



Burnside State School

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## School Overview

Burnside State School is situated in the hinterland suburb of Burnside in Nambour on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland. Burnside State School opened in 1978. The school has an enrolment of approximately 480 students ranging from the Preparatory Year through to Year 6, including those in the Early Childhood Development Program, which caters for students aged from 0 to 5 years who have a disability. The Special Education Programme (SEP) is under the direction of a Head of Special Education Services and caters for students with a disability from Prep to Year 6. Burnside State School achieves its mission by identifying and responding to the needs of individual students.

Our school community is supported through the three following values:

- In our teachers we trust,
- In our students we believe, and
- In our community we belong.

Embedded in these values are the school's focus areas of Safety, Respect and Learning, which form the basis of the School Wide Positive Learning Program.

Burnside State School, over the past several years, has continued a steadfast commitment to improving the literacy and numeracy skills of all students and has continued to offer ongoing focussed support and intervention to develop and extend the skills of our students across all areas. Reading has been a key driver within this ongoing agenda.

Burnside State School has been identified by the region as a 'Champion School' supporting the embedding of Indigenous perspectives within the curriculum and all facets of school life. The school plays an important role in the community by providing an Indigenous Playgroup each week onsite. As a school we are committed to improving the learning outcomes of Indigenous students and the school has close links with the local Indigenous community. The playgroups encourage early literacy development and assists in the transition to school.

The school employs a Chaplain two days per week and a Behaviour and Social Education Teacher who assist families where required and who also work with the students on various social emotional programmes.

## Principal's Foreword

### Introduction

#### **School Progress towards its goals in 2017**

This annual school report provides an overview of strategies implemented at Burnside State School in 2017. It outlines our achievements and highlights, outstanding level of commitment and work implemented by our staff, students and community to continue the improvement journey of our school.

We support our students at Burnside State School through focused improvement in key areas. These are:

1. **ACADEMIC** – improving student outcomes in reading, number and spelling
2. **BEHAVIOUR AND ENGAGEMENT:** utilising SWPBL (School Wide Positive Behaviour Learning) to recognise positive behavior, enhance student wellbeing and support those with particular needs.

3. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE: recognising those with high attendance rates and working with those needing improvement
4. COMMUNITY – improving our participation and engagement within and beyond the school gate

**Academic**

School curriculum	Continued focus on curriculum development across all year levels using C2C as a key resource	Teachers offered termly planning days to prepare for following term and to moderate work from current units  Continued development of external moderation with Nambour State College (Nambour Alliance established)	Engagement with Indigenous Elder and community to review and begin to develop Indigenous Perspectives Framework
Reading	Continuation of consistent benchmarking system with intensive focus on comprehension strategies to support reading	Continuation of goal setting to support teaching of reading and comprehension strategies.	Continuation of 'whole school' intervention approach to improve reading and comprehension skills  Master Teacher engaged in developing writing skills coaching program
Spelling	Continued focus within the classrooms	Teachers provided with opportunities to review and utilise C2C spelling resources in conjunction with classroom programs	Teachers agreed to adopt C2C spelling in line with year level planning
Numeracy	Continued focus on teacher skillsets with 'Back to Front' Maths to support student understanding of key concepts in number	Teachers offered PD and coaching to support use of program within classrooms	Maths Coach/ HOC utilised to support teacher development and modeling of lessons

**Behaviour and engagement** – (utilising SWPBL to recognize positive behaviour and those with specific needs, and improving attendance)

Behaviour/ engagement	Continuation of Bravos (reward tickets) and introduction of Thumbs Up rewards  Awards on parade – weekly  Term reward – special parade to end each term	Teachers continue training in Essential Skills in Classroom Management  Continued refinement of school procedures and programs through the SWPBL team  Introduction of ‘Yarning Circle’ and lessons to support social emotional learning.  Introduction of ‘Kids Matter’	Part-time behaviour teacher employed to support identified children and families  Behaviour support teacher utilised to assist students within intervention approach
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**Attendance**

