

# Our school at a glance



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## Principal's Foreword

### Introduction

Welcome to the Condamine State School Annual Report for 2012. This report contains data and information on the progress of our students and school as a whole.

Condamine State School is a Band 5 primary school situated in South-West Queensland. Our school is a state school offering co-educational education from Prep to Year 7, for approximately 45 students. We are a unique school and are very proud of our community and P&C Association, who support all of our exciting endeavours with unfailing enthusiasm.

At Condamine State School, the Principal, the staff, the parents and the community provide an environment which is educational and thought provoking for children of all ages. Through many varied experiences the children are challenged to further their knowledge of their immediate community and the far-off world. It is our hope that all students will come to appreciate the importance and necessity of the life skills; cooperation, participation, thoughtfulness and common sense.

Condamine State School aims to develop the full potential of each child through education, thereby empowering students to meet the challenges of the future. Students exiting Condamine State School will leave with the embedded attributes of life-long learners and five crucial skills for success: Inspired Learning, Productive Personality, Resourceful Thinking, Effective Communication and Attributes of Global Citizenship.

We also received support through organisations such as REAP. This support ranges from funding to visiting teachers to help us improve our sporting, academic and cultural skills.

Condamine State School is just the beginning of the students' journey in education.

Over the last year there has been a firm emphasis on improving the individual results of each child in literacy and numeracy. Various school programs have been updated and resources renewed to ensure that teachers and students have the tools at their disposal to continue the steady progression of our students' results. Our staff are committed to the regional explicit teaching agenda to improve the academic achievements of our students. With strong support from our P&C, our school is in the process of embedding ICT's and other technologies into our learning environments.

The children, families and staff are all proud of Condamine State School and believe it to be an outstanding school.

I am pleased to present the School Annual Report for 2012.

Aaron Jones  
Acting Principal

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## School Progress Towards its Goals in 2012

School progress to achievement of our goals is ongoing. We continue to strive for improvement for all our students.

Every day, in every classroom, every child will be learning. Student learning is supported through high levels of differentiated teaching, planned to meet the learning needs and styles of each individual.

In 2012 we continued to focus on improving the literacy and numeracy outcomes of all students at Condamine State School. This is reflected in our English and Maths overview and all of our planning documents.

Our Science units of work integrate relevant literacies and each unit uses investigation and scientific processes to involve all students in meaningful learning activities.

## Future Outlook

We will continue to strive for our students to achieve the best they can. We will do this through:

1. Implementing the Australian Curriculum into our classrooms in KLA areas of English, Mathematics, Science and History.
2. Continued monitoring and assessment of student ability to provide a differentiated curriculum.
3. Staff undertaking professional development activities to inform and improve pedagogy and positively influence curriculum development.
4. Continuing to convert our Curriculum Audit results to a clear path of action to move our school forward.
5. Continuing to develop a plan for a way forward in incorporating EATSIPS into our school.
6. Strategic implementation and integration of ICTs into student learning and professional practice.
7. Continuing to encourage strong parent participation in learning and school activities.
8. Continuing to promote strong staff morale.

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## School Profile

**Coeducational or single sex:** Coeducational

**Year levels offered in 2012:** Prep - Year 7

**Total student enrolments for this school:**

	Total	Girls	Boys	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2010	55	26	29	95%
2011	53	23	30	87%
2012	44	20	24	82%

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

## Characteristics of the Student Body:

In 2012 Condamine was a two teacher school. Our enrolments were generally consistent, with the majority of students remaining at Condamine State School throughout the year. Many students travelled to school on the bus (some from a significant distance). Gender in our school was relatively evenly distributed.

## Average Class Sizes

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2010	2011	2012
Prep – Year 3	18	18	20
Year 4 – Year 10	23	18	24
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

## Curriculum Offerings

### Our Distinctive Curriculum Offerings

Condamine State School offers a supportive learning environment where children are exposed to Key Learning Areas, including English, Maths, Science, SOSE, History, Health, Art and Technology. These areas form the basis of our core learning.

The school operates using the Australian Curriculum and the multi-age C2C Units. We use 'The Sound Way' as a targeted program to improve the spelling levels of students in our school. We offer 2 hour literacy blocks and 1.5 hour numeracy blocks daily.

Our classroom organisation allows students to be easily accommodated at a level best suited to their individual learning needs. Through inclusive practice, the needs of all students are catered for. Children with special needs are significantly supported through accessing an intervention teacher and one-to-one support.

We use an internal monitoring system to track the progress of our students regularly in order to guide teaching and learning practices.

