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From the Principal

School overview

Walkamin State School has a proud tradition of serving the surrounding community for 50 years. Our greatest asset is our sense of community. It is the size of our school which allows us the flexibility to build relationships. It is our relationships that turn the teaching and learning at Walkamin State School into a personal activity. Our aim is to provide a high-quality education in a safe supportive environment that will equip our students for the future to enable them to make a positive contribution in their lives and to society. Our school motto is 'striving to progress'. Our goal is to progress all aspects of students within a supportive school environment that recognises difference, emphasises the basics, intellectual quality, and making connections. Our aim is to develop a resilient lifelong learner who is a responsible, productive and active citizen.

Our school at a glance

School profile

Coeducational or single sex	Coeducational
Independent public school	No
Year levels offered in 2019	Prep Year - Year 6

Characteristics of the student body

Student enrolments

Table 1: Student enrolments at this school

Enrolment category	2017	2018	2019
Total	45	45	58
Girls	18	21	19
Boys	27	24	39
Indigenous	9	6	7
Enrolment continuity (Feb. – Nov.)	92%	93%	96%

Notes:

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

2. Indigenous refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia.

3. pre-Prep is a kindergarten program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, living in 35 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, in the year before school.

In 2019, there were no students enrolled in a pre-Prep program.

Average class sizes

Phase of schooling	2017	2018	2019
Prep – Year 3	16	15	22
Year 4 – Year 6	16	15	15
Year 7 – Year 10			
Year 11 – Year 12			

Note:

The class size targets for composite classes are informed by the relevant year level target. Where composite classes exist across cohorts (e.g. year 3/4) the class size targets would be the lower cohort target.

Curriculum implementation

Our approach to curriculum delivery

Due to the size of the school we are readily able to identify support and respond to individual students learning within the school context. We have the ability to develop close relationships with students and their families to provide an effective learning environment. Our school uses the C2C and Australian Standards to deliver a comprehensive and inclusive curriculum

Co-curricular activities

Whole school (mixed groups) Curriculum days (i.e. science, arts & crafts) Active student council (lead by students for students) Sporting Ambassadors program (including leadership camp) Regular contact with outside groups and agencies (e.g. Greening Australia) Excursions linked to curriculum to local businesses and sites. Year 4/5/6 leadership camps.

How information and communication technologies are used to assist learning

At Walkamin State School we use computers to assist our learning through research (e.g. internet), skills reinforcement (e.g. Mathletics, Reading Eggs, RAZ Kids and scratch), teaching (e.g. electronic whiteboards), manipulating and collecting information (e.g. Access) as well as presenting information (e.g. PowerPoint). Computer skills, knowledge and usage are developed within the learning units – students learn about computers through using computers. Students have regular access to 24 desk tops and 12 laptops (with data projector) for usage in class. We are developing a bank of laptops to allow us flexibility in usage around the school. We have a set of 12 IPads which are Wi-Fi enabled and can be used for educational purposes anywhere in the school. 4 electronic whiteboards, one in each classroom, are used to enhance learning through electronic presentation and manipulation of materials.

Social climate

Overview

Our students are involved in a school based values p to develop social and academic skills and attitudes to enhance their learning. We regularly refer to our school based values when dealing with students (i.e. on parade, in-class, newsletter, noticeboard). In 2019 Walkamin State School applied for and received funding to supply a chaplain 3 days a fortnight. The Chaplain works with a range of students in a variety of support programs.

Parent, student and staff satisfaction

Tables 3–5 show selected items from the Parent/Caregiver, Student and Staff School Opinion Surveys.

Table 3: Parent opinion survey

Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree# that:	2017	2018	2019
• their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	100%	100%	100%
• this is a good school (S2035)	100%	100%	100%
• their child likes being at this school* (S2001)	100%	100%	100%
• their child feels safe at this school* (S2002)	100%	100%	100%
• their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)	100%	100%	100%
• their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004)	100%	100%	100%
• teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005)	100%	100%	100%
• teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006)	100%	100%	100%
• teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007)	100%	100%	100%
• teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008)	100%	100%	100%
• they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns* (S2009)	100%	100%	100%
• this school works with them to support their child's learning* (S2010)	100%	100%	100%
• this school takes parents' opinions seriously* (S2011)	100%	100%	100%
• student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)	100%	100%	100%
• this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013)	100%	100%	100%
• this school is well maintained* (S2014)	100%	100%	100%

* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items.