Attendance	Review of attendance rates for students  Rewards for positive attendance rates across class and year levels	Teachers promote class attendance and reduced ‘unexplained’ absences to win termly award – ten pin bowling	Administration follow up with long term absenteeism issues with family  Introduction of same day notification of absence using SMS program
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**Community participation and engagement**

Participation	Provide opportunities for parents to participate in school activities	Continued provision of playgroup at school	HOCS to provide training for parents in reading and numeracy
Engagement	Engage with the Salvation Army to introduce a brass band for students	Increased participation in events and programs with The Smith Family	Continued partnership with Sunny Kids to support students and families

## Future Outlook

### 2018 Explicit Improvement Agenda

**READING, WRITING, NUMERACY, POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR, ATTENDANCE and WELLBEING**

<p><b>Reading</b></p> <p>Provide PD in staff meetings, SFDs, team meetings, planning and moderation forums which will build on the 2016 implementation of a whole school approach to heighten student reading expectations and achievement, deepen teachers' professional knowledge and instruction using the F&amp;P (Fountas &amp; Pinnell) pedagogical frame.</p>	<p><b>Writing</b></p> <p>Investigate and develop school framework for Writing.</p> <p>English team to begin developing plan based on latest research and best practice pedagogy</p>	<p><b>Numeracy</b></p> <p>Continue established Curriculum Team – maths to support development of school programs and professional learning</p> <p>Investigate strategies to implement intervention for number study across the school</p>																								
<p><b>Attendance</b></p> <p>Establish an enrolment manager to investigate proactive programs to support positive attendance, and respond to low levels of attendance</p>	<p><b>Behaviour</b></p> <p>Weekly Essential Skills of Classroom Management Focus for teaching staff.</p> <p>Identify and timetable whole-school time for weekly classroom reflection and explicit instruction of SWBPL focus</p> <p>Classroom practices shared with teaching staff as part of cyclic staff meeting schedule</p> <p>Continuation of BASES teacher role to support social and emotional development and academic improvement</p>	<p><b>Targets</b></p> <p><b>Student Attendance - 94 %</b></p> <p><b>STUDENT ACHEIVEMENT- 73% C or better in English, Math and Science</b></p> <p><b>NAPLAN – increased number of students in Upper Two Bands (U2B)</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1018 1155 1399 1447"> <thead> <tr> <th>U2B</th> <th>YR 3</th> <th>YR 5</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Writing</td> <td>20%</td> <td>20%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reading</td> <td>35%</td> <td>35%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Numeracy</td> <td>30%</td> <td>30%</td> </tr> <tr> <th>ABOVE NMS</th> <th>YR 3</th> <th>YR 5</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Writing</td> <td>90%</td> <td>90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Reading</td> <td>97%</td> <td>97%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Numeracy</td> <td>95%</td> <td>95%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	U2B	YR 3	YR 5	Writing	20%	20%	Reading	35%	35%	Numeracy	30%	30%	ABOVE NMS	YR 3	YR 5	Writing	90%	90%	Reading	97%	97%	Numeracy	95%	95%
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# Our School at a Glance

## School Profile

<b>Coeducational or single sex:</b>	Coeducational
<b>Independent Public School:</b>	No
<b>Year levels offered in 2017:</b>	Early Childhood - Year 6
<b>Student enrolments for this school:</b>	

	Total	Girls	Boys	Indigenous	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
<b>2015</b>	520	268	252	70	92%
<b>2016</b>	497	249	248	68	92%
<b>2017</b>	485	231	254	67	91%

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

In 2017, there were no students enrolled in a pre-Prep\*\* program.

\*\* pre-Prep is a kindergarten program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, living across 35 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, in the year before school (<https://qed.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/families/pre-prep-indigenous>).

## Characteristics of the Student Body

### Overview

Burnside State School works within the school's Enrolment Management Plan to ensure that families living in our catchment area, are ensured priority placement. Our student body is made up of a diverse range of families from varying backgrounds and cultures. The MySchool website indicates that our students came from a broad range of social-economic backgrounds, with the school's ICSEA value at 970. Although the school was started in 1978, we have many former students enrolling their children at Burnside. Male and female student numbers are almost equally represented with Boys- 254 and Girls – 231. Indigenous students make up 14% of our student population and 5% have a language background other than English.

