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SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

School Number: 0198

School Name: KANGARILLA PRIMARY SCHOOL

1. General Information

Part A

School Name: Kangarilla Primary School

School No: 0198

Principal: Donna Lean

Postal Address: 33-35 McLaren Flat Road SA 5157

Location Address: Kangarilla SA 5157

District: Southern Adelaide

Distance from GPO: 37 kms Phone No: 83837068

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Primary

Student enrolments:

2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
80	74	80	79	67	56	56	45	41	46	53	49	47

	2021
School Card percentage	25%
NESB Enrolment	0
Aboriginal Enrolment	6.38%

Part B

School website address

www.kangaps.sa.edu.au

School e-mail address

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Staff numbers

Principal

Class Teachers staff – 4

Specialist Teachers – 4

SSO's – 6

Groundsman – 1

Pastoral Care Support Worker - 1

OSHC

Director -Brooke Derrington. Currently we offer Before and After School Care and Vacation Care.

Enrolment trends

Kangarilla Primary School has had 3 classes for a number of years as a result of enrolments.

Year of opening

1875

Public transport access

A school bus that originates from Aberfoyle Park High School is accessed by some of our students to and from school. Students from Clarendon Primary School who utilise our OSHC service in the afternoon catch the bus from Clarendon to Kangarilla.

Bus transport is readily available for student excursions, although cost is a limiting factor for extensive use.

2. Students (and their welfare)

General characteristics

Kangarilla is a relatively dispersed community, which supports a school of approximately 47 students, Reception to Year 7. Students come from a wide variety of areas including Coromandel Valley, McLaren Flat, Blewitt Springs, Aldinga, Kuitpo and Meadows.

Families have chosen Kangarilla Primary School for their children because of its unique features. The small numbers, dedicated, caring and approachable staff, outstanding Art and Music programs, country environment and excellent intervention programs make KPS the school of choice for many of our families. Students compete in a wide variety of local sports as well as SAPSASA events.

Student leadership is developed through participation in an active SRC program with students organising Discos, Movie Nights, Car Boot Sales, raffles, stalls and events. Students from Kangarilla play an active role in local community events such as the ANZAC Day Dawn Service, Remembrance Day, Santarilla and Community Carols. Kangarilla Primary School is fortunate to have many parents and community volunteers who generously give of their time in order to support our students, staff and school community. Volunteers help by coaching table tennis, listening to reading, covering books, transporting students, working bees and fundraising.

Governing Council continues to play a vital role in the support of the school.

Students, parents and staff have identified the following, as being the core values for the school community.

Confidence

Achievement

Respect

Student Management

The school's behaviour management policy is applied with consistency across the school with both students and Governing Council being involved in the development of the policy. It is based on the 3 pillars of Respect -

We respect ourselves

We respect others

We respect our environment.

Staff have a common approach to behaviour management and the school works using a collaborative team approach with parents and students being involved if required. Regular communication between families and the school is a key feature in our behaviour management. Positive behaviour is encouraged through role modelling, intentional teaching, awards, postcards sent home through the mail, emails and conversations with parents and acknowledgment in the school newsletter. At the beginning of each school year each class brainstorms, discusses and develops their own classroom expectations.

Counselling services and referral to other agencies for assistance are available for students and families experiencing difficulties.

For more details on the school's Behaviour Management Policy, please refer to the policy on this website or contact the school.

Student Government

In 2021 the SRC comprises of Year 6 and 7 students who were keen to take on leadership positions within the school. Students wrote expressions of interest and an application for specific roles. In 2021 the SRC Executive consists of two Chairpersons, Vice Chairpersons, Secretaries and Treasurers. Here are also three Class Liaison Representatives who meet with each class during their class meetings and report back, on their behalf, to SRC Executive.

Pastoral Care programmes

The school has an excellent Pastoral Care Worker, Kathy Zilm. Kathy provides support to students, families, staff and the school community. Kathy has also been a key organiser for the school students' participation in the Anzac Day Dawn Service.