'Agree' represents the percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

Table 4: Student opinion survey

Percentage of students who agree# that:	2017	2018	2019
• they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	100%	100%	100%
• they like being at their school* (S2036)	100%	100%	100%
• they feel safe at their school* (S2037)	100%	100%	100%
• their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038)	100%	100%	100%
• their teachers expect them to do their best* (S2039)	100%	100%	100%
• their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work* (S2040)	100%	100%	100%
• teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041)	100%	100%	86%
• they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042)	93%	79%	100%
• their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043)	100%	92%	100%
• student behaviour is well managed at their school* (S2044)	100%	100%	79%
• their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045)	100%	100%	100%
• their school is well maintained* (S2046)	100%	100%	100%
• their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047)	100%	100%	100%

Percentage of students who agree# that:	2017	2018	2019

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'Agree' represents the percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement.

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Table 5: Staff opinion survey

Percentage of school staff who agree# that:	2017	2018	2019
• they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	100%	100%	100%
• they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	100%	100%	100%
• they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	100%	100%	100%
• they feel confident embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the learning areas (S2114)	100%	DW	100%
• students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	100%	100%	100%
• students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	100%	100%	100%
• student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	100%	100%	100%
• staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	88%	100%	100%
• their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	88%	100%	100%
• their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	100%	100%	100%
• their school is well maintained (S2078)	100%	100%	86%
• their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	100%	100%	100%

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Parent and community engagement

Walkamin State School issues report cards with parent teacher interviews two times a year, at the end of each semester.
Parents are regularly invited to curriculum days, arts and craft days, excursions and sporting events such as our Cross country and inter-house sports day, Easter parade and performance night. Parents are encouraged to involve themselves in our P&C committee which meets the second Tuesday of each month in the Library at 3.00pm. Our P&C regularly runs fundraising and social events as well as working bees to improve the facilities and resources of the school. Due to the smallness of the school parents have an added advantage in their involvement in their child's education in the classroom.

Respectful relationships education programs

Our school has implemented the Respectful relationships education program (RREP) as part of the broad multi-departmental Queensland Government approach to ending domestic and family violence.

The RREP is a Prep to Year 12 prevention program that focuses on influencing behavioural change to build a culture based on equality and respect in our students, staff, parents and wider community, Students are provided opportunities to explore social and emotional learning in self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationships, ethics, values, social norms, gender roles, stereotypes, human rights, risk and responsible decision-making. A growing body of evidence shows that social and emotional learning of this nature leads to:

- improved social and emotional skills, self-concept, bonding to school and classroom behaviour

- less disruptive classroom behaviour, aggression, bullying and delinquent acts

- reduced emotional distress such as depression, stress or social withdrawal.

Further information is available at https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/stages-of-schooling/respectful-relationships

School disciplinary absences

Table 6: Count of incidents for students recommended for school disciplinary absences at this school

Type of school disciplinary absence	2017	2018	2019
Short suspensions – 1 to 10 days	1	7	5
Long suspensions – 11 to 20 days	0	0	0
Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of enrolment	0	0	0

Note:

School disciplinary absences (SDAs) are absences enforced by a school for student conduct that is prejudicial to the good order and management of the school.

Environmental footprint

Reducing this school's environmental footprint

Environmental education has been a feature of Queensland schools for more than 30 years. In many schools it has been creatively and proactively incorporated into the curriculum in each phase of learning, and is also reflected in the school's facilities and in the actions of its principals, teachers and students.

Walkamin State School is an Earth smart School. We have undertaken a number of initiatives to reduce our environmental footprint including; collecting food scraps to feed to our chooks; creating and maintaining a permaculture garden; sorting of rubbish into recyclables to reduce land fill; solar panels that feed back into the grid

Table 7: Environmental footprint indicators for this school

Utility category	2016–2017	2017–2018	2018–2019
Electricity (kWh)	26,834	25,615	22,713
Water (kL)	718	803	

Note:

Consumption data is compiled from sources including ERM, Ergon, CS Energy reports and utilities data entered into OneSchool* by schools. The data provides an indication of the consumption trend in each of the utility categories which impact on this school's environmental footprint.

*OneSchool is the department's comprehensive software suite that schools use to run safe, secure, sustainable and consistent reporting and administrative processes.

School funding

School income broken down by funding source

School income, reported by financial year accounting cycle using standardized national methodologies and broken down by funding source is available via the *My School* website.

