SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

School number: 1382

School name: Fraser Park Primary School

1. General information

Part A

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August total FTE Enrolment | 64.0 | 66.0 | 71.0 | 71.0

Male FTE | 30.0 | 38.0 | 36.0 | 31.0

Female FTE | 34.0 | 28.0 | 35.0 | 40.0

School Card Approvals (Persons) | 13 | 60 | 22 | 10.0

NESB Total (Persons) | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1

Aboriginal FTE Enrolment | 26.0 | 32.0 | 40.0 | 35.0

Note: Placement points for Complexity and (Base plus Isolation) can be obtained from the document 'Placement Points History' in the 'schools/placement' section of the 'Legal and Policy Framework Library' available on the departmental CD-ROM or web-site.
Part B

- **E-mail address**: admin@fraserpkps.sa.edu.au & mkamma@fraserpkps.sa.edu.au

- **Staffing numbers**
  - Basic teacher allocation: 8.43
  - Special Education: 1.13
  - ACEO: 0.5
  - School Card: 0.9
  - E.S.L.: 0.59
  - Teacher Librarian: 0.2
  - School Counsellor: 0.74
  - F.I.R.: 0.13
  - Mother Tongue: 0.15
  - **C.P.C.**: 1 FTE and 11.25 SSO hours
  - SSO's – 78.0 HPW permanent hours (includes 14 hours grounds).

  18 hours per week ACEO.

  Literacy & Numeracy and Special Education support (SSO hours) are bought through Budget funds. We currently buy 70 hours per week and 7 AECO hours.

- **Enrolment trends**
  - Numbers have stabilised in recent years
  - There are approx 95% School Card holders, 50% Aboriginal students & 50% N.E.P students.

- **Special arrangements**
  - Multiple year level groupings have been successful in meeting the varied individual needs of our students and our high transient population.

- **Year of opening**
  - Fraser Park Primary School opened in 1975 at the Murray Bridge South Primary School Campus and opened at the present site in 1977.

- **Public transport access**
  - Not available.
2. **Students (and their welfare)**

- **General characteristics**
  
  Fraser Park Primary is committed to providing a safe, secure, supportive and caring learning environment. Emphasis is placed on student involvement in school decision making and on students taking responsibility for their choices. Examples of student centred programs include: Sharing Circle, Student Forums, formal classroom and yard values based policies, Restorative Justice, and Social Skills programs. Program Achieve Values Education.

(Pastoral) Care programs

The School Counsellor provides ongoing in and out of class support as well as conducting family workshops. The Counsellor facilitates the student referral processes and liaises with town support agencies. In addition the Counsellor provides a valued leadership resource.

In 2000 we began a Wednesday morning Breakfast Program. The program averages 45 attendances every Wednesday. This is continuing with strong support from the Soroptimists Club and community business donations.

- **Pastoral Support Worker**
  
  The school has a Christian Pastoral Support Worker who is available 5 days per week 12-3pm to support students and their families.

- **Student management**
  
  The School's Behaviour Code provides a framework for managing student behaviour and creating safe, orderly, productive and successful learning communities. The “School Behaviour Code” describes a range of specific strategies developed to meet the varying needs of students in the school setting and the different needs and expectations of the local community (families, students, staff, wider community and service providers).

  APPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR IS ENCOURAGED WITH THE FOLLOWING: Social skills lessons relating to: Conflict resolution, Harassment, antiracism, peer relationships. Peer Support program. Rewards including: Class teacher awards, Principal awards.

  Restorative Justice Process used CPC-7 and regular sharing circles are held, often attended by the School Counsellor or Admin staff.

  Sharing Circles provide representatives to join whole school forum meetings to discuss and decide on issues that affect the student welfare and on matters where student voice is imperative.

- **Special programmes**
  
  Accelerated Literacy is a site learning initiative CPC-7. There has been a significant increase in learning outcomes for students since this initiative has been implemented. There is an Accelerated Literacy focus teacher. The entire school community value and support the Accelerated Literacy process.
3. **Key School Policies**

- **Site Improvement Plan**
  Site Improvement Priorities for 2011
- Restorative Justice
- Literacy
- Community Partnerships

:Vision statement

Fraser Park Primary School and Child Parent Centre (CPC) provides opportunities for students to achieve academic excellence through student centred learning programmes. We are a community that values learning for staff, students and families. Fraser Park Primary School and CPC embraces cultural diversity, recognises and accepts difference and caters for individual needs. We are committed to developing positive relationships between individuals, families, school staff and community support agencies within a safe, secure and supportive environment. We are proud of our significant number of Aboriginal enrolments.

