

Emu Creek State School (0154)

Queensland State School Reporting

2012 School Annual Report



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Principal's foreword

Introduction

Welcome to Emu Creek State School's Annual Report for 2012. We are very proud of our academic achievements and social outcomes that this report summarises. Emu Creek State School is a small one teacher school that provides a quality education in a multi-age setting. We are a member of the Clifton Cluster and have been involved in the development of a relevant and rigorous curriculum, preparing our student for the National Curriculum in 2013.

The successes articulated in this year's School Annual Report are a testament to the combination of high expectations, skills and enthusiasm possessed by the students and staff of our school, and the support of our families and the local community.

School progress towards its goals in 2012

Our school set the following goals in 2012:

- Develop an expert teaching team that implements the Australian Curriculum in English, Maths and Science and prepares for History implementation in 2013
- Improves school spelling results for all students
- School promotion to maintain and build positive community recognition and increase enrolments
- Manage a smooth transition for the Trial of the Flying Start Program

Our school achieved a Regional Showcase 2013 Award for Excellence in Schools for our work as a Cluster in the Flying Start Program. Our primary cluster schools have made strong and worthwhile partnerships with our local high school. Our school promotion has seen members of the community invited into the school, and our students display their learning. The school has now fully implemented the Australian Curriculum in the areas of English and Maths. We are continuing to build our expert teaching team and improve our student achievement in spelling. These areas will be a continued focus for 2013.

Future outlook

The AIP goals for 2013:

1. Improving school and student performance in spelling
2. Implementation of the National Curriculum, with a focus on History
3. Building staff development and performance
4. Creating community confidence

Our school at a glance

School Profile

Coeducational or single sex: Coeducational

Year levels offered in 2012: Prep - Year 6

Total student enrolments for this school:

	Total	Girls	Boys	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2010	22	7	15	92%
2011	24	7	17	87%
2012	20	7	13	87%

Student counts are based on the Census (August) enrolment collection.

Characteristics of the student body:

The enrolments at Emu Creek State School comprises of students mainly from a large rural community or rural properties and over the past few years our enrolments have declined, this is a trend that is continuing.

Average Class sizes

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2010	2011	2012
Prep – Year 3	7	12	13
Year 4 – Year 10	14	11	10
Year 11 – Year 12			

School Disciplinary Absences

Disciplinary Absences	Count of Incidents		
	2010	2011	2012
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	0	0	0
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	0	0	0
Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

Our school at a glance

Curriculum offerings

Our distinctive curriculum offerings

- Engaging our students through understanding the strengths and needs of our student group
- Individualised goal setting for students, with the intention to challenge and celebrate learning
- Hands on opportunities to learn
- A focus on spelling and reading across all subject areas
- Purposeful use of ICT to allow students to learn, and also to assist students to demonstrate their knowledge and skills.

Extra curricula activities

Emu Creek State School constantly attends to any extra curricula opportunities that support our individual students' areas of interest. Extra curricula activities include, but are not limited to:

- ICAS Testing – English, Maths and Science
- Year 7 Leadership skill building Conference – Brisbane
- Active After School Care – Tennis, baseball, soccer, badminton, football, dance, etc.
- ANZAC parade with community engagement focus
- Book Club and Guided Library Lessons
- Chess Competitions
- Culminating days
- Concert – End of Year showcasing student's musical and dramatic performance
- Excursions
- Sporting events: small school, district and zone events including: Athletics Carnivals, Cross Country, Ball Games Carnival, Tennis Competition, Swimming Lessons.

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning

Our current computer ratio is less than 2 students for every 1 computer. These computers and their supporting devices are core tools that are used on a daily basis within our classrooms. These are used by students to research, collate, represent and communicate their learning. Skills based activities such as touch typing, key commands and the explicit teaching of publishing, photo editing, presentation and data management programs and their features are regularly applied within classes.

Both digital cameras and online learning tools are both commonly used tools that better enable students to engage in current and high interest learning experiences. ICT equipment is used to enhance the learning opportunities for our students. The teaching staff are more equipped to provide an individualised learning program through the integration and use of ICT within their program.

