

## SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

**School number: 0719**

**School name: CLARE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

### **School Profile:**

Clare Primary School is a Reception to Year 6 site of approximately 235 students from the Clare township and wider area of the Clare and Gilbert Valley. Clare Primary School comprises 10 classes and a Regional Special Class. The special class currently has a junior primary enrolment of 6 students who are assessed and recommended to be offered a placement in the class by the Student Behaviour and Support team.

At Clare Primary School we actively promote and maintain a safe, respectful and orderly learning environment for all students and staff, providing all students with an opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills and values to continue their education and to be respectful, active citizens who serve and positively contribute to the community.

Clare has its core values of:

***Caring, Respect, Doing your Best, Fairness, Responsibility, Cooperation and Honesty.***

Clare Primary is a positive education school which uses the principles of PERMA to guide its activities in promoting a positive school culture.

There is a strong focus on growth mindsets, being resilient and knowing your character strengths and areas to improve. Throughout the year children perform random acts of kindness and give to others less fortunate as a form of gratitude. Clubs are run at lunch times to support children and to enhance their sense of belonging with our school.

Our behaviour management follows the Positive Behaviours for learning principles rewarding children for doing the ***right thing***. Student decision making on a whole school basis is promoted through a Care group structure with student leaders within each one meeting fortnightly to discuss issues relevant to them

At Clare Primary School we provide specialist activities in

- Vietnamese language and culture
- Physical Education and Health
- Instrumental music and junior band opportunities
- Choir program

Staff at Clare Primary School utilizes up-to-date teaching methods and equipment as part of their teaching and learning responsibilities. This includes interactive screens, laptops, and tablets. We differentiate the curriculum delivery, content and assessment to support all learners.

## 1. General Information

- School Principal name: Mr Mark Vincent
- Deputy Principal's name: Ms Keri-Anne Hooper
- Year of opening: 1879
- Postal Address: P O Box 233, CLARE S A 5453
- Location Address: 137 Main North Road, CLARE 5453
- D.f.E Portfolio: Gawler2
- Geographical location – Distance from GPO 129 Km
- Telephone number: (08) 88422433
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- School website address: [www.clareps.sa.edu.au](http://www.clareps.sa.edu.au)
- School e-mail address: [dl.0719.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0719.info@schools.sa.edu.au)
- Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service (08) 8842 1430
- February FTE student enrolment:

Primary	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Reception	26	23	33	37	27	32
Year 1	37	29	28	31	35	27
Year 2	29	34	29	30	30	38
Year 3	34	38	40	35	29	28
Year 4	31	41	39	40	38	29
Year 5	33	39	42	41	45	40
Year 6	26	32	41	45	42	41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>235</b>
Male FTE	115	115	133	133	130	
Female FTE	107	127	125	133	121	
School Card Approvals (persons)	56			65	68	70
NESB Total (persons)	1	0	0	0	1	3
Aboriginal FTE Enrolment	8			4	5	5

#### Staffing Numbers:

- There are currently 11 classes including special class with 15.6 f.t.e teachers and 10 sso's. This includes 0.4 PE NIT Teacher, 0.9 Art/HASS NIT Teacher, 1 Counsellor (with 0.6 teaching load), 1 Deputy (with 0.4 teaching load), 1 Principal, 1 Canteen Manager, 1 Grounds person, 1 OSHC Director. Clare Primary School OSHC includes a vacation care program and offers the service to schools across the town and surrounding area.

Public transport access: Nil

#### School bus transport:

- Provided on 9 different routes transiting through Clare High School. Application to use this service is through both the High School and Clare Primary School with Clare High managing bus access. Parents wishing to bypass their local school MUST complete extra forms in order to access this service.

#### Special site arrangements:

- Clare Primary School is a Reception to Year 6 School with Year 7 students attending Clare High Middle School.

#### Special Class:

- Clare Primary is the base for one of the region's Special Class allocations. Students who are allocated into the special class through meeting the disabilities criteria suitable for the special class. The special class is staffed with a fulltime teacher and sso.

## **2. Students (and their welfare)**

#### General characteristics:

- The majority of students are from English speaking families. School card eligibility is currently approximately 40%.
- A Positive Education school wide focus ensures classrooms are calm, quiet positive rooms incorporating mindfulness, positive behaviour levels and reward system and positive behaviours for learning are explicitly taught in a weekly basis.

#### Student well-being programs:

- The Student Wellbeing Leader supports families and students "at risk" and all staff monitor student wellbeing. Bullying audits and Social Emotional Wellbeing Surveys are carried out annually and data shared with the school community.
- Staff recently trained in the SMART program to further understand ways to work with students and families in trauma. The school is involved in the Departments Trauma Aware School's initiative in 2019 and is working closely with Berry Street Education Model in 2019 – 2021 with ongoing staff training and development
- A breakfast program supports students and is run by the Pastoral Care Worker.

#### Student support offered:

- A Christian Pastoral Care worker is employed for 9 hours a week.



### 3. Key School Policies

Clare Primary School Behaviour Management Plan embedding Positive Education developed in 2019.

2019 – 2021 Site Improvement Plan

Other key policies: *please refer to the web site*

### 4. Curriculum

Clare P.S. has implemented the Australian Curriculum in all 8 curriculum areas. Teachers plan, assess and report using the Australian Curriculum in all areas. Staff have undertaken specific PD in moderation and assessment.

