minimum Standard for Reading and Numeracy. The graph below identifies the percentage of non-exempt students enrolled in the school at the time of NAPLAN testing, who have demonstrated achievement in NAPLAN proficiency bands at or above the DECD SEA for Reading and Numeracy.

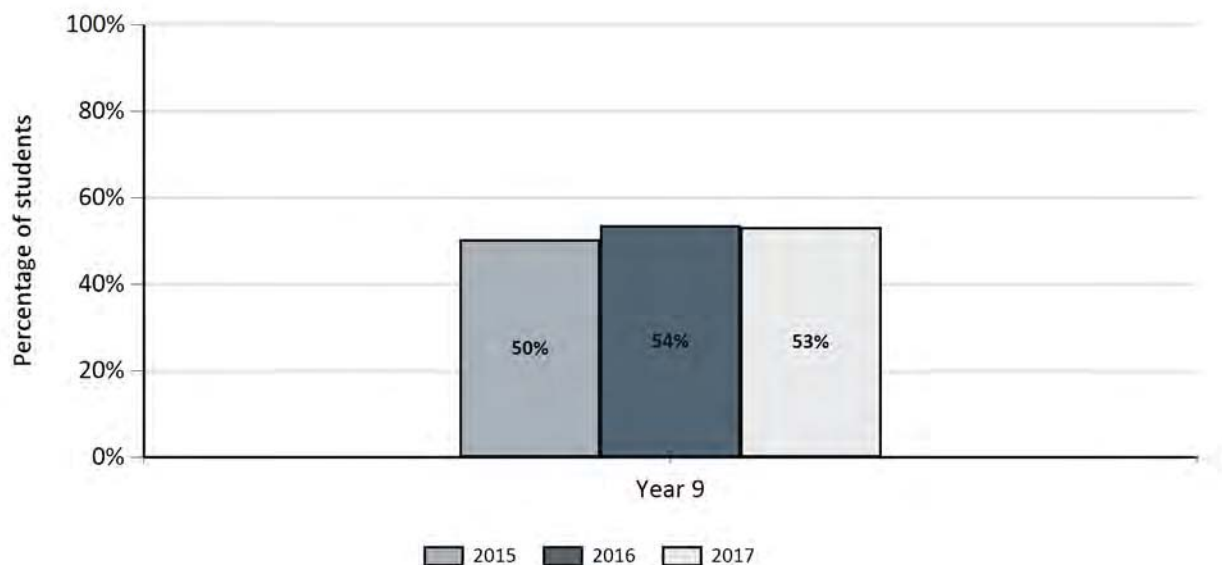
Reading



Data Source: DECD special extract from National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) SA TAA data holdings, July 2017.

*NOTE: Reporting of data not provided when less than six students in the respective cohort. A blank graph may imply student count being less than six across all cohorts.

Numeracy



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NAPLAN Progress

The data below represents the growth of students from 2015 to 2017 in the NAPLAN test relative to students with the same original score, presented in quartiles.

Reading

NAPLAN progression	Year 7-9	State (average)
Upper progress group	20%	25%
Middle progress group	52%	50%
Lower progress group	28%	25%

Data Source: DECD special extract from Student DataWarehouse, July 2017.

*NOTE: Reporting of data not provided when less than six students in the respective cohort. Due to rounding of percentages, data may not add up to 100%.

Numeracy

NAPLAN progression	Year 7-9	State (average)
Upper progress group	12%	25%
Middle progress group	57%	50%
Lower progress group	31%	25%

Data Source: DECD special extract from Student DataWarehouse, July 2017.

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NAPLAN Upper Two Bands Achievement

This measure shows the number of non-exempt students enrolled at the time of NAPLAN testing who have demonstrated achievement in the relevant NAPLAN higher bands.

	No. of students who sat the test [^]		No. of students achieving in the upper two bands		% of students achieving in the upper two bands ^{**}	
	Reading	Numeracy	Reading	Numeracy	Reading	Numeracy
Year 9 2017	139	139	11	5	8%	4%
Year 9 2015-17 Average	141.0	141.0	11.0	7.0	8%	5%

Data Source: DECD special extract from NAPLAN SA TAA data holdings, July 2017.

[^]Includes absent and withdrawn students.

*Reporting of data not provided when less than six students in the respective cohort.

**Percentages have been rounded off to the nearest whole number.

South Australian Certificate of Education - SACE

SACE Stage 2 Grades – Percentage of grades that are C- or above for attempted SACE subjects (SEA).