Social climate

Emu Creek State School is a small school where students and staff develop and foster positive relationships. The aim of our social climate is to provide a caring, considerate and co-operative school climate which acknowledges rights but also recognises that with rights, comes responsibilities. The You Can Do It Program is used to develop the student's social and emotional well-being through the 5 keys of confidence, resilience, persistence, getting along and organisation. Our classroom values are Learning, Safety and Friendship.

Emu Creek State School has an active Learning and Wellbeing Framework that can be accessed through the school's website. Our school is also in the initial stages of implementing the Kids Matter program within our school and its community.

The Parents and Citizens Committee is a small, highly dedicated representation of our parent body that constantly search for ways to raise both our schools profile in the local area, and funds to support targeted priority areas of the school. It is through a combination of their efforts and the provision of quality engaging learning experiences that we continue to achieve great success.

Mid 2012 a school Chaplain was appointed. This appointment was supported by the school community and the P&C. The Chaplain visits the school for 1 day per week. The primary role of the Chaplain is to build strong relationships with the students, staff and families. The Chaplain provides another vital point of contact for our school community.

The 2012 School Opinion Survey provided the following information:

<u>Students</u>	<u>Parents</u>
~ 100% felt safe at school	~ 100% felt that their child was safe at school
~ 100% felt accepted by others at school	~ 100% felt that the teachers treated the students fairly

Our school at a glance

Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school

The supportive environment of Emu Creek State School ensures that students feel safe and are therefore able to reach their full potential.

The School Opinion Survey data details the degrees of satisfaction that parents have with various components of our school. We have a positive and open community which is maintained by respectful and valued relationships between students, parents and staff. The performance measures below accurately characterize our school, one that prides itself on being safe, supportive and focused on learning.

Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown*)

Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree that:	2012 [#]
their child is getting a good education at school	85.7%
this is a good school	85.7%
their child likes being at this school*	100.0%
their child feels safe at this school*	100.0%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school*	83.3%
their child is making good progress at this school*	71.4%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best*	100.0%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work*	100.0%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn*	85.7%
teachers at this school treat students fairly*	100.0%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns*	85.7%
this school works with them to support their child's learning*	100.0%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously*	100.0%
student behaviour is well managed at this school*	100.0%
this school looks for ways to improve*	85.7%
this school is well maintained*	100.0%

Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown*)

Percentage of students who agree that:	2012 [#]
they are getting a good education at school	87.5%
they like being at their school*	87.5%
they feel safe at their school*	100.0%
their teachers motivate them to learn*	100.0%
their teachers expect them to do their best*	87.5%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work*	87.5%

Our school at a glance

teachers treat students fairly at their school*	75.0%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns*	87.5%
their school takes students' opinions seriously*	62.5%
student behaviour is well managed at their school*	75.0%
their school looks for ways to improve*	100.0%
their school is well maintained*	87.5%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things*	87.5%

Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown*)

Percentage of school staff who agree:	2012 [#]
that they have good access to quality professional development	87.5%
with the individual staff morale items	100.0%

* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items were incorporated in the School Opinion Survey in 2012.

[#] Percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement. Due to changes to the School Opinion Surveys in 2012, comparisons with results of previous years are not recommended.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

Involving parents in their child's education

Emu Creek State School values the contribution of parents and the wider community to educating the 'whole child'.

We foster and maintain a strong link between home and the school by:

- Regular contact with parents during drop off and pick up times
- Regular meetings to discuss academic and social progress
- Encouraging in school support with class learning experiences
- Open door to classroom policy
- Whole School parades and ceremonies – parents and community are invited to attend

We are committed to building even stronger partnerships with the people in our community. Each term, the Parents and Citizens Committee and school arrange a social evening or event to celebrate the successes our students have achieved throughout the term. Emu Creek State School uses the Parent and Community Framework (PACE) to engage with the school community.

Reducing the school's environmental footprint

Data is sourced from school's annual utilities return and is reliant on the accuracy of these returns.

In 2012 the school was fitted with a solar PV system to help reduce the consumption of electricity. A significant number of water and electricity saving devices have been fitted throughout the school. In 2013 there is a planned 2KW extension of the current PV system. This extension was possible due to the National Solar Schools Program (NSSP).

