



Aranda Primary School

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Annual School Board Report 2022



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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

Dear Aranda Primary Community,

Like all Canberra schools, Aranda Primary began the 2022 school year under the Government's Covid-19 restrictions, once again, and it has been a challenging time for all. While it has not been easy, our staff and teachers have shown incredible compassion, grace, understanding and relentless determination to ensure our children remain safe and continue to receive the highest quality education. Thankfully, throughout the year, we saw restrictions ease, and by the end of the school year, we excitedly began welcoming the community back to onsite school events such as the amazing end-of-year school concert.

Despite the challenging environment, Aranda Primary remains an academically high-performing school. Our school continues to be highly sought-after and the preferred choice of many teachers and parents. We consistently show growth in target areas such as Maths, English and Science, and with strong leadership from Phil Gray, Lisa Kingham and Scott Pearce, we should all feel like our children are in safe hands at the school.

This year, teacher well-being was also front of mind and our teachers were surprised with a much-needed new state-of-the-art staffroom. The staffroom has provided our teachers with a safe space to relax and recharge. It has also become a space where they can collaborate, share insights and learnings, and celebrate success.

Voluntary contributions commenced again this year, and I'd like to thank all the parents, carers and community members who graciously contributed. These funds have enabled the school to update classroom resources, add new books to the library and much more.

The school continues to have close working relationships with many sections of the community, including the P&C, the Aranda Afters team, the Aranda Music Program and many other groups and volunteers. I would like to say a huge thank you to you all for the hard work and support you have shown our wonderful school and community this year.

I look forward to sharing the exciting year ahead with you all.

Warm regards,

School Context

Aranda Primary School opened in 1969. The school is situated in the northern suburbs of Canberra close to the city and two universities. It provides education from preschool to year 6. The preschool sits in a leafy setting overlooking the primary site. It comprises of two teaching units and offered long day sessions for three preschool classes in 2022. The Primary School consisted of 24 classes from Kindergarten to Year 6. 66 children attended Preschool and 547 children attended the Primary School from Kindergarten to Year 6 during 2022. Thirty percent of Aranda families come from English as an additional language or dialect background.

Student Information

Student enrolment

In this reporting period there were a total of 547 students enrolled at this school.

Table: Student enrolment

Student type	Number of students
Gender - Male	283
Gender - Female	264
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander	7
LBOTE*	173
Non-binary or other**	0

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

*Language Background Other Than English

** 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.

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.

Table: Attendance rates in percentages

Year level	Attendance rate
1	87.0
2	89.0
3	89.0

4	88.0
5	88.0
6	86.0

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, 153 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	31.52
Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent Temporary	2.00
Non Teaching Staff: Full Time Equivalent	9.21

Source: ACT Education Directorate, People and Performance Branch

School Review and Development

The ACT Education Directorate's Strategic Plan 2022-2025 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, 92.9% of parents and carers, 100.0% of staff, and 81.3% 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.

A total of 39 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	
Teachers at this school expect students to do their best.	100
Teachers give useful feedback	100
Teachers at this school treat students fairly.	100
This school is well maintained.	95
Students feel safe at this school.	100
Students at this school can talk to their teachers about their concerns.	100
Parents at this school can talk to teachers about their concerns.	100
Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	97
Students like being at this school.	100
This school looks for ways to improve.	100
This school takes staff opinions seriously.	97

Teachers at this school motivate students to learn.	97
Students' learning needs are being met at this school.	100
This school works with parents to support students' learning.	100
Staff get quality feedback on their performance	82
Staff are well supported at this school.	97

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

*Proportion of those who responded to each individual survey question

A total of 196 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	
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best.	91
Teachers give useful feedback	87
Teachers at this school treat students fairly.	88
This school is well maintained.	91
My child feels safe at this school.	96
I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns.	97
Student behaviour is well managed at this school.	86
My child likes being at this school.	97
This school looks for ways to improve.	85
This school takes parents' opinions seriously.	71
Teachers at this school motivate my child to learn.	92
My child is making good progress at this school.	89
My child's learning needs are being met at this school.	86
This school works with me to support my child's learning.	82

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

*Proportion of those who responded to each individual survey question

A total of 225 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	
My teachers expect me to do my best.	93
Teachers give useful feedback	68
Teachers at my school treat students fairly.	70
My school is well maintained.	78
I feel safe at this school	72
I can talk to my teachers about my concerns.	47
Student behaviour is well managed at my school.	59

I like being at my school.	76
My school looks for ways to improve.	85
Staff takes students' concerns seriously	70
My teachers motivate me to learn.	77
My school gives me opportunities to do interesting things.	81

Source: ACT Education Directorate, Analytics and Evaluation Branch

*Proportion of those who responded to each individual survey question

Learning and Assessment

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: Aranda Primary School BASE 2022 mean raw scores

Agency	Reading start	Reading end	Numeracy start	Numeracy end
School	75	136	43	58
ACT	65	122	40	55

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, no 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	Year 3 ACT	Year 5 School	Year 5 ACT
Reading	506	451	551	522
Writing	454	427	512	492

Spelling	423	420	535	510
Grammar & Punctuation	496	439	538	503
Numeracy	456	409	522	496

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	322996.29
Contributions and Donations	21302.42
Subject Contributions	31485.36
Hire of Facilities	55821.30
External Revenue	0.00
Sale of Assets	0.00
Interest Received	10103.28
Other School Revenue	49322.00
TOTAL INCOME	491030.65
EXPENDITURE	
Utilities and General Overheads	88973.99
Security and Caretaking	2585.18
Maintenance	83830.09
Administration	18416.69
Staffing Expenditure	-332.79
Communication	6387.55
Assets & Leases	86535.67
General Expenses	35021.26
Educational Resources	120352.35
Subject Consumables	4839.33
Directorate Funded Payments	20927.74
Other Payments	33635.19
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	501172.25
OPERATING RESULT	-10141.60

Accumulated Funds	350899.89
BALANCE	340758.29

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
Professional Learning Start of the year whole school PL	\$10,000	January 2023
Preschool Upgrades <ul style="list-style-type: none">Upgrades to the inside area in the Preschool (floors)Mud Kitchen	\$35,000	2023
Building Works Upgrades to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Adventure PlaygroundFrog Bog/CourtyardStaffroom Courtyard	\$45,000	2022

Endorsement Page

Members of the School Board

Parent Representative(s): Troy Heland, Emily Brissenden.

Community Representative(s): Ian Harding

Teacher Representative(s): Jessie Wilson

Board Chair: Kristy Youngman

Principal: Phil Gray

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

2022 Board Chair Signature: [Kristy Youngman]

Date: 06/ 04/ 2023

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: [Phil Gray]

Date: 06 / 04 / 2023