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School Overview

At Rainworth we aim for each individual to achieve the best educational outcomes through a rich, diverse and engaging curriculum in a happy, safe and healthy community. Our school is built on strong traditions and high expectations. Our culture is one that has a strong foundation in academic achievement, creativity, trust and community.

Rainworth State School is a friendly and encouraging school that strives to develop each child's unique talents. Our enthusiastic and dedicated teachers work closely with parents to help students achieve their personal goals. Rainworth sets a high academic standard. We provide activities to extend students with special talents and to support those with special needs. Our comprehensive curriculum includes Maths, English, Science, History, Geography, The Arts (dance, drama, visual art, music), Technology, Health and Physical Education and Italian language and culture. Our school is very proud of its state education history. We cater for children from prep in the early years to Year 6 in the middle years.

In 2016 Rainworth State School students achieved very high academic results on national testing. These very high results were reflected in our percentage of students above the national benchmarks, state averages and the percentage of students in the top two achievement bands.

Our school has worked towards maintaining these high standards through providing exciting opportunities to engage children in learning activities, continued purchase of Information and Communication Technologies and providing a wide range of co-curricular activities to enrich and extend our more able students.

Our school continues to develop a happy safe environment which promotes overall wellbeing of the child through academic and creative pursuits.

Principal's Foreword

Introduction

At Rainworth State School, we are very proud of the achievements we have made in making Rainworth a safe and positive learning environment for all of our students.

Our focus is strongly centred on providing the best educational outcomes through a rich, diverse, engaging curriculum in a happy, safe and healthy environment.

We value:

- A holistic approach to childhood development - emotionally, intellectually, physically & socially
- A focus on children reaching their full academic potential.
- A balanced curriculum focusing on Clever, Skilled, Creative
- A strong sense of community
- Supporting quality professional staff

School Progress towards its goals in 2016

Core Priority: Consistent Classroom Pedagogical Framework

- Classroom Observations were completed to ensure alignment between school Pedagogical Approach and teacher practice. The focus was on Explicit Instruction, Active Participation and Gradual Release of Learning.
- Two coaches were employed in 2016, a P-3 coach and 4-6 coach. The focus of the coaching program was on developing teacher pedagogy aligned with our improvement agenda.
- Teachers were given the opportunity to visit colleagues and to observe others teaching in order to reflect and improve their own practice.

Core Priority: The Teaching of Reading (comprehension & fluency)

- Administration conducted term classroom observations and provided feedback to teachers on their data driven planning, pedagogical practice and classroom environment.
- All teachers participated in the Mt Coot-tha of Schools Instructional Rounds each term. This allowed teachers to engage in PD relevant to their needs and that of the school's improvement agenda.
- A refocussing on QAR (Question, Answer, Relationship) as a strategy for developing reading comprehension occurred across the whole school.

Core Priority: Continuous Monitoring of Student Achievement

- Teachers were provided time to meet as a year level team to examine the data and identify "where next" in the learning journey
- Data stored centrally (OneSchool) as per our Whole School Assessment Schedule.
- The school continued to offer a range of support options (ELF, GEM, Upper 2 Band program, Reading Support, Math Support, and Math Extension etc) to support all learners.
- The current support options were aligned with the additional funding from the Great Results funding to maximise the potential of all programs

Core Priority: Quality School Curriculum Reflective of ACARA and the Rainworth School Community

- C2C units were adjusted or "personalised" to meet the needs of our learners, current curriculum offerings and feedback from our teachers. This occurred at the end of each unit and during the curriculum planning phase.
- All teachers worked in their Year Level Planning teams to ensure consistency of learning experiences.
- Teachers were provided with a half planning day. Teachers planned in year level teams with our Curriculum Co-Ordinator

Core Priority: Integration of ICTs and Development of Computer Literacies

- Staff were provided with professional development to allow them to maximise the technology, apps and selected software in their classrooms so as to enhance teaching and learning opportunities.
- Additional adaptive technologies were purchased to assist identified learners

Future Outlook

At Rainworth State School we believe that all students are capable of success. The beliefs that drive our future planning are:

- We believe that each of our students matter, every day.
- We share collective accountability for all student outcomes – we all own the data
- Curriculum delivery is underpinned by explicit instruction pedagogy and is a feature of every lesson in every classroom
- We have a school culture of high expectations
- Our school provides a range of opportunities for children both inside and outside the classroom to enhance and engage learning
- We believe in the collegial sharing of classroom practices to provide best practice

Core Priority: The teaching of Writing:

- Consistent delivery of teaching practices in writing.
- Develop and document the school's approach to the explicit teaching of writing.
- Review and reflection on whole school data (NAPLAN, diagnostic and A-E) to track student improvement in writing.
- Create a shared vision for U2B targets and NMS in writing.
- Assessment and Moderation in writing - opportunities for horizontal (within year level) and vertical (across year levels).