Our school has a dedicated team of staff supporting students in our Early Childhood Development Program and Special Education Unit. Our student population who have a verified disability is 11%.

Each year, School Captains and Student leaders are selected to represent the school at various formal and informal events. The student leadership team also leads the student population during annual sports carnivals, Under 8's day and other school events.

### Average Class Sizes

The following table shows the average class size information for each phase of schooling.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZES			
Phase	2015	2016	2017
Prep – Year 3	25	22	22
Year 4 – Year 6	23	26	25
Year 7 – Year 10			
Year 11 – Year 12			

## Curriculum Delivery

### Our Approach to Curriculum Delivery

Burnside State School offers a supportive learning environment to support our curriculum. Our specialised programs include:

- Utilisation of C2C to support consistency of school planning and resource development
- Clear focus on improvement in reading and number through targeted programs and staff professional learning (F&P and Back 2 Front Maths)
- Oral language program for early years
- Health and wellbeing programs across P – Year 6
- Intensive support for students in reading and social skills
- Specialised Early Childhood Development Centre for students with disability (0-5 years)
- Special Education Program for identified students supported by specialised teachers
- Electives program for Year 6 linked to Burnside State High School
- Specialised learning program where teachers take subject specific classes in Year 6

### Co-curricular Activities

Burnside State School offers a variety of co-curricular activities that provide opportunities for students to pursue their interests and develop their talents. Please find below a selection of activities that were on offer at Burnside State School in 2017:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Instrumental Music</li><li>• Junior and Senior Choirs</li><li>• Parade Presentations</li><li>• Student Leadership</li><li>• School Camp -Year 6</li><li>• Riding for the Disabled program</li><li>• Premier's Reading Challenge</li><li>• National Literacy and Numeracy Week</li><li>• Book Week Parades</li><li>• School Christmas concert</li><li>• Easter Parades</li><li>• Equine therapy</li><li>• Salvo Brass Band</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Interschool Sport (Years 5/6)</li><li>• Cross Country</li><li>• Swimming Carnival</li><li>• Athletics Carnivals</li><li>• District/Regional/State Sporting representation</li><li>• School Excursions</li><li>• ICAS Tests</li><li>• BSHS Transition Programme</li><li>• Voices on the Coast</li><li>• Rock and Water</li><li>• Solid Pathways</li></ul> |
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### How Information and Communication Technologies are used to Assist Learning

In 2017 the ICT Strategic Team continued to review and implement plans based on continuing to improve access and use of communication technologies to assist in learning.

In 2017:

- Enrolment in Solid Pathways – online Learning Project for Indigenous Students
- Subscription to Mathletics and Reading Eggs to support literacy and numeracy



- Purchase of more ICT support devices including Ipads and Desktop computers
- Upgrade to new server
- Upgrade to network - internet speed
- Upgrade of wireless to cover all learning areas
- Purchasing of apps and licences to support learning – Scratch, Clicker, Minecraft
- Purchasing of robotic equipment to support learning - Spheros
- Employment of fulltime ICT teacher to support teachers and learners in Prep – Yr 4

## Social Climate

### Overview

Burnside State School has implemented many strategies to ensure that our school climate is one where the whole community feel safe, supported and valued. Our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support/Learning focuses on the Three Burnside principles of Safety, Learning and Respect. A weekly themed lesson is taught by classroom teachers during Yarning Circle on Friday afternoons to prepare the students for the following week. Our Yarning Circle is also an opportunity for teachers and students to voice their concerns or thank another member of their class for supporting them. The Burnside 5 is a program to support students to take a stand against Bullying. The 5 steps are explicitly taught to encourage students to Say No to Bullying at Burnside.