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### Extra-curricular Activities

Condamine State School is a very active school with many extra-curricular activities being performed by the students. Some of our extra-curricular activities include:

- Religious Instruction Programs
  - Arts Council Performances
  - School-run football / netball carnivals
  - Traditional inter-house, inter-school and district sporting events such as; cross country, track and field, soccer, tennis, rugby league, touch football, swimming and netball.
  - Arts Development Programs.
  - Entries into the local Miles Show
  - Yearly athletics coaching clinic with Drillham and Dulacca with support from PCAP.
  - REAP organised events such as Cultural Pursuits camp
  - Gifted and Talented camps
  - P&C run Football/Netball Carnival
  - School camps (alternating yearly), including a 7 day camp to Canberra and the snow for the 6/7 students.
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### How Information and Communication Technologies are used to Assist Learning

Teachers are progressively integrating information and communications technologies (ICT's) into the students' learning programs. Effective use of ICT's is a major priority for the enhancement of students' learning. Students are able to use a variety of programs that facilitate the reinforcement of curriculum areas. Each class has access to computers and students use computer-based learning to access Maths, Reading and Spelling support activities in an engaging manner.

ICTs are also used by teachers to easily communicate with students and parents.

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## **Social Climate**

At Condamine State School we conduct 'Program Achieve.' This program models appropriate social behaviours to students and encourages positive interactions. We offer two religious instruction programs and we receive regular visits from the Chaplain who services our local schools. 76.2% of our parents believe their students are safe when attending our school.

## **Parent, Student and Staff Satisfaction with the school**

Overall, a high percentage of our parents, students and teachers are satisfied that Condamine is providing a good education for the Condamine community. The area that we will be working on in 2013 is improving parent communication.

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<b>Performance Measure</b> (Nationally agreed items shown*)	
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree that:	2012 <sup>#</sup>
their child is getting a good education at school	76.2%
this is a good school	85.7%
their child likes being at this school*	81.0%
their child feels safe at this school*	90.5%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school*	85.7%
their child is making good progress at this school*	85.7%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best*	90.5%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work*	89.5%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn*	85.7%
teachers at this school treat students fairly*	76.2%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns*	95.2%
this school works with them to support their child's learning*	90.5%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously*	85.7%
student behaviour is well managed at this school*	70.0%
this school looks for ways to improve*	81.0%
this school is well maintained*	90.5%
<b>Performance Measure</b> (Nationally agreed items shown*)	
Percentage of students who agree that:	2012 <sup>#</sup>
they are getting a good education at school	80.0%
they like being at their school*	80.0%
they feel safe at their school*	80.0%
their teachers motivate them to learn*	100.0%
their teachers expect them to do their best*	100.0%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work*	86.7%
teachers treat students fairly at their school*	73.3%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns*	100.0%
their school takes students' opinions seriously*	86.7%

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student behaviour is well managed at their school*	80.0%
their school looks for ways to improve*	100.0%
their school is well maintained*	86.7%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things*	100.0%

### Performance Measure (Nationally agreed items shown\*)

Percentage of school staff who agree:	2012 <sup>#</sup>
that they have good access to quality professional development	100.0%
with the individual staff morale items	82.9%

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

<sup>#</sup> 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 for previous years are not recommended.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

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## Involving Parents in their Child's Education

The parents and community members of Condamine State School are a supportive and generous group of people, who want the best possible opportunities for their children. As such, the parent body is extremely involved with all school activities, and their contributions are greatly appreciated by the staff at the school.

In 2012, parents were actively involved in a variety of ways:

- \* Classroom reading programs.
- \* The school's P&C Association.
- \* Running sporting events
- \* Volunteering at working bees.
- \* P&C Fundraising events
- \* Establishing a 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee
- \* Weekly tuckshop days

The school keeps parents informed through the publication of school newsletters, email correspondence, school website updates, parent/teacher interviews, student reporting and parent information sessions.

## Reducing the School's Environmental Footprint

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Our school encourages staff and students to reduce, reuse and recycle where possible. Staff are encouraged to turn off all electrical items at the end of each day, use air-conditioners at appropriate temperatures and manage water usage on a weekly basis. Other efforts to reduce the school's environmental footprint have been made through using the councils recycling program, use of an irrigation system set on timers, and reusing paper. This will continue to be an area the school will work towards.

