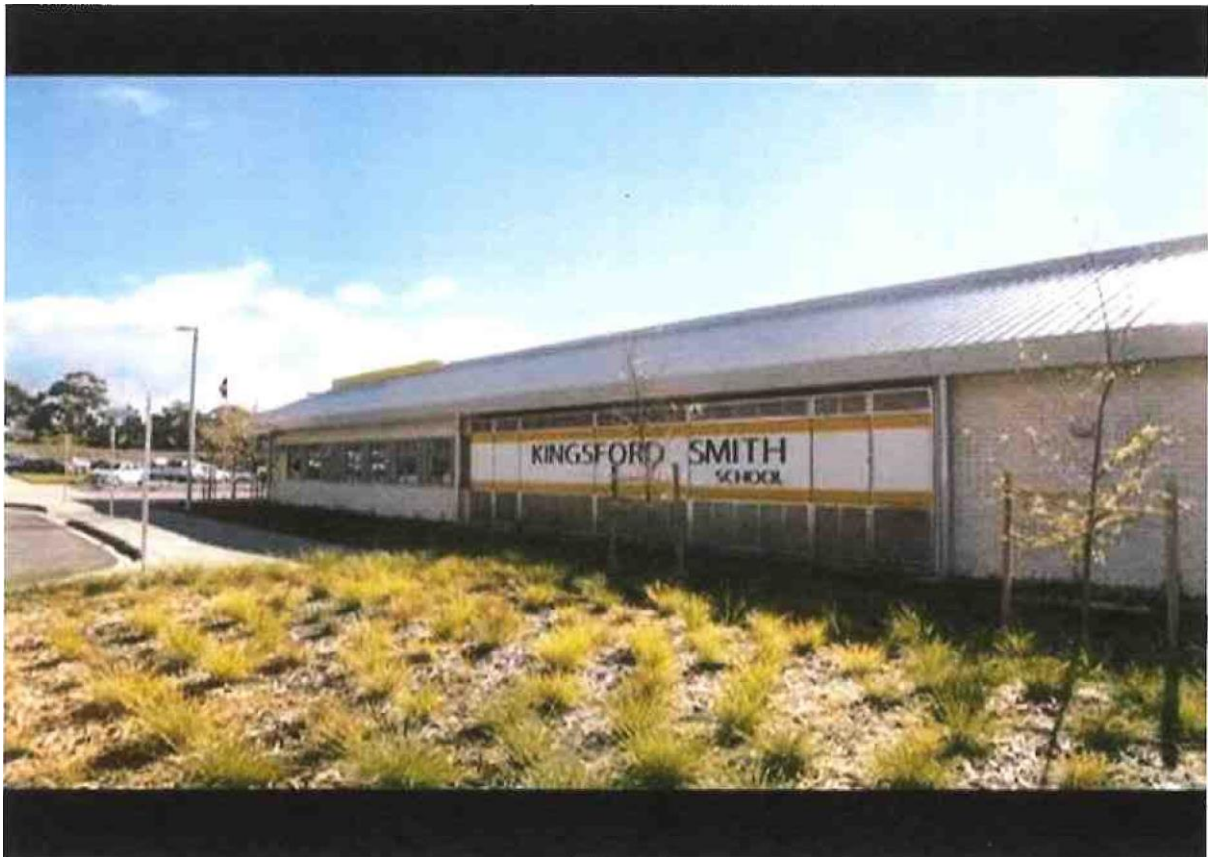


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# Kingsford Smith School

## Annual School Board Report 2021



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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.

## School Context

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Kingsford Smith School opened in February 2009 in the Canberra suburb of Holt with students from Preschool to Year 10. The priority enrolment suburbs for Kingsford Smith School are Higgins, Holt and Strathnairn for students in Preschool to Year 5 and also include McGregor, Latham and Dunlop for Years 6-10.

Kingsford Smith School values: excellence, respect, honesty and optimism support positive relationships and student wellbeing. The school aims to engage all students in academically challenging learning, nurture a safe and caring environment, foster collaborative relationships within the community, develop learning pathways so all students can reach their potential, empower students as learners and leaders and promote a passion for the Arts.

The classrooms and grounds reflect the latest innovations in school design and provide an outstanding range of facilities including flexible learning spaces, creative and engaging playgrounds, gymnasiums and performing arts areas within a safe environment for students. Kingsford Smith School is a contemporary learning environment with a strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy, the Arts, ICT, Gifted and Talented and empowering students as leaders. A healthy and active lifestyle is promoted at Kingsford Smith School through a range of programs and structured activities including swimming, athletics, sporting teams and dance troupes. The integration of technology is evident throughout the school with Smart Screens in all learning areas.

Kingsford Smith School uses the Australian Curriculum in all curriculum areas. Instructional leadership is used to build teacher capacity resulting in improved student outcomes. The school has established partnerships with its community and welcomes volunteers in a range of activities including reading programs, canteen and fete committees. To support families, before and afterschool care is available on site.

## Student Information

### Student enrolment

In this reporting period there were a total of 856 students enrolled at this school.

Table: Student enrolment

Student type	Number of students
Gender - Male	469

Gender - Female	387
Gender - Non-binary or other*	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	63
LBOTE**	267

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

The following table identifies the attendance rate of students by year level during this reporting period. Student attendance rate is the percentage of school days attended by students in each year level at the school. Student attendance is measured over two school terms; that is from the first day of the school year for students in term 1 to the last day of term 2.