Our students learn about energy usage through the 'Solar Schools' website and they also engage in water reduction strategies as part of the curriculum. Our school and students actively use electricity and water in a purposeful and conservative manner.

	Environmental footprint indicators	
	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2009-2010	23,885	0
2010-2011	18,690	0
2011-2012	16,699	0

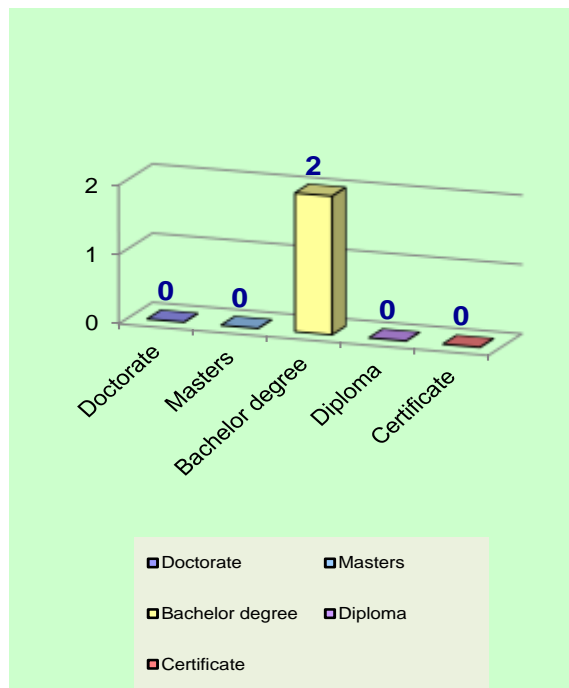
Our staff profile

Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2012 Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	2	5	0
Full-time equivalents	1.9	2.4	0

Qualifications of all teachers

Highest level of attainment	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Doctorate	0
Masters	0
Bachelor degree	2
Diploma	0
Certificate	0



Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2012 were \$6,268.42.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- Peer coaching program
- History Inservice

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2012 was 100%.

Average staff attendance	2010	2011	2012
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	96.2%	93.4%	96.3%

Our staff profile

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 100% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2012 school year.

School income broken down by funding source

School income broken down by funding source is available via the My School website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.

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School financial information is available by selecting '**School finances**' in the menu box in the top left corner of the school's entry web page. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a paper copy of income by funding source.

Key student outcomes

Student attendance	2010	2011	2012
The overall attendance rate for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	94%	95%	96%
The overall attendance rate in 2012 for all Queensland state Primary schools was 93%.			

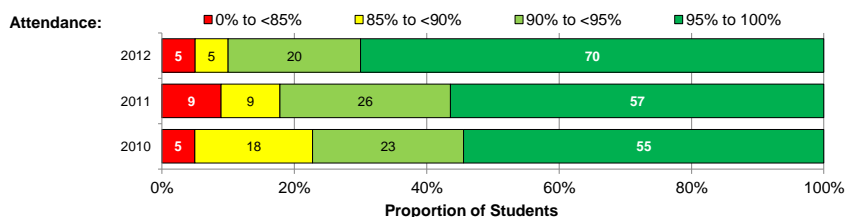
Student attendance rate for each year level (shown as a percentage)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2010	96%		DW	DW	90%	97%	95%					
2011	91%	97%	96%	DW	92%	92%	97%					
2012	98%	94%	99%	99%	DW	87%	96%					

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Student Attendance Distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range.



Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the DET policies, SMS-PR-029: Managing Student Absences and SMS-PR-036: Roll Marking in State Schools, which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

At Emu Creek State School student attendance roles are marked twice a day, in the morning and after second break. Parents are informed of the procedure regarding absences in the school prospectus and through the school newsletters.

School staff follows up on unexplained absences from students who are absent for more than 2 consecutive days by contacting the parent. Unexplained absences of 1-2 days are followed up by a reminder note sent home.

Emu Creek State School has adopted the 'Every Day Counts' initiative. Students are awarded each term if they reach the attendance benchmark set down by the school.

Performance of our students

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results – our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

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Achievement – Closing the Gap

Emu Creek State School has no indigenous students enrolled in 2012.