Values

**Fun – Care- Enthusiasm-Respect**

Contextual Influences

Fraser Park Primary School and Child Parent Centre is situated in Murray Bridge. We have a significant student population from families that live in situations of high unemployment, poverty, single parent families and transience. 95% of students are school card holder recipients. These complexities impact on levels of literacy and numeracy. There are significant numbers of students with specific learning and behavioural difficulties. On site is located the Learning Together program which is aimed at developing improved access to programs and literacy skills for families of children 0-3 in the Murray Bridge area. A Learning Together coordinator, Susie Bowden has been appointed for the program.

**VISION:** Learning for the Future

Core Business

Our purpose is to plan, teach and evaluate a balanced curriculum so that each child has the best chance to develop new skills and learnings. Within a happy, healthy and safe environment students will be, creative and able to grow physically, socially and emotionally. Students and their families having direct input into school based decisions.

The Curriculum Standards and Accountability Framework and The National Curriculum provide the framework for programming, assessment and reporting.
Core business is supported by:

- active participation by staff in decision-making
- OHSW structures to facilitate a safe working environment
- team structures that support individual student needs through referral and counselling services and provide intervention strategies where necessary
- collaborative Unit teaching structures and whole school support structures for class and behaviour management strategies
- Active Aboriginal community involvement and Aboriginal Education input and providing Individual Learning Plans for Aboriginal students.
- an awareness of the multicultural make up of the student population

Child Parent Centre Core Business

Developing student skills through a play based curriculum is an essential aspect of Early Childhood learning in the CPC. Planning for play and providing facilities for play are the central components in developing a curriculum that integrates all levels of a child’s development and reflects the guiding principles of the Early Years Learning Framework. This curriculum framework forms the focus for curriculum development.

4. Curriculum

- Subject offerings:
  : Teachers use the SACSA Framework and The National Curriculum as a basis for programming and assessment. The school is focused on an inclusive and balanced curriculum.

- Special needs:
  : A student Review Team consisting of the School Counsellor, SSO rep. and class teacher has been established to discuss and plan for student needs especially for students identified as at risk.
  Negotiated Education Plans are developed for students with disabilities along with teaching targets for each term.

- Special curriculum features:

- Teaching methodology:
  : We provide an inclusive curriculum for all students, to address their individual learning needs and provide maximum learning outcomes and personal development opportunities.
  Contextual based learning is a high priority. Teachers are encouraged to use critically reflective practices, take risks with methodology and to continually monitor and assess; what works, what doesn’t and for which groups of students. Understandings of the practical application of social justice principles are key elements of teaching.

- Assessment procedures and reporting:
  : Individual portfolios are used by all teachers in the school and the CPC to regularly access and report on student progress. This is further supported
by open day/night, information nights, and individual interviews. Translators are supplied for NESB students if required. Students are also involved in self-assessment and families are encouraged to add comments in portfolios. Student data is collected and monitored regularly. Records of results and recommendations are included in Student folders. Identity Webs for all students.

- Data informs our practice

5. **Sporting Activities**

: Students participate in regular PE lessons, Daily PE, Sports Days, Inter School exchanges and SAPSASA events.

Coaching clinics, swimming.

Jump Rope for Heart.

Bike Education

Premiers Be Active

Fun Run

Pedal Prix (primary students)

6. **Other Co-Curricular Activities**

- **Special**

  : Activities include computing, flute, recorder, which are supported by staff. Other special activities include discos, end of year concert, displays at: Murray Bridge show, local businesses and the Council Chambers. Students on NEPs are involved in Swimming.

  : after school clubs 3-4pm Mon-Thurs

  : Instrumental Music (High School)

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

- **Staff profile**

  : Permanent appointments have made our staff more stable.

- **Leadership structure**

  : Principal, School Counsellor 0.7.

- **Staff support systems**

  : The School Counsellor and Principal support and monitor Behaviour Management issues, Social Skills programs, Affirmative Action programs and contextual based learning. There is a Social committee that organises dinners, BBQ’s, happy hours etc.

- **Performance Management**

  : All staff has regular Performance Management meetings with 2-way agendas. The focus is on student learning outcomes, collection and critical analysis of data, training and development in line with school priorities and
personal professional development. Staff uses Performance Management Policy Guidelines as the format for writing up Performance and Personal Plans.