In 2017 Burnside State School also committed to White Ribbon and the 'Not Now: Not ever' campaigns to support those experiencing violence and to educate our students around their rights to feel safe and not accept any form of violence. The school has taken a very deliberate approach to reinforce our support of anti-violence and implements consistent consequences for any violence displayed within the school, including suspension. This is evidenced by our increased suspension rate.

Burnside is committed to learning and managing behaviour in a positive and proactive way. The **BLAST (Behaviour, Learning and Social Skills Training)** program is an explicit teaching model where students are engaged with specific Learning Support in a low ratio setting. Specially selected students work for block sessions in each day with a focus on Reading, Writing, Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling and Numeracy skills.

During the sessions students are given the opportunity to learn core skills that they may have missed and provided with practice for using strategies to solve problems and work through difficulties in learning in appropriate ways. They are provided with explicit modelling of learning strategies and then given the opportunity to apply this learning in a range of activities including games that require co-operation and turn taking.

Our Chaplain and Behaviour Support Team continues to work with the school community to implement programs that support the social and emotion growth of our students including: equine therapy, Girls Group, Ukulele Club, Unlimited for boys and the popular breakfast program on Fridays. Selected students participated in equine therapy programs.

Our Year 6 students develop a close relationship with Burnside State High School, visiting the school on a regular basis as part of our high school transition program. Students enjoy participating in weekly elective subjects, volleyball programs and access to science and computer labs.

## Parent, Student and Staff Satisfaction

### Parent opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree <sup>#</sup> that:	2015	2016	2017
their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	100%	83%	90%
this is a good school (S2035)	84%	84%	84%
their child likes being at this school* (S2001)	89%	86%	92%
their child feels safe at this school* (S2002)	84%	79%	92%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)	100%	84%	90%
their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004)	100%	84%	90%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005)	100%	91%	95%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006)	100%	77%	90%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007)	95%	81%	90%
teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008)	84%	76%	90%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns* (S2009)	100%	91%	97%
this school works with them to support their child's learning* (S2010)	100%	81%	90%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously* (S2011)	81%	73%	79%
student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)	58%	69%	77%
this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013)	94%	83%	82%
this school is well maintained* (S2014)	68%	74%	79%

### Student opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of students who agree <sup>#</sup> that:	2015	2016	2017
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	93%	90%	97%
they like being at their school* (S2036)	91%	87%	86%
they feel safe at their school* (S2037)	86%	85%	91%
their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038)	96%	93%	92%
their teachers expect them to do their best* (S2039)	99%	93%	99%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work* (S2040)	90%	84%	95%
teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041)	81%	71%	90%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042)	86%	70%	88%
their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043)	87%	77%	88%
student behaviour is well managed at their school* (S2044)	58%	62%	83%
their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045)	92%	92%	97%
their school is well maintained* (S2046)	83%	81%	94%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047)	86%	82%	96%

### Staff opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree <sup>#</sup> that:	2015	2016	2017
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	84%	88%	92%
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	77%	86%	92%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	67%	70%	80%
they feel confident embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the learning areas (S2114)	92%	90%	97%
students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	88%	95%	100%
students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	79%	79%	94%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	44%	49%	80%
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	51%	62%	88%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	61%	70%	87%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	84%	98%	96%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	79%	88%	86%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	73%	70%	88%

\* 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.

### Parent and community engagement

Community involvement is actively encouraged at our school. There is a very active P&C committee which welcomes new families. Parents and carers may choose to get involved in school life in the following ways:

- Additional help/support in classes for reading and literacy blocks
- Assisting teachers with changing reading books in the morning in classrooms
- Parents and Citizens' Association
- Volunteering in the tuckshop
- Volunteering before or during the school fair
- Participating in working bees
- School Discos

In 2017 we engaged closely with our Indigenous Elder and local families to bring our Yarning Circle back to life and to utilize technology to support our knowledge of bush tucker and the range of plants included in our garden area. Our Indigenous playgroup continues to support early learners in their readiness for schooling.