Core Priority: The teaching of Reading

- Consistent delivery of the teaching of reading.
- Create a shared vision for U2B targets and NMS in reading.
- Review and update the school's approach to the explicit teaching of reading.
- Analysis of whole school data (NAPLAN, diagnostic and A_E) to determine areas requiring development

- Targeted intervention in reading with the continuation of MiniLit programs for the provision of targeted support in reading (Fly-in-Squad).

Core Priority: The Development of Pedagogy

- Provision of ongoing professional development for all staff (teachers and teacher aides) in Explicit Instruction (Archer and Hughes/ Fleming)
- Develop a resource bank of 'warm ups' to support Explicit Instruction
- Data is used and analysed purposefully to ensure that every child experiences an effect size greater than 0.4
- Ongoing professional conversations regarding data are integral to student success and are timetabled termly.
- Provide a staged process of professional development to all staff based on a consistent coaching model.
- Embed the delivery of ICT into daily teaching practice.

Priority: The Development Technology and Innovation

- Use of an ICT coach/champion to assist with implementation of Technology Curriculum
- Implement the Technology Curriculum (Design & Digital Technology)

Our School at a Glance

School Profile

Coeducational or single sex:	Coeducational
Independent Public School:	Yes
Year levels offered in 2016:	Prep Year - Year 6
Student enrolments for this school:	

	Total	Girls	Boys	Indigenous	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2014	522	272	250		96%
2015*	524	263	261		98%
2016	546	286	260	1	100%

Student counts are based on the Census (August) enrolment collection.

*From 2015, data for all state high schools include Year 7 students. Prior to 2015, only state high schools offering Year 7 had these students included in their counts.

In 2016, there were no students enrolled in a pre-Prep** program.

** pre-Prep is a kindergarten program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, living across 35 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, in the year before school (<http://data.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/families/pre-prep-indigenous.html>).

Characteristics of the Student Body

Overview

Our students come predominantly from our catchment area. As a result our students are well supported by their parents and the local community instilling a strong community focus within our school.

Average Class Sizes

The following table shows the average class size information for each phase of schooling.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZES			
Phase	2014	2015*	2016
Prep – Year 3	24	26	26
Year 4 – Year 7	22	24	24
Year 8 – Year 10			
Year 11 – Year 12			

*From 2015, data for all state high schools include Year 7 students. Prior to 2015, only state high schools offering Year 7 had these students included in their counts.

Curriculum Delivery

Our distinctive curriculum offerings

- Visual Arts
- Writer and Author-in-Residence Programs
- Italian language and culture programs from Prep to Year 6
- Dance teacher
- Drama teacher
- Art teacher
- Dedicated extension programs in Science, Writing, Mathematics, Visual Art and Music for selected students
- Academic and Cultural Extension Programs

Extra curricula activities

- Chess Club and Coaching
- Tennis Club and Coaching
- Aus Kick and Go-Sports
- Various district, regional and state sporting opportunities
- Instrumental Music—Strings, Brass, Woodwind and Percussion
- Junior and Senior Choirs
- Creative Generation State Schools on Stage
- Maths Tournament
- Enrichment programs in Maths and Visual Art linked to The Gap State High School
- Science Club
- Readers Cup
- Mt Coot-tha Young Writers Workshop
- GRIPPS – Gap Region Instrumental Primary Performers Schools
- Rainbow Nest (Pre-prep playgroup program)

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning

All classes P-6 at Rainworth are actively engaged in using Interactive Whiteboards (IWB). Within their planning, teachers embed learning episodes that involve the use of computers and the interactive whiteboard. The IWB enables students to



receive instant feedback promoting discussion, deep learning and conversation. The world is at the teachers and students fingertips via the Internet and the educational use of you-tube, Google earth and research sites.

“Virtual Classrooms or Ed Studios”, have been set up by several teachers whereby teacher and students have a dedicated safe web space to share their learning among all class members. The teacher places homework, class assignments, and weekly and daily work expectations on the virtual classroom site for the students to access.

Online mathematics, reading and spelling resources are used to support skill development. Access to the Internet provides a rich source of research material for students across all curriculum areas.

All classes use Mathletics and Reading Eggs, an online resource available for access by students at home and school to improve individual skills and competencies in the area of literacy and numeracy.

A range of software is available for students to access. These include multimedia and movie making applications.

