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Annual School Board Report 2020



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Reporting to the community

Schools report to communities in range of ways, including through:

- Annual School Board Reports
- A (5-year) School Improvement Plan (formerly School Strategic Plan)
- Annual Impact Reports
- Newsletters
- Other sources such as My School.

Summary of School Board activity

- The college went into lockdown at the end of session 1 and students began online learning and assessment.
- After 6 weeks of lockdown, students and teachers returned seamlessly to classes. Students reengaged effectively in classes with strong teacher support.
- Teachers' Professional Learning Communities focused on the quality of teaching with teachers working together to improve student outcomes.
- The College Review was completed successfully and new priorities will be developed to build on the three current priorities.
- The year 12 Formal went ahead at the Arboretum and was hugely successful.
- Year 12 Graduation was held in two sessions and feedback from our community was most positive for this new format.

School Context

Narrabundah College is a large and vibrant government co-educational college nestled in beautiful grounds located near the parliamentary triangle. The college has over 945 students in years 11 and 12 and offers a challenging curriculum in a caring environment to meet the needs of students in a globalised world. Narrabundah College has an international atmosphere with over 30% of our students born overseas.

The college's diverse curriculum includes nine languages offered at Beginning, Continuing and Advanced levels. In 2020 the languages offered were: Chinese, French, German, Hindi, Indonesian, Italian, Japanese, Korean and Spanish with over 500 students studying a second language.

In addition to the ACT Year 12 Certificate, the college offers the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma and the French Baccalauréat. Narrabundah College was the first school in Australasia to deliver the IB program and it has been delivering this curriculum successfully for over 40 years.

The college has maintained a tradition of success and offers a broad and academically rigorous curriculum that is carefully designed to enhance students' skills in research, critical thinking, communication and self-management in a focused and supportive environment. Study Hub was introduced in 2013: this resource continues to be accessed by large numbers of students to improve their study skills and support their learning.

Narrabundah College challenges national trends in Maths, Science and Languages in that we have significant numbers of students studying these subjects. In 2020 216 year 11 students and 171 year 12 students studied Specialist Options and/or Core Maths (the highest levels in Maths); 158 students studied Physics and 290 students studied Chemistry over the 2 years and a further 486 students studied Biology, Human Biology, Forestry and the Exercise Sciences. Over 500 students studied a second language.

In 2020, 55 year 11 students were offered places at ANU Extension and 46 year 12 students completed their chosen course of whom 6 topped their courses.

Further, in our environment, students are also encouraged to become significant contributors to society and take up challenges in areas such as: leadership, supporting charities, managing and improving the environment, debating, value adding to the local community, participating in sports and much more.

Narrabundah College recognises the special needs of students in the challenging senior secondary years and we continue to provide a safe, supportive and caring environment that fosters each student's personal growth. Our well-resourced Student Services Team advises students on course and careers counselling as well as monitoring and supporting students in their welfare, academic progress and student pathways planning during their two years at this college.

In 2020, the college continued to strengthen and promote the strong partnerships with our parents/carers and the community. For example: The Parent/Student/Teacher year 11 interviews are now embedded in our calendar to take place in December each year.

The college has an active P & C who have continued to improve the canteen environment for our students' use. The committee has maintained strong advocacy with the Education Directorate and the Minister of Education in the planning of the redevelopment of the college.

Student Information

Student enrolment

In this reporting period there were a total of 956 students enrolled at this school.

Table: Student enrolment*

Student type	Number of students
Gender - Male	411
Gender - Female	545
Gender - Non-binary or other	0
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	6
LBOTE**	539

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

* To protect personally identifiable information any figures less than six are not reported.

** Language Background Other Than English

Student attendance

Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, 2020 attendance data has not been published in the Annual School Board Report.

Supporting attendance and managing non-attendance

ACT public schools support parents and careers to meet their legal responsibilities in relation to the compulsory education requirements of the *Education Act 2004*. The Education Directorate's *Education Participation (Enrolment and Attendance) Policy* describes its position with regard to supporting attendance and managing non-attendance. A suite of procedures supports the implementation of the policy. Please refer to <https://www.education.act.gov.au/> for further details.

Staff Information

Teacher qualifications

All teachers at this school meet the professional requirements for teaching in an ACT public school. The ACT Teacher Quality Institute (TQI) specifies two main types of provision for teachers at different stages of their career, these are detailed below.