Student with special needs:

- Students with learning difficulties and learning disabilities are identified by staff and, with parent permission, are assessed by Support Services Staff. This assessment produces a report that guides teachers in differentiating curriculum content, activity, teaching method and assessments in the learning for these students. Students with identified learning disabilities are placed on a Negotiated Education Plan which is annually reviewed and discussed with parents and support personnel. These students also access 1:1 support in the class room and in support programs such as speech programs, EALD, and coordination. Clare Primary will be transitioning to One Child, One Plan in 2019

Special curriculum features:

- Literacy is a key site strategic direction at Clare P.S. A Literacy whole school agreement was developed in 2015 and updated in 2019 to reflect current research and best practice. The D.f.E Literacy Guidebooks have been referenced and are reflected in this document. The school has implemented the Jolly Phonics and Grammar program across the school and Seven Steps to Writing program
- Numeracy. A Numeracy whole school agreement was developed in 2015 and is currently being updated with Big Idea in Number as a base program. The agreement reflects current best practice and D.f.E Numeracy Guidebooks.
- A variety of Intervention Programs are utilise, both in classroom and through a withdrawal program. These include:
  - Jolly Phonics
  - Fontas and Pinnell Levelled Literacy Intervention
  - Project X Code
  - TooSmart Numeracy Program
  - Reading Doctor

Teaching methodology:

- Staff at Clare P.S. use the Tfel framework for developing common understanding and directions in teacher pedagogy.

Student reporting:

- Staff report to parent 4 times per year. This includes parent teacher interviews in term 1 and 3 and formal reports in term 2 and 4. Students on an NEP have modified assessments and reports.

## **5. Sporting Activities**

- SAPS ASA involvement is encouraged. A Specialist PE NIT teacher enables all classes to participate weekly. Special events such as Jump Rope for Heart, Footsteps dance are also included.

## **7. Staff (and their welfare)**

Staff profile:

- Very high % of teaching staff permanent to the school with many long term staff members.

Leadership structure:

- Principal, Deputy Principal, Student Wellbeing Leader, Coordinator in 2019, 5 x step 9 teachers

Performance Management:

- Conducted twice yearly and/or by request. 2018 saw the introduction of the new D.f.E P.D.P format.

Staff utilisation policies:

- NIT is provided by 3 members of staff utilising their key strengths and skills. These are PE, Health, LOTE, Arts and HASS. Teachers have the opportunity to average NIT in 2019.

## **8. Incentives, support and award conditions for Staff**

- Complexity placement points  
:NIL
- Isolation placement points  
:NIL
- Housing assistance  
:YES
- Cash in lieu of removal allowance  
:NIL
- Additional increment allowance  
:NIL
- Designated schools benefits  
:NIL

- Aboriginal/Anangu schools  
:NIL
- Medical and dental treatment expenses  
:In Clare township
- Locality allowances  
:NIL

## 9. School Facilities

Buildings and grounds:

- The school is a mix of old and new buildings. All buildings are well maintained, have reverse cycle heating and cooling, wireless network and flexible layouts. All wooden buildings have been painted over the past 4 years and are in good condition. School has extensive grounds with a large oval, numerous playground areas and nature play areas.
- In 2018 a covered outdoor learning area was created over a two court sports area with new synthetic surface, a raised covered deck was constructed outside the R/1 classrooms to cater for lay based learning and a new double classroom was installed at the school creating a specialised STEM centre.

Heating and cooling:

- All the buildings are air conditioned and heated.

Specialist facilities and equipment:

- A Dental Clinic on site along with an OSHC Centre

Student facilities:

- A health promoting Canteen is open for lunch and recess two days a week.

Staff facilities:

- Staffroom, access to phones, computers, iPad's.

Access for students and staff with disabilities:

- Ramps to all but one building, including administration block and toilet facilities.
- Disability toilet

Access to bus transport:

- School buses are available from neighbouring areas, as per D.f.E policy.

## 10. School Operations

Decision making structures:

- Governing Council consists of 10 parents, staff rep and principal.
- A Shared Leadership team with a representative from each Like Team forms part of decision making and communication processes.
- A fortnightly school newsletter is produced and classes offer class newsletters.

Other communication:

- Daily staff news book, fortnightly school newsletter, class newsletters, Class Dojo, School Facebook page and assemblies

School financial position:

- Clare P.S. has a Governing Council endorsed school budget. The budget is used to support teaching and learning programs, update facilities and ensure students have access to latest learning programs and supports for their learning.

Special funding:

- CAP funding for rural schools is currently used for students to access special programs or activities such as performances, gymnastic coaching and Footsteps dance programs.

## **11. Local Community**

General characteristics:

- Clare is a light industrial, commercial centre servicing surrounding districts. The major industry is wine.

Parent and community involvement:

- Parent and community members are involved in the school through Volunteers program, Governing Council, committees and sporting events.

Feeder or destination school:

- Students come from the Clare Valley Children's Centre and The Gums

Other local care and educational facilities:

- Clare Valley Children's Centre, Clare High School

Other local facilities:

- District hospital, St John's Ambulance Centre and The Valleys Lifestyle Centre.

Availability of staff housing:

- Available through government housing via DECD

Local Government body:

- Clare and Gilbert Valley Council



## 12. Further Comments

- Clare P.S. is continually strengthening its links with Clare Valley Children Centre and Clare High School. Shared training and development, PLC's with staff members and ongoing sharing of student info through an extended transition program.
- Clare P.S. is part of the Mid North Clare partnership working collaboratively with other sites and schools in the district. PLC's and shared Pupil Free days operate to improve teacher practice and knowledge.
- Clare Township offers teachers and their families' many opportunities to become part of a country community. Sporting teams and local activities are the key elements for this.