\*NOTE: Student attendance data for this period should be understood within the context of flexible learning arrangements enacted in response to COVID19. Comparison of attendance figures to previous reporting periods is not valid.

Table: Attendance rates in percentages

Year level	Attendance rate
1	89.0
2	88.0
3	86.0
4	87.0
5	86.0
6	85.0
7	89.0
8	85.0
9	84.0
10	85.0

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

## 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/or Torres Strait Islander staff members were employed across the Directorate.

Table: Workforce composition numbers

Staff employment category	TOTAL
Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent Permanent	65.08
Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent Temporary	3.00
Non Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent	33.40

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 2019]. 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, 68.5% of parents and carers, 76.8% of staff, and 52.3% of students at this school indicated they were satisfied with the education provided by the school.

Included in the survey were 8 staff, 9 parent, and 10 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.

Due to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the survey was taken in November, rather than in August as has been done in previous years. This was just after the majority of students and staff returned to school-based learning after a period of around 3 months of remote learning. A number of questions were removed from previous years' to shorten the time required by community members to complete the survey.

A total of 69 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.	87
Staff get quality feedback on their performance.	62
Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	45
Teachers want every student to do their best. (Replaces 'Teachers at this school expect students to do their best')	95
Staff at this school treat students with respect. (Replaces 'Teachers at this school treat students fairly')	83
Teachers give useful feedback.	81
This school is well maintained.	62
The way decisions are made in this school are appropriate (Replaces 'This school takes staff opinions seriously')	55



Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch  
 \*Proportion of those who responded to each individual survey question

A total of 127 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

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National opinion item	
My child feels safe at this school.	63
My child is making good progress at this school.	62
Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	39
Teachers at this school believe that every student can be a success. (Replaces 'Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best')	70
Teachers give useful feedback.	69
Staff at this school treat students with respect. (Replaces 'Teachers at this school treat students fairly')	77
This school is well maintained.	71
This school is active in seeking parents' opinion and ideas for making important decisions.(Replaces 'This school takes parents' opinions seriously!')	50
This school works with me to support my child's learning.	63

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch  
 \*Proportion of those who responded to each individual survey question

A total of 264 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 feel I can talk to teachers about problems at school. (Replaces 'I can talk to teachers about my concern')	42
I feel safe at this school.	44
I am happy to be part of this school.(Replaces 'I like being at my school')	56
I am interested in what I learn in school. (Replaces 'My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things')	39
My school is well maintained.	35

Teachers want every student to do their best.(Replaces 'My teachers expect me to do my best')	76
Teachers encourage students to try out new ideas. (Replaces 'My teachers motivate me to learn')	66
Staff take students' concerns seriously.	49
Staff treat students with respect. (Replaces 'Teachers at my school treat students fairly')	62
Teachers give useful feedback.	46

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.

Table: Kingsford Smith School BASE 2021 mean raw scores

Agency	Reading start	Reading end	Numeracy start	Numeracy end
School	51	108	36	54
ACT	58	125	38	56

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

#### 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.

In this reporting period, 3.70 % of year 3 students, 0.00 % of year 5 students, 1.72 % of year 7 students and 2.73 % of year 9 students were exempt from testing based on nationally agreed criteria.

For reasons of statistical reliability, as well as to protect the privacy of students, results are not reported when the sample size is less than five.

The following table shows the mean scores achieved by students at this school compared to all other ACT public schools for this reporting period.

Table: NAPLAN Mean Scores

Test Domain	Year 3 School I	Year 3 ACT	Year 5 School	Year 5 ACT	Year 7 School	Year 7 ACT	Year 9 School	Year 9 ACT
Reading	375	437	479	515	487	541	528	584
Writing	381	418	436	475	482	522	453	544
Spelling	357	409	473	502	509	543	526	576
Grammar & Punctuation	373	426	466	497	486	538	500	576
Numeracy	364	404	457	492	496	548	537	588

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## 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-December	
Directorate Funding		660274.33
Contributions and Donations		11832.20
Subject Contributions 3761.00 Hire of Facilities	7005.32	
External Revenue		5920.48
Sale of Assets		0.00
Interest Received		3392.60
Other School Revenue	9259.58	TOTAL INCOME 701445.51
EXPENDITURE		
Utilities and General Overheads		197948.90
Security and Caretaking		913.78
Maintenance		70813.36
Administration		70477.94
Staffing Expenditure		3264.71
Communication		17994.00
Assets & Leases		65053.49
General Expenses		76977.25

Educational Resources	98452.41		
Subject Consumables	15488.32	Directorate Funded Payments	35318.99
Other Payments	13568.07		
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	666271.22		
OPERATING RESULT			35174.29
Accumulated Funds			163348.65
	BALANCE		198522.94

## 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.

\$4995.00. These contributions were utilised in the purchase of extra curriculum materials to support students in both numeracy and literacy.

## Reserves

Name and Purpose	Amount	Expected Completion
NIL	NIL	NIL

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## Endorsement Page

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### Members of the School Board

Parent Representative(s): Christine Orr, James McPhee  
Community Representative(s): NIL  
Teacher Representative(s): Sharon Clewer Lynette Dickson  
Student Representative(s): Lucy Milner Elisha Stevenson  
Board Chair: Lucy Milner  
Principal: Paul Branson

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

2021 Board Chair Signature: 

Date: 21/ 06/ 2022

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: 

Date: 21 / 06 / 2022