- **Access to special staff**
  - Speech Pathologist, Hearing Impaired personnel, Guidance Officer, ISBM, CAMHS, FAYS, and DECS project officer support are available to support staff in their programs in negotiation with Principal and School Counsellor.

- **Other**
  - Staff are currently working at Level 3 in Occupational Health & Safety.

**9. School Facilities**

- **Buildings and grounds**
  - Fraser Park was opened in 1975. The site, of 3.96ha includes hard play areas, oval, tennis courts and car park. The site is attractively laid out and adjoins a Council reserve. The School is in an area of predominantly Housing Trust homes and semi-rural enterprises. The school is almost exclusively DEMAC construction and the teaching areas are open design. A brick Gymnasium/Hall is a very valuable resource.
  - Carefully planned expenditure of Asset Management Plan Funding, is gradually refurbishing the school with new carpets, ceilings, lights, painting and additional student facilities.

- **Cooling**
  - All buildings are air-conditioned.

- **Specialist facilities**
  - There is a well equipped Physical Education room. The Resource Centre is well resourced, with children’s books, teacher resources and AV equipment. The library also has 4 computers with CD Roms with access to the Internet and the sa.edu.au project. The Resource Centre data is managed by the Bookmark management system and is continually upgraded.
  - There is an Aboriginal Education Room. There is a recycling shed and a propagating shed for students to access for environmental education.

- **Student facilities**
  - Information Technology skills are supported by a Computer room with 30 DELL computers set up in a network and linked to the World Wide Web. Students have access to the Internet and have e-mail addresses. A canteen is located in the Administration section of the school and is open daily, managed by SSO’s and supported by volunteers.

- **Staff facilities**
  - Staff room and staff toilets are in the main Admin building. There is also a staff preparation room with computers in the Admin building. Staff has access to the Internet and have individual e-mail addresses. All rooms have easy access to a telephone.

- **Access for students and staff with disabilities**
  - Wheelchair access is available to toilets and units.
10. School Operations

- Decision making structures
  Fraser Park values whole school community participation in Decision Making. The Decision Making Policy is continually reviewed and redrafted to meet DECS and school requirements. Roles and responsibilities of formal groups and individuals are clearly defined and a strong emphasis is placed on inclusivity. There are a number of committees and subcommittees that play an active role in decision making eg Finance, Grounds, Canteen, PAC, Curriculum groups, Student Forum. Fraser Park values open communication between all members of the community. The Governing Council has been restructured to facilitate increased decision making by families. Smaller committees are authorised to invite wider community members to discuss relevant issues and bring those to the Governing Council.

- School financial position
  In 2002 approx. 98% of students were eligible for School Card benefits. The School is located in a low socio-economic area, and is dependent on Commonwealth and State funds to resource the school. The Global Budget is managed by a Level 2 Finance SSO in collaboration with the Principal and Governing Council Finance Committee. The School Canteen contributes additional funding. School finances are monitored by the Finance sub-committee of School Council and operated through a consolidated account. Staff members take responsibility for Budget preparation and spending in Curriculum areas, using consultative processes to ensure Staff and students needs are met.

- Special funding
  Commonwealth and State funds are critical for providing our school with access and participation for all students.
11. Local Community

- General characteristics
  : Fraser Park CPC-7 School’s enrolment comes mainly from the urban area of Murray Bridge, with a small component from surrounding rural areas. The Murray Bridge community includes people from Aboriginal, Italian, Turkish, Vietnamese, Philippine and non-English speaking backgrounds. There is a high level of mobility in the community, reflected in the school enrolment pattern. There are a large number of single parents and caregivers and many students come from homes where the parents or caregivers live in cyclic poverty.

- Parent and community involvement
  : The Governing Council, and the Governing Council committees are the formal structures for parent participation. Committees are Education, Fundraising, Facilities, Services, Finance and CPC. In 2003 the local Neighbourhood Watch group supported the inclusion of School Watch. The Services Committee and staff provide a representative to Neighbourhood Watch. We print the Newsletter and students provide input into the NHW Newsletter.

Parents/Caregivers support classes in program delivery, excursions and parents also voluntarily run the canteen. The Parent Participation Policy is continually reviewed and encourages Parents/Caregivers to be actively involved in Curriculum issues and to support classes on a rostered basis.