All classes have a mix of lap tops and iPad to be used to support learning in their classrooms. Laptops and iPad can also be borrowed from the library during class time and during lunch breaks.

Social Climate

Overview

At Rainworth State School we have a proud history of working together as a community. This is reflected in the structure of the school Parents and Citizens Association as well as through the school's planning documents.

Our Responsible Behaviour Plan was created in consultation with the school community and was reviewed in 2012 in line with our Quadrennial School Review. The plan sets out the expectations for all students and sets a zero tolerance towards bullying. It aims for all stakeholders (students, parents, teachers, administration and the community) to work towards early resolutions of problems and disputes.

Our school's supportive school environment initiatives are based on this community notion to assist students in working together and learning about the value of each individual. This is supported by programs undertaken in the school such as “You can Do It”.

Parent, Student and Staff Satisfaction

Parent opinion survey

Performance measure	2014	2015	2016
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree[#] that:			
their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	95%	99%	96%
this is a good school (S2035)	97%	99%	100%
their child likes being at this school* (S2001)	97%	99%	97%
their child feels safe at this school* (S2002)	96%	97%	99%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)	93%	90%	91%
their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004)	93%	93%	97%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005)	92%	97%	100%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006)	92%	91%	94%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007)	90%	91%	91%
teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008)	92%	94%	96%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns* (S2009)	94%	93%	95%
this school works with them to support their child's learning* (S2010)	91%	90%	95%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously* (S2011)	94%	89%	93%
student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)	93%	91%	91%
this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013)	97%	96%	99%

Performance measure			
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree [#] that:	2014	2015	2016
this school is well maintained* (S2014)	96%	99%	99%

Student opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of students who agree [#] that:	2014	2015	2016
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	99%	99%	99%
they like being at their school* (S2036)	97%	95%	98%
they feel safe at their school* (S2037)	99%	96%	98%
their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038)	98%	99%	96%
their teachers expect them to do their best* (S2039)	99%	99%	100%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work* (S2040)	97%	96%	96%
teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041)	91%	90%	97%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042)	92%	94%	86%
their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043)	98%	95%	93%
student behaviour is well managed at their school* (S2044)	94%	94%	89%
their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045)	99%	97%	98%
their school is well maintained* (S2046)	99%	98%	99%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047)	95%	94%	96%

Staff opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree [#] that:	2014	2015	2016
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	100%	100%	100%
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	100%	100%	100%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	90%	95%	97%
they feel confident embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the learning areas (S2114)	96%	100%	100%
students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	100%	100%	100%
students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	100%	100%	100%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	100%	97%	100%
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	93%	100%	97%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	89%	97%	97%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	100%	100%	97%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	93%	100%	94%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	98%	97%	97%

* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items

'Agree' represents the percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

Parent and community engagement

Parents and other community members are involved in the education of children at our school through a number of initiatives. This includes parent helpers in class to support aspects of our literacy, numeracy and Arts programs.



Parents also support early literacy through their involvement in the Support-A-Reader and Ready Reader Program.

Other aspects of our curriculum offerings are supported through the active involvement of parents in:

- The Instrumental and Choral Music programs
- Kilometre Club
- Creative Generation State Schools on Stage
- School Theatrical Production
- Providing specialist assistance with aspects of the curriculum that align with their personal or professional expertise
- Rainworth Nest

Parents and community members also contributed significantly to the design and implementation of our school leadership program, responsible behaviour program and enrolment management plan.

Class groups provide opportunities for families to participate in culminating events for specific class units. Throughout the school year community members and parents were also invited to attend numerous community events including Graduation, Easter Parade, Music Evenings and Year 6 Theatrical Production, Italian cultural events as well as a variety of other cultural celebrations.

Children with diverse needs are referred to the Student Services committee and appropriate support is decided upon and actioned as needed.

Respectful relationships programs

The school has developed and implemented a program or programs that focus on appropriate, respectful and healthy relationships.

School Disciplinary Absences

The following table shows the count of incidents for students recommended for each type of school disciplinary absence reported at the school.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY ABSENCES			
Type	2014*	2015**	2016
Short Suspensions – 1 to 5 days	0	4	3
Long Suspensions – 6 to 20 days	0	0	0
Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

* Caution should be used when comparing post 2013 SDA data as amendments to EGPA disciplinary provisions and changes in methodology created time series breaks in 2014 and 2015.

**From 2015, Exclusion represents principal decisions to exclude rather than recommendations for exclusion. From 2015 where a principal decided not to exclude, a small number of recommendations for exclusions have been counted as a long suspension. Exclusions, Cancellations and Long & Charge Suspensions may be upheld or set aside through an appeals process.