3. Key School Policies

Site Learning Plan and other key statements or policies

The 2018 – 2021 School Improvement Plan contains 3 goals

- 1). Developing students' reading by focussing on phonemic awareness throughout the school.
This has involved the introduction of the Heggerty Phonemic Awareness Program throughout the school and the introduction of Initialit in the Junior Primary.
- 2). Developing students' written language using explicit teaching and using the Brightpath program to moderate all student work.
KPS has been involved in the Sea and Vines Oral language program.
- 3). Improved Numeracy outcomes for students.
Staff are using the Big Ideas in Number diagnostic testing throughout the school to track student misconceptions and using this information to differentiate student learning.
KPS continues to collect school data to measure student progress and to improve the quality of our teaching.
All areas of the Site Improvement Plan align with Partnership and DfE goals for improvement.

School Dress Code

Governing Council and parents strongly support the school dress code. The majority of students wear the Kangarilla Primary School uniform. Clothing is available for purchase from the school as well as from department stores. Broad-brimmed or legionnaires hats are worn during first and fourth terms.

4. Curriculum

Subject Offerings:

Kangarilla Primary School follows the Australian Curriculum with subjects including Mathematics, English, Health and P.E., Science, History, Geography, Art, Spanish, Music and Technology.

Brainticking – STEM is a hands on problem-solving activity where students of mixed age groups are involved in Tinkering, Cooking, STEM, Art, Sport and Construction electives. It is held every Friday afternoon for one hour.

There is some access to private music tuition such as piano, guitar, drums and singing.

Kangarilla Primary School students are fortunate to be able to access the creek for hands on creek studies.

Kangarilla Primary School students study Spanish as their LOTE subject.

Special Needs:

Kangarilla Primary School focuses on early intervention and students with special needs have access to Initialit, MiniLit, Literacy group and SPELD programs. Numeracy intervention is provided in small groups. Extension activities are offered through activities such as the Readers' Cup. Students have been involved in programs such as "What's the Buzz" and "Name that Feeling".

Technology Methodology

At Kangarilla we focus on inclusive methodology and an inquiry/problem-solving approach. Students have access to iPads, laptops and desktop computers, interactive whiteboards and large-screened televisions. During Environmental Studies lessons students are able to utilise the creek and the student gardens. In second term students are often involved in campfires and enjoy cooking damper, sausages, fish, potatoes and marshmallows.

Assessment Procedures and Reporting

At Kangarilla Primary School we have comprehensive assessment and reporting processes including parent/teacher interviews, written reports and personal contact. Parents are encouraged to discuss student progress with class teachers. Students are involved in NAPLAN testing in Years 3, 5 and 7 and complete PAT R (Reading) and PAT M (Maths) as well as other diagnostic testing.

Joint Programmes

Kangarilla belongs to the Sea and Vines Partnership.

We also work collaboratively with the small schools of Clarendon, Myponga and McLaren Flat. In 2020 and 2021 Kangarilla participated in collaborative moderation with Clarendon Primary School and Rapid Bay Primary School for the purpose of common moderation of student writing. Previously Kangarilla Primary School and Myponga Primary School principals presented 4 modules on LDAM principles to combined staff on 2 pupil free days.

Kangarilla Primary School and Clarendon Primary School regularly join together for SAPSASA sporting events, staff meetings and training days. In 2020 Kangarilla Primary School participated in the Small Schools Football Carnival for boys and girls held at the Kangarilla Oval. Kangarilla Primary School and Clarendon Kindy have a positive relationship and students from the kindy have enjoyed nature play days at the school.

5. Sporting Activities

Regular fitness, Health and PE, and an extremely popular sports day and colour run form an integral part of Kangarilla Primary School's curriculum. There is a strong community commitment to sport and very high levels of participation of students in sports teams. Students are regularly involved in coaching clinics and have especially enjoyed learning new skills from the AFLW team and the Adelaide Crows. Weekend tennis, cricket, netball and

football are offered. The school is also involved in SAPSASA football, cricket, table tennis, athletics, swimming, tennis, netball and cross country competitions.

6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

Excursions/Camps

Opportunities are provided for student participation in excursions and camp programs. Whole school camps are offered in alternate years.

Performances

Students have access to visiting performances along with opportunities to be performers.. Kangarilla Primary School students are involved in mid-year and end-of-year concerts where they are able to showcase their developing skills in dance, choir, school band and both individual and group instrumental performances.