2014	2015	2016	2017
89%	94%	88%	

Data Source: SACE Schools Data reports, extracted February 2017.

*NOTE: Reporting of data not provided when less than six students in the respective cohort.

SACE Stage 2 Grade distribution

Grade	2014	2015	2016	2017
A+	1%	1%	0%	0%
A	4%	3%	1%	3%
A-	9%	4%	5%	8%
B+	10%	8%	9%	8%
B	15%	13%	14%	13%
B-	11%	19%	15%	15%
C+	13%	15%	16%	12%
C	17%	23%	17%	13%
C-	10%	8%	9%	7%
D+	5%	3%	4%	5%
D	2%	2%	2%	5%
D-	1%	0%	3%	1%
E+	1%	0%	1%	2%
E	1%	0%	1%	4%
E-	0%	1%	0%	3%
N	1%	0%	0%	1%

Data Source: SACE Schools Data reports, extracted February 2017.

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SACE Completion - Percentage of completers out of those students who had the potential to complete their SACE that year.

2014	2015	2016	2017
86%	97%	84%	84%

Data Source: SACE Schools Data reports, extracted February 2017.

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	2014	2015	2016	2017
Percentage of year 12 students undertaking vocational training or trade training	41.5	39.3	62.8	59.6
Percentage of year 12 students attaining a year 12 certificate or equivalent VET qualification	24.6	16.1	37.2	45.6

School Performance Comment

The steady improvement trends in benchmark NAPLAN results in 2017 in both Reading and Numeracy brings the school achievement back to previous levels and is due to an increased focus by staff and students that the testing has some value to them and regular review of their Year 7 levels and areas for improvement.

Over the last two years this cohort of students has spent time analysing their Year 7 results and in their integrated classes identified areas for improvement. At the beginning of 2017 English and Mathematics staff examined the cohort data and planned for program adjustments in those subjects.

Previously Year 9 students underperformed in NAPLAN however there was structured class discussion prior to the testing as to the purpose and possible uses of their own performance. In general the the attendance and on task behaviour during the testing was improved.

The school had identified that Numeracy results particularly for the upper band students needs to be improved and in 2017 has joined two programs, Thinking Maths and YUMI Deadly Maths around developing numeracy competence and extending students by developing transformed extension tasks. The progression rates of upper student cohort has not improved in 2017.

The 2017 SACE grade data showed an increase in number of results below C- and identified these in the curriculum areas of English, Mathematics and Business and Tech. The schools SACE improvement team has led teaching staff through an analysis of the subject results and identified that the written component of folio work needs to future focus. In 2017 there was a significant tail where students remained in courses and did not pursue conversion to Community Studies as an option.

The ATAR and University entry was similar to previous with students entering courses in Engineering, Health and Sciences. Aboriginal students in the SAASTA program obtained high levels of SACE completion and pathways into University courses. One student from the Community Learning Centre attained a distinction score in her community studies course and three more FLO students moved into a tertiary pathway.

Of the 68 potential completers 57 completed the subjects requirements and for a number of students the Research Project was a significant challenge. This year was marked by a larger than usual group who began the year but withdrew from school during term 2 for work and family reasons. A review of student examination results has highlighted an area for work by teachers in exam writing

The percentage of students undertaking a VET or trade training program to complete their SACE requirements remains high and well above state averages. Many of these included whole day training or work placement opportunities which led to time out of other classes.

Attendance

Year level	2014	2015	2016	2017
Year 7		40.2%		100.0%
Year 8	87.7%	88.7%	85.7%	85.8%
Year 9	81.1%	83.6%	80.9%	80.8%
Year 10	77.4%	85.9%	80.2%	78.8%
Year 11	76.2%	84.3%	80.6%	76.0%
Year 12	79.7%	84.8%	84.2%	74.5%
Secondary Other	82.2%	91.7%	88.7%	86.3%
Total	80.3%	85.8%	82.6%	79.6%

Data Source: Site Performance Reporting System, Semester 1 Attendance.

Note: A blank cell indicates there were no students enrolled.

Attendance Comment

Attendance rates particularly in the senior years remained below targets particularly in the senior years. Despite a good attendance tracking system in our learner management system we have been unable to improve the explained family absences or impact on class attendance for a number of indigenous students. When we analyse our student data we see that the majority of the students are at the state attendance benchmarks but a small group shows little improvement. A school based attendance team regularly highlights students at risk and follows up with families around school and class attendance.

Behaviour Management Comment

The school applies a case management approach to managing individual student behaviour and provides general information and expectations to all students. Staff record class and yard incidents and consequences in the student management system SEQTA.