How to access our income details

1. Click on the *My School* link http://www.myschool.edu.au/.

2. Enter the school name or suburb of the school you wish to search.

Search by school name or suburb	School sector ⌄	School type ⌄	State ⌄	🔍

3. Click on 'View School Profile' of the appropriate school to access the school's profile.

4. Click on 'Finances' and select the appropriate year to view the school financial information.

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Note:

If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a hard copy of the school's financial information.

Our staff profile

Workforce composition

Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

Table 8: Workforce composition for this school

Description	Teaching staff*	Non-teaching staff	Indigenous** staff
Headcounts	4	6	0
Full-time equivalents	3	3	0

*Teaching staff includes School Leaders.

** *Indigenous* refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia.

Qualification of all teachers

The Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) is responsible for ensuring that teaching in Queensland schools in performed by an appropriately qualified person, that has successfully completed either -

(a) a four-year initial teacher education program including teacher education studies of at least one year (e.g. a Bachelor of Education, or a double Bachelor degree in Science and Teaching) or

(b) a one-year graduate initial teacher education program following a degree (e.g. a one-year Graduate Diploma of Education (Secondary) after a three-year Bachelor degree) or

(c) another course of teacher education that the QCT is reasonably satisfied is the equivalent of (a) or (b). These are considered on a case-by-case basis.

For more information, please refer to the following links

- https://cdn.qct.edu.au/pdf/Policy_Teacher_registration_eligibility_requirements
- https://www.qct.edu.au/registration/qualifications

Professional development

Teacher participation in professional development

Queensland state schools undertake 5 staff professional development days (25 hours) throughout the year:

- 2 days at the end of the summer holidays (fixed)
- 2 days during the Easter holidays (flexible)
- 1 day in the third last week of Term 3 (fixed) on the student free day.

Staff attendance and retention

Staff attendance

Table 10: Average staff attendance for this school as percentages

Description	2017	2018	2019
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	96%	96%	96%

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 100% of staff were retained by the school for the entire 2019.

Performance of our students

Key student outcomes

Student attendance

The overall student attendance rate in 2019 for all Queensland state Primary schools was 92%.

Tables 11–12 show attendance rates at this school as percentages.

Table 11: Overall student attendance at this school

Description	2017	2018	2019
Overall attendance rate* for students at this school	92%	92%	92%
Attendance rate for Indigenous** students at this school	88%	90%	96%

* Student attendance rate = the total of full-days and part-days that students attended divided by the total of all possible days for students to attend (expressed as a percentage).

** *Indigenous* refers to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of Australia.

Table 12: Average student attendance rates for each year level at this school

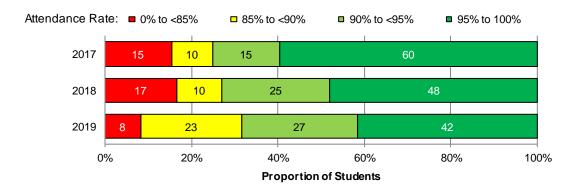| Year level	2017	2018	2019	Year level	2017	2018	2019
Prep	97%	86%	94%	Year 7			
Year 1	90%	94%	95%	Year 8			
Year 2	94%	95%	94%	Year 9			
Year 3	93%	92%	89%	Year 10			
Year 4	94%	90%	91%	Year 11			
Year 5	92%	91%	94%	Year 12			
Year 6	87%	92%	91%				

Notes:

1. Attendance rates effectively count attendance for every student for every day of attendance in Semester 1.
2. Student attendance rate = the total of full-days and part-days that students attended divided by the total of all possible days for students to attend (expressed as a percentage).
3. DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

Student attendance distribution

Graph 1: Proportion of students by attendance rate

Attendance Rate: ■ 0% to <85% ■ 85% to <90% ■ 90% to <95% ■ 95% to 100%

Year	0% to <85%	85% to <90%	90% to <95%	95% to 100%
2017	15	10	15	60
2018	17	10	25	48
2019	8	23	27	42

Proportion of Students

Description of how this school manages non-attendance

Queensland state schools manage non-attendance in line with the Queensland Department of Education procedures: *Managing Student Absences and Enforcing Enrolment and Attendance at State Schools*; and *Roll Marking in State Schools,* which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

NAPLAN

Our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN tests are available via the *My School* website.

How to access our NAPLAN results

1. Click on the *My School* link http://www.myschool.edu.au/.

2. Enter the school name or suburb of the school you wish to search.

| Search by school name or suburb | School sector ˅ | School type ˅ | State ˅ | 🔍 |

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View School Profile

4. Click on 'NAPLAN' to access the school NAPLAN information.

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Notes:

1. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a hard copy of the school's NAPLAN results.

2. The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.