Environmental Footprint

Reducing the school's environmental footprint

ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT INDICATORS		
Years	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2013-2014	149,182	1,791
2014-2015	148,819	1,988
2015-2016	167,128	2,571

The consumption data is compiled from sources including ERM, Ergon reports and utilities data entered into OneSchool by each school. The data provides an indication of the consumption trend in each of the utility categories which impact on the school's environmental footprint.

School Funding

School income broken down by funding source

School income, reported by financial year accounting cycle using standardized national methodologies and broken down by funding source is available via the *My School* website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au>.

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Our Staff Profile

Workforce Composition

Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2016 WORKFORCE COMPOSITION			
Description	Teaching Staff	Non-Teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	37	25	<5
Full-time Equivalent	30	14	<5

Qualification of all teachers

TEACHER* QUALIFICATIONS	
Highest level of qualification	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Doctorate	0
Masters	1
Graduate Diploma etc.**	16
Bachelor degree	18
Diploma	1
Certificate	0

*Teaching staff includes School Leaders

**Graduate Diploma etc. includes Graduate Diploma, Bachelor Honours Degree, and Graduate Certificate.

Professional Development

Expenditure On and Teacher Participation in Professional Development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2016 were \$ 38 565

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- Seven Steps of Writing
- Growth Mindset
- Cooperative planning and professional support
- First Aid
- Regional coaching programs
- Work, Health and Safety and Wellbeing
- Curriculum conferences
- Literacy and Numeracy
- In-school coaching and mentoring programs
- Cluster based curriculum conferences
- Cluster moderation afternoons
- Pedagogical Approaches to Learning (Explicit Instruction, Dimensions of Teaching & Learning, Gradual Release of Responsibility)
- Coding, Robotics
- Using iPads in the classroom

Staff Attendance and Retention

Staff attendance

AVERAGE STAFF ATTENDANCE (%)			
Description	2014	2015	2016
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	96%	96%	97%

Proportion of Staff Retained from the Previous School Year

From the end of the previous school year, 97% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2016.

Performance of Our Students

Key Student Outcomes Student Attendance

Student attendance

The table below shows the attendance information for all students at this school:

STUDENT ATTENDANCE 2016

Description	2014	2015	2016
The overall attendance rate* for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	96%	95%	95%
The attendance rate for Indigenous students at this school (shown as a percentage).			DW

*The student attendance rate is generated by dividing the total of full-days and part-days that students attended, and comparing this to the total of all possible days for students to attend, expressed as a percentage.

The overall student attendance rate in 2016 for all Queensland Primary schools was 93%.

AVERAGE STUDENT ATTENDANCE RATE* (%) FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL

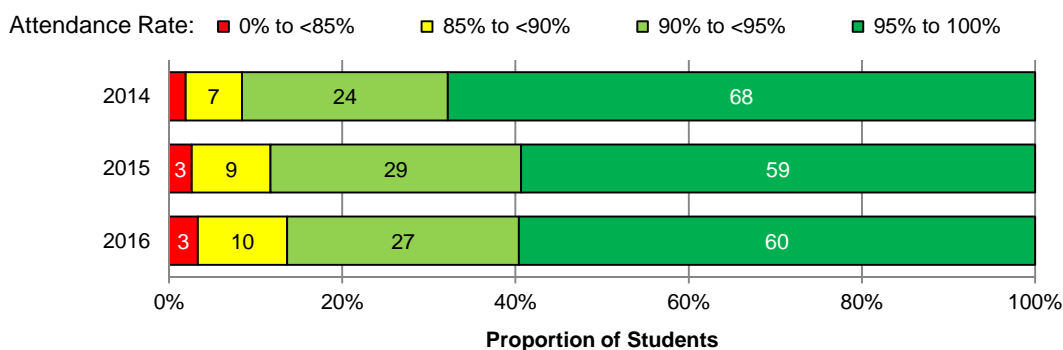
Year Level	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2014	96%	96%	96%	96%	97%	95%	96%	97%					
2015	95%	95%	95%	95%	95%	96%	95%						
2016	94%	95%	94%	96%	95%	95%	94%						

*Attendance rates effectively count attendance for every student for every day of attendance in Semester 1. The student attendance rate is generated by dividing the total of full-days and part-days that students attended, and comparing this to the total of all possible days for students to attend, expressed as a percentage.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

Student Attendance Distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range:



Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the DET procedures, *Managing Student Absences and Enforcing Enrolment and Attendance at State Schools* and *Roll Marking in State Schools*, which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

NAPLAN

Our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are available via the My School website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.

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