



# Curtin Primary School

Annual School Board Report 2020



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## Reporting to the community

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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

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The 2020 school year was unlike any that had come before. The impacts of a global pandemic on the wellbeing of all in the school community shifted the focus from business as usual with targeted improvement to coming together to stay safe and connected. Curtin Primary School met the need to quickly pivot to remote learning for all year levels and partnerships between the school and families were strengthened. The impacts of operating a school during a pandemic were far reaching and altered all aspects of school life. While some traditional sources of data, such as NAPLAN and attendance are not present this year, the school has embraced reflection on remote learning. This has allowed us to consider the strengths and challenges for learners and families and Curtin and to develop innovations to enhance the learning experience for all.

The school continued to enhance the learning culture through building cultural integrity, student voice and positive behaviours for learning. In the classroom, core practices in literacy and numeracy were refined to strengthen whole school consistency and differentiation to ensure growth for all learners.

The data contained in the Annual School Board Report provides an opportunity to reflect on the challenges and achievements of all members of our school community in an unprecedented experience.

## School Context

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Curtin Primary continues in a period of consistent growth in enrolment. In recent years, the school has made incremental improvements to the physical environment, resulting in a modern learning environment.

66 students attend Preschool at Curtin and 470 students are enrolled in the primary years. The overall student population is expected to begin reducing based on the age of the suburb.

The student population is culturally diverse with 47 languages spoken by students at the school. Twelve per cent of students from kindergarten to year six are identified for support as speakers of English as an additional language or dialect (EAL/D). Three per cent of students are identified as Indigenous Australians who each have personalized learning plans that support attendance and academic performance. Five per cent of students are identified with a learning disability and the school is resourced to support their individual learning needs. (Please note the total ILP figure represented below does not include school based ILPs or Gifted ILPs)

Curtin Primary School delivers curriculum through an integrated inquiry approach where collaborative teaching teams, plan and implement learning for each year level cohort.

## Student Information

### *Student enrolment*

In this reporting period there were a total of 470 students enrolled at this school.

**Table: Student enrolment**

Student type	Number of students
Gender - Male	270
Gender - Female	200
Gender - Non-binary or other*	0
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	14
LBOTE**	127

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

\* If the number of non binary students is less than six, or if gender is unknown, these are randomly assigned 'Male' or 'Female' and included in the counts.

\*\* 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	27.86
Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent Temporary	5.00
Non Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent	14.57

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 2018. A copy of the Report of Review can be found on our school website.

## School Satisfaction

Schools use a range 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, 85% of parents and carers, 91% of staff, and 75% 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 35 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.	100
Staff are well supported at this school.	81
Staff get quality feedback on their performance.	46
Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	78
Students at this school can talk to their teachers about their concerns.	97
Students feel safe at this school.	94
Students like being at this school.	94
Students' learning needs are being met at this school.	89
Teachers at this school expect students to do their best.	100
Teachers at this school motivate students to learn.	94
Teachers at this school treat students fairly.	89
Teachers give useful feedback.	83
This school is well maintained.	67
This school looks for ways to improve.	86
This school takes staff opinions seriously.	86
This school works with parents to support students' learning.	94

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

\*Proportion of those who responded to each individual survey question

A total of 133 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.	93
My child feels safe at this school.	91



My child is making good progress at this school.	79
My child likes being at this school.	89
My child's learning needs are being met at this school.	76
Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	77
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best.	89
Teachers at this school give useful feedback.	70
Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn.	84
Teachers at this school treat students fairly.	88
This school is well maintained.	91
This school looks for ways to improve.	83
This school takes parents' opinions seriously.	71
This school works with me to support my child's learning.	74

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

\*Proportion of those who responded to each individual survey question

A total of 182 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.	54
I feel safe at this school.	70
I like being at my school.	68
My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things.	57
My school is well maintained.	59
My school looks for ways to improve.	77
My teachers expect me to do my best.	91
My teachers motivate me to learn.	71
Staff take students' concerns seriously.	54
Student behaviour is well managed at my school.	40
Teachers at my school treat students fairly.	62
Teachers give useful feedback.	55

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

\*Proportion of those who responded to each individual survey question

## Learning and Assessment

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### Performance in Literacy and Numeracy

#### *Early years assessment*

Students in kindergarten undertake an on-entry and on-exit assessment of their early reading and numeracy skills using the BASE program. Student results are reported against five performance bands at the end of semester 1 and 2. Below are the results for this school for the current reporting period.

Due to the impact of COVID-19, analysis of BASE data for 2020 has been delayed. Analysis will be provided to schools in 2021. Please speak with the school should you require further information.

### *NAPLAN*

Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in all ACT schools participate in the National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). This program assesses skills in reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy.

\*Note: There are no NAPLAN results for 2020, with the assessments not being conducted due to the impacts of COVID-19.

## 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**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>January-June</b>	<b>July-December</b>	<b>January-December</b>
Self-management funds	238079.66	152805.44	390885.10
Voluntary contributions	28484.18	1496.00	29980.18
Contributions & donations	20181.00	15152.56	35333.56
Subject contributions	10150.00	485.00	10635.00
External income (including community use)	16879.75	7875.42	24755.17
Proceeds from sale of assets	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Interest	5030.35	4552.54	9582.89
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>318804.94</b>	<b>182366.96</b>	<b>501171.90</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Utilities and general overheads	36496.55	61232.19	97728.74
Cleaning	54986.02	0.00	54986.02
Security	0.00	0.00	0.00
Maintenance	66316.91	4672.07	70988.98
Administration	3749.06	695.92	4444.98
Staffing	0.00	0.00	0.00
Communication	5014.33	677.56	5691.89
Assets	102527.47	2199.97	104727.44
Leases	0.00	0.00	0.00
General office expenditure	10867.40	12716.35	23583.75
Educational	30098.75	46800.76	76899.51
Subject consumables	0.00	25.29	25.29
Other Payments	0.00	5390.34	5390.34
Directorate Funded Payments	0.00	3014.63	3014.63
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>310056.49</b>	<b>137425.08</b>	<b>447481.57</b>
<b>OPERATING RESULT</b>	<b>8748.45</b>	<b>-44941.88</b>	<b>-36193.43</b>
<b>Actual</b> Accumulated Funds (31.12.20)	219497.81	143137.76	362635.57
Outstanding commitments (minus)	-5490.91	0.00	-5490.91
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>222755.35</b>	<b>98195.88</b>	<b>320951.23</b>

## 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
Staffing  This reserve was established to ensure a budget for Tier 2 intervention support.	\$100 000	2022

## Endorsement Page

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### Members of the School Board

<b>Parent Representative(s):</b>	Tania Ralston	Ken Mansell
<b>Community Representative(s):</b>	Myles Cronin	
<b>Teacher Representative(s):</b>	Daisy Jackson	Kim-Maree Janszen
<b>Board Chair:</b>	Alistair James	
<b>Principal:</b>	Merryn O'Dea	

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

2020 Board Chair Signature: Alistair James

Date: 29/06/2021

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: Merryn O'Dea

Date: 29/06/2021