During 2017 there was 33 suspensions and 3 exclusions which required high level intervention which resulted in suspensions which ranged from alcohol abuse to threatening violence. Three students were excluded for a period of time in 2016.

The school successfully applied for supplementary funding for a number of students and established a class for students with significant learning and behaviour difficulties. This group has continued as a special options intervention class for 2018.

Client Opinion Summary

The parent and student surveys were made available via a link either by email or access on site.

Although the school tested the parent survey link again this year it may be there was a fault in the distribution process. The school has used other surveying process to collect parent information about events, reporting and uniforms where the response is generally positive.

Surveys were completed on site with staff and students using surveymonkey by teacher seeking feedback about classroom teaching and student issues. The feedback is used in professional engagement groups. Some classes are using student forums to collect client feedback about assessment tasks and student progress.

Intended Destination

Leave Reason	School	
	Number	%
Employment	21	10.8%
Interstate/Overseas	10	5.1%
Other	1	0.5%
Seeking Employment	28	14.4%
Tertiary/TAFE/Training	1	0.5%
Transfer to Non-Govt School	10	5.1%
Transfer to SA Govt School	22	11.3%
Unknown	102	52.3%
Unknown (TG - Not Found)	0	NA

Data Source: Education Department School Administration System (EDSAS) Data extract Term 3 2017.

DECD Relevant History Screening

The school collects evidence of relevant history screening of all employees and any other volunteer or agency workers who visit student on both the mainstream and CLC sites.

Teacher Qualifications and Workforce Composition

All teachers at this school are qualified and registered with the SA Teachers Registration Board.

Qualification Level	Number of Qualifications
Bachelor Degrees or Diplomas	113
Post Graduate Qualifications	17

Data Source: DECD HR Management Reporting System, extracted Term 3 2017.

Please note: Staff who have more than 1 qualification will be counted more than once in the above qualification table. Therefore the total number of staff by qualification type may be more than the total number of teaching staff.

Workforce Composition including Indigenous staff

	Teaching Staff		Non-Teaching Staff	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
Full-Time Equivalents	0.0	58.2	8.4	22.0
Persons	0	62	10	31

Data Source: DECD HR Management Reporting System, extracted Term 3 2017.

Financial Statement

Funding Source	Amount
Grants: State	\$345,900.68
Grants: Commonwealth	\$66,727.28
Parent Contributions	\$253,389.00
Fund Raising	
Other	

Data Source: Data Source: Education Department School Administration System (EDSAS).

2017 School Annual Report: Tier 2 Funding Report*

*Tier 2 funding provides additional resources to support students who are unlikely to obtain the desired outcomes without further support.

Tier 2 Funding Section	Tier 2 Category (where applicable to the site)	Briefly describe how the 2017 funding was used to improve the relevant Standard of Educational Achievement (SEA) outcomes	Outcomes achieved or progress towards these outcomes
Targeted Funding for Individual Students	Improved Behaviour Management and Engagement	Employment of SSO staff for behaviour support	Identified students spending more time in class working with SSO support
	Improved Outcomes for Students with an Additional Language or Dialect		
	Improved Outcomes for Students with Disabilities	Employment of SSO staff to provide in class support to identified students. Employment of LB1 Student in the Mainstream Coordinator	IEP/NEP coordinated and shared with staff. Students achievement monitored.
Targeted Funding for Groups of Students	Improved Outcomes for - Rural & Isolated Students - Aboriginal Students - Numeracy and Literacy	Country Area Program funding which supported a range of school excursion to Adelaide or local EP camps and events. APAS tutoring funds to support senior students in the completion of SACE requirements.	Students participate in a range of sporting and cultural programs out of Port Lincoln. University visits provided to Yr 10 to 12 students. Tutoring provided.
	First Language Maintenance & Development Students taking Alternative Pathways Students with Learning Difficulties Grant	Employment of ACEO staff to support the attendance and engagement of aboriginal students at their community connection.	
Program Funding for all Students	Australian Curriculum		
Other Discretionary Funding	Aboriginal Languages Programs Initiatives		
	Better Schools Funding	Maintain a year 8 Aboriginal Arts program to assist in the transition of students to high school. Maintain an intervention class for aboriginal students not previously identified as having learning difficulties.	Improved transition arrangement Students with learning difficulties supported.
	Specialist School Reporting (as required)		
	Improved Outcomes for Gifted Students		
	Primary School Counsellor (if applicable)		