	Environmental footprint indicators	
	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2009-2010	29,220	7,917
2010-2011	20,964	2,207
2011-2012	22,633	329

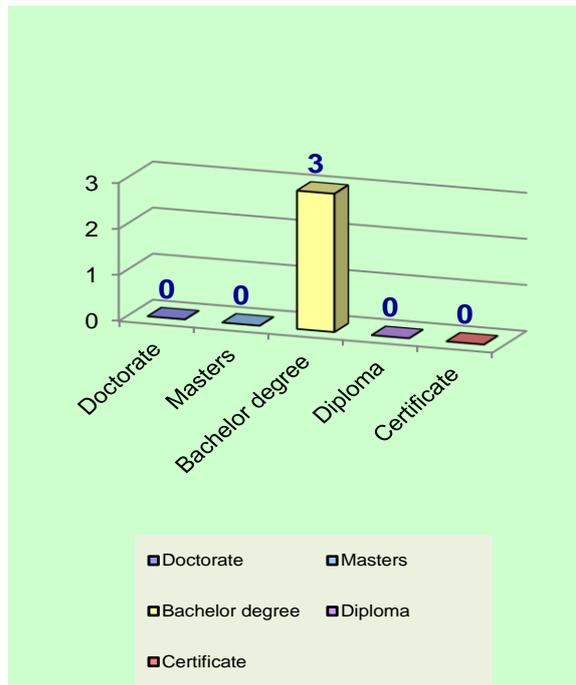
# Our staff profile

## Staff Composition, including Indigenous Staff

2012 Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	3	5	0
Full-time equivalents	2.6	2.8	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	3
Diploma	0
Certificate	0



## Expenditure on and Teacher Participation in Professional Development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2012 were \$8268.80.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- After school PD – Behaviour Management Discussions
- C2C – meetings
- Copyright In Service after school all staff
- Discussions Staff Meetings – Literacy and Numeracy and Key Learning Areas

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.	98.1%	96.9%	95.6%

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### Proportion of Staff Retained from the Previous School Year

From the end of the previous school year, 21.9% 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/>.

To access our income details, click on the *My School* link above. You will then be taken to the *My School* website with the following 'Find a school' text box.

**Find a school**

Search by school name

Search by suburb, town or postcode

Sector  Government  
 Non-government

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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.

# Performance of our students

## Key Student Outcomes

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

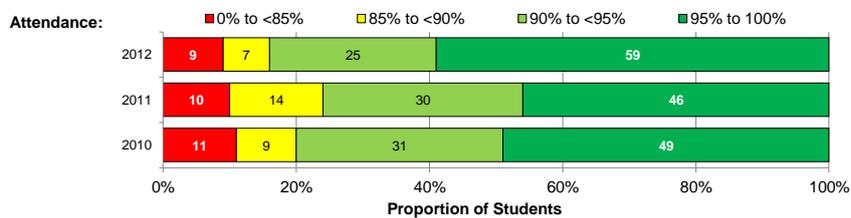
### Student attendance rate for each year level (shown as a percentage)

	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	91%	91%	94%	89%	98%	96%	97%					
2011	95%	91%	DW	94%	89%	96%	94%					
2012	89%	96%	96%	DW	96%	DW	97%					

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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.

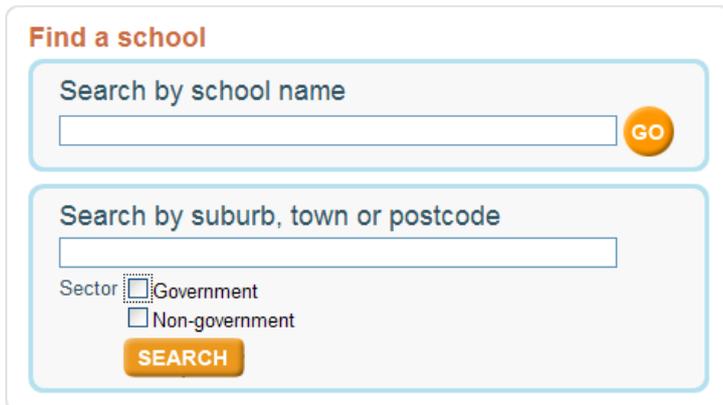
Roll marking is undertaken twice a day (mornings and afternoons) and absences recorded. Families are requested to explain absences upon the student's return to school and administrative staff will follow up on any unexplained absences through personal contact with parents or guardians. Extended and repeated unexplained absences are managed in accordance with DET Policies.

## 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

Our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are available via the My School website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.

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### Achievement – Closing the Gap

In 2012 our indigenous cohort was too small to allow for public reporting.