- **Full registration** is for teachers with experience working in a registered school in Australia or New Zealand who have been assessed as meeting the Proficient level of the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers.
- **Provisional registration** is for newly qualified teachers or teachers who do not have recent experience teaching in a school in Australia and New Zealand. Many teachers moving to Australia from another country apply for Provisional registration.

Workforce composition

Workforce composition for the current reporting period is provided in the following table. The data is taken from the school's verified August staffing report. For reporting purposes, it incorporates all school staff including preschools, staff absent for a period of less than four consecutive weeks and staff replacing staff absent for more than four consecutive weeks. It does not include casuals and staff absent for a period of four consecutive weeks or longer.

The Education Directorate is required to report Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff figures. As of June of the reporting period, 135 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander staff members were employed across the Directorate.

Table: Workforce composition numbers

Staff employment category	TOTAL
Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent Permanent	46.27
Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent Temporary	12.05
Non Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent	15.51

Source: ACT Education Directorate, People and Performance Branch

School Review and Development

The ACT Education Directorate's Strategic Plan 2018-2021 provides the framework and strategic direction for School Improvement Plans (formerly School Strategic Plans). This is supported by the school performance and accountability framework *'People, Practice and Performance: School Improvement in Canberra Public Schools, A Framework for Performance and Accountability'*. Annually, system and school level data are used alongside the National School Improvement Tool to support targeted school improvement, high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in ACT public schools.

Our school was reviewed in 2020. A copy of the Report of Review can be found on our school website.

School Satisfaction

Schools use a range of evidence to gain an understanding of the satisfaction levels of their parents and carers, staff and students. Annually in August/ September ACT schools undertake a survey to gain an understanding of school satisfaction at that time. This information is collected from staff, parents and from 2020 students from year 4 and above (previously year 5 and above) through an online survey.

Overall Satisfaction

In this period of reporting, 82% of parents and carers, 94% of staff, and 81% of students at this school indicated they were satisfied with the education provided by the school.

Included in the survey were 16 staff, 14 parent, and 12 student items which are described as the national opinion items. These items were approved by the then Standing Council on School Education and Early Childhood (SCSEEC) for use from 2015. The following tables show the percentage of parents and carers, students and staff who agreed with each of the national opinion items at this school.

Note: The overall response rate for parents and carers in ACT public schools was negatively impacted by COVID-19, dropping from 31% in 2019 to 23% in 2020.

A total of 72 staff responded to the survey. Please note that not all responders answered every question.

Table: Proportion of staff* in agreement with each national opinion item

National opinion item	
Parents at this school can talk to teachers about their concerns.	90
Staff are well supported at this school.	71
Staff get quality feedback on their performance.	69
Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	75
Students at this school can talk to their teachers about their concerns.	85
Students feel safe at this school.	88
Students like being at this school.	86
Students' learning needs are being met at this school.	88

Teachers at this school expect students to do their best.	93
Teachers at this school motivate students to learn.	88
Teachers at this school treat students fairly.	88
Teachers give useful feedback.	81
This school is well maintained.	63
This school looks for ways to improve.	82
This school takes staff opinions seriously.	63
This school works with parents to support students' learning.	81

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

*Proportion of those who responded to each individual survey question

A total of 171 parents responded to the survey. Please note that not all responders answered every question.

Table: Proportion of parents and carers* in agreement with each national opinion item

National opinion item	
I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns.	73
My child feels safe at this school.	91
My child is making good progress at this school.	77
My child likes being at this school.	87
My child's learning needs are being met at this school.	79
Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	83
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best.	87
Teachers at this school give useful feedback.	69
Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn.	73
Teachers at this school treat students fairly.	79
This school is well maintained.	74
This school looks for ways to improve.	78
This school takes parents' opinions seriously.	65
This school works with me to support my child's learning.	66

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

*Proportion of those who responded to each individual survey question

A total of 741 students responded to the survey. Please note that not all responders answered every question.

Table: Proportion of students* in agreement with each national opinion item

National opinion item	
I can talk to my teachers about my concerns.	52
I feel safe at this school.	80
I like being at my school.	66
My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things.	67

My school is well maintained.	72
My school looks for ways to improve.	70
My teachers expect me to do my best.	82
My teachers motivate me to learn.	64
Staff take students' concerns seriously.	67
Student behaviour is well managed at my school.	62
Teachers at my school treat students fairly.	64
Teachers give useful feedback.	67

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

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Learning and Assessment

Outcomes for College Students

Year 12 outcomes are shown in the following table. The Board of Senior Secondary Studies has provided this data as it relates to the percentage of students receiving an ACT Senior Secondary Certificate (ACT SSC) and the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). It will not include data for those students who were successful in an equivalent pathway organised by the school. The proportion of students is based on the college's February census enrolment data.