7. Staff (and their welfare)

Staff profile

Kangarilla Primary School staff are a caring, professional, and enthusiastic group who always place the needs of the students as a high priority. All staff are highly committed to their roles and work collaboratively to support each other, students and families. The staff numbers provide a stable profile with a mixture of full and part-time staff and staff who have more experience teamed with relatively new staff.

Our highly competent SSOs work with students and classes, providing support and intervention. Front office staff have an excellent relationship with families and provide a wealth of knowledge to our school community.

Leadership structure or Shared Leadership

Principal Donna Lean is completing her 5 year tenure in 2021. Donna is the Vice Chairperson of the Sea & Vines Partnership Executive. She has previously been on the Small School Executive Committee.

Staff Support Systems

Staff are actively supported, not only by the Principal, but by enjoying a positive and collaborative team approach. Kangarilla Primary School has comprehensive induction and performance management structures to benefit all staff. Staff attend a variety of T&D throughout the year based on the needs of the school and students. Weekly staff meetings provide targeted structures and Professional Development to fulfil the goals of the Site Improvement Plan.

Performance Management

Meetings with all staff occur to oversee teaching and learning programmes and to provide support to staff on individual issues. Meetings with SSO staff are regularly conducted.

8. School Facilities

Buildings and grounds

The administration building is the focal point of the school facilities. The school is well maintained and over the past 2 years has been significantly upgraded with newly renovated administration area painting and carpets. In July the school will further develop its playground facilities by developing the sandpit area to include a flowing water course and mud kitchen. Wooden tepee structures placed around the oval will provide the basis of student-built cubbies and an outdoor classroom will be developed behind the OSHC room.

All classrooms are air conditioned and include either a large television screen or an interactive whiteboard. The school has a creek that runs through the school grounds. This provides a centrepiece for creek studies and nature play.

Access for Students and Staff with Disabilities

Most of our buildings are wheelchair accessible.

We have specific equipment for visually impaired students, supplied by South Australian School for Vision Impaired. We have the ability to use sound systems for hearing impaired students in two class rooms.

9. School Operations

Decision making structures

The following is an overview of the schools committee structure:

Staff meetings for Professional Development

General business staff meetings

PAC meetings (held when required)

Governing Council and sub committees:

- Finance Committee

- Fundraising

- OSHC management

- Building and Grounds

- Education

- Playgroup

Student Representative Council and class meetings

The Principal also attends regular Sea and Vines Partnership meetings (twice a term) and Sea and Vines Executive Meetings.

Parent Communication

The school newsletter is published every fortnight on a Thursday.

Newsletters and general notes are available via our Skoolbag app.

Kangarilla Primary School regularly contributes articles to The Southern Argus and KangaNoos.

The school has two closed Facebook pages, Kangarilla Primary School Parents and Kangarilla Playgroup.

School financial position

The School is in a sound financial position.

10. Local Community

General characteristics

Students attending Kangarilla Primary School are drawn from a wide variety of local communities with many students passing several schools to take advantage of the small school and caring community. The Kangarilla township is experiencing housing development with the opening of a land development across from the school. A growth in the school enrolments is expected as a result of this development.

English is almost exclusively the language used at home for students attending Kangarilla Primary School.

Parent and Community involvement

There is a strong base of parent and community involvement, ranging from active participation in Governing Council, fundraising activities and building and grounds, as well as volunteers who listen to reading, cover library books, transport students and provide coaching for Table Tennis.

Feeder schools

Clarendon Kindergarten is the main feeder pre-school, along with Meadows Kindergarten and Madge Sexton Kindergarten. Kangarilla Primary School has an excellent transition program from Pre-school to school with students being encouraged to attend transition visits one day a week in the fourth term. Urrbrae High School is the school of choice for many of our senior students, while Aberfoyle Park High School and Willunga High School are also popular. Kangarilla Primary School lies within Aberfoyle Park High School's zone.

Other local care and educational facilities

OSHC operates on site. Before School Care, After School Care and Vacation Care programs are offered.

Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities

In addition to the Kangarilla General Store and Post Office there is a service station to provide for community needs. There are extensive recreation facilities at the Kangarilla Oval, including football, netball tennis and cricket amenities as well as the Football Clubrooms and the Community Hall.

Local Government Body

City of Onkaparinga, telephone 08 83846200

11. Further Comments

Kangarilla Primary School enjoys the very real benefits of being relatively small with parent involvement and community support and a caring and professional staff.