Table: Year 12 outcomes for students by percentage

Outcome	Proportion of students
Receiving a year 12 or equivalent VET Certificate (without duplicates) within the school setting	97.16
Receiving an ACT Senior Secondary Certificate	97.16
Receiving an ATAR	82.53

Source: Board of Senior Secondary Studies

Post School Destination

The following table shows the post school destination of college students who were awarded an ACT Senior Secondary Certificate in this reporting period. As many of the respondents were engaged in both study and employment, the percentage total is greater than one hundred percent.

Note: The survey was conducted in May 2020 during COVID-19 lockdown. This has impacted the results, particularly for employment.

Table: Comparison of post school destinations for students by percentage

Outcome	College	ACT
University	66.7	36.0
CIT/TAFE	2.7	10.9

Other training provider	3.8	6.4
Deferred Studies	22.2	30.3
Employed	53.3	62.4
Not studying or employed	6.5	15.1

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

Financial Summary

The school has provided the Directorate with an end of year financial statement that was approved by the school board. Further details concerning the statement can be obtained by contacting the school. The following summary covers use of funds for operating costs and does not include expenditure in areas such as permanent salaries, buildings and major maintenance.

Table: Financial Summary

INCOME	January-June	July-December	January-December
Self-management funds	527610.05	505312.33	1032922.38
Voluntary contributions	14800.00	64700.00	79500.00
Contributions & donations	1863.17	30503.86	32367.03
Subject contributions	35107.00	168210.55	203317.55
External income (including community use)	52827.48	19731.85	72559.33
Proceeds from sale of assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	11005.73	9987.81	20993.54
TOTAL INCOME	643213.43	798446.40	1441659.83
EXPENDITURE			
Utilities and general overheads	142060.04	160160.27	302220.31
Cleaning	218.18	3236.36	3454.54
Security	2872.09	11323.77	14195.86
Maintenance	92171.76	102043.01	194214.77
Administration	18116.30	87227.59	105343.89
Staffing	283103.00	0.00	283103.00
Communication	5680.82	6195.18	11876.00
Assets	6615.78	42061.29	48677.07
Leases	3395.03	3689.10	7084.13
General office expenditure	37306.93	46644.76	83951.69
Educational	79624.83	120000.80	199625.63
Subject consumables	17449.18	24726.81	42175.99
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	688613.94	607308.94	1295922.88
OPERATING RESULT	-45400.51	191137.46	145736.95
Actual Accumulated Funds	947709.62	1112615.13	1112615.13
Outstanding commitments (minus)	-7493.38	0.00	-7493.38
BALANCE	894815.73	1303752.59	1250858.70

Voluntary Contributions

The funds listed were used to support the general operations of the school. The spending of voluntary contributions is in line with the approved budget for this reporting period.

Reserves

Name and Purpose	Amount	Expected Completion
French Baccalaureat 2021 – Staffing for French Bac program to be paid to Telopea Park School.	\$150,000.00	2021
French Baccalaureat 2022 - Staffing for French Bac program to be paid to Telopea Park School.	\$150,000.00	2022
Computers 2021 – end of warranty computers.	\$25,000.00	2021
Computers 2022 – end of warranty computers.	\$25,000.00	2022
Computers 2023 – end of warranty computers.	\$30,000.00	2023

Endorsement Page

Members of the School Board

Parent Representative(s):	Cissy Liu	Ashish Ahuja,	Peter Sawczak.
Teacher Representative(s):	Glen Stretton	Chris Zuber	
Student Representative(s):	Ha To	Gabriel Fallon	
Board Chair:	Cissy Liu		
Principal:	Kerrie Grundy		

I approve the report, prepared in accordance with the provision of the ACT *Education Act 2004*, section 52.

2020 Board Chair Signature: Cissy Lu



Date: 16/07/2021

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief the evidence and information reported in this Annual School Board Report represents an accurate record of the Board's operations during this reporting period.

Principal Signature:

Kerrie Grundy

Date: 16/07/2021