In 2017 we also reinvested our link with The Smith Family, an organisation that supports families through:

- Learning For Life scholarships
- S2S Reading program
- Learning Club – homework club one afternoon per week with volunteer tutors
- PASS program – supporting students with a transition program into high school

We initiated programs with the Salvation Army including:

- Red Shield Appeal
- Christmas Appeal
- Just Brass program – Yr 4/5 students have the opportunity to learn a brass instrument and play in the Salvation Band

Our other key stakeholder groups include:

- Sunny Kids

- Burnside State High School
- Nambour Christian College – community support services
- HOPE mentors

Students with diverse needs at our school are also catered for through our relationship with internal and external services. These services support the students and the family. These support services include:

- HOSES
- Student services team – Senior Guidance Officer, Guidance Officer, Speech Language Pathologist, Behaviour Support Teacher
- Chaplain
- Wellbeing Team
- Sunny Kids psychologist support
- Equine therapy

### Respectful relationships programs

The school has developed and implemented a program or programs that focus on appropriate, respectful and healthy relationships. In 2017 our school uses our Yarning Circle protocols to support student focus on respectful and positive relationships, where issues can be addressed and strategies shared in a safe environment. Students are shown and reflect on strategies to use in everyday life to deal with issues and enhance resilience. The Burnside 5 is used as a schoolwide program to support NO BULLYING and dealing with it. A series of weekly lessons have also been developed to promote positive wellbeing and offer students strategies to build positive self-esteem. This includes the use of positive stories and a collection of artefacts to support students.

### School Disciplinary Absences

The following table shows the count of incidents for students recommended for each type of school disciplinary absence reported at the school.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY ABSENCES			
Type	2015	2016	2017
Short Suspensions – 1 to 10 days	30	37	150
Long Suspensions – 11 to 20 days	0	0	0
Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

## Environmental Footprint

### Reducing the school's environmental footprint

Building on our success in 2014 and 2015, winning the Unity Water 'Back to Tap' competition, Burnside State School staff continue working closely with students to conserve water. Reusable drink bottles are used across the school and a chilled water filling station has been installed. Our students are involved in maintaining our Community Garden, which has been planted with local species that require minimal water. A waste education program encourages students to be respectful of the school grounds to avoid the packing finding its way into our drains and creek that flow through the school grounds. Only two teaching blocks are air conditioned; students monitor that temperatures are maintained at set levels. Classroom lighting is turned off when not required to reduce power consumption.

ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT INDICATORS		
Years	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2014-2015	152,408	
2015-2016	145,690	
2016-2017	144,559	3,445

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

## 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 at <http://www.myschool.edu.au>.

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# Our Staff Profile

## Workforce Composition

### Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2017 WORKFORCE COMPOSITION			
Description	Teaching Staff	Non-Teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	45	23	<5
Full-time Equivalent	38	15	<5

### Qualification of all teachers

TEACHER* QUALIFICATIONS	
Highest level of qualification	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Doctorate	0
Masters	7
Graduate Diploma etc.**	6
Bachelor degree	28
Diploma	4
Certificate	0

\*Teaching staff includes School Leaders

\*\*Graduate Diploma etc. includes Graduate Diploma, Bachelor Honours Degree, and Graduate Certificate.

## Professional Development

### Expenditure On and Teacher Participation in Professional Development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2017 was \$78 500

The major professional development initiatives were as follows:

Year level planning across all year levels - one day per term

Reading benchmarking- each class – half a day per term

Professional learning – Guided reading

Back 2 Front Maths

Fountas and Pinnell

Benchmarking training

Indigenous Perspectives

Data skill development

Differentiation

ICT development

Performance planning

Essential Skills for Classroom Management

One Note

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2017 was 100%

## Staff Attendance and Retention

### Staff attendance

AVERAGE STAFF ATTENDANCE (%)			
Description	2015	2016	2017
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	96%	95%	95%

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

From the end of the previous school year, 95% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2017.

## Performance of Our Students

### Key Student Outcomes

#### Student Attendance

##### Student attendance

The table below shows the attendance information for all students at this school:

STUDENT ATTENDANCE 2017			
Description	2015	2016	2017
The overall attendance rate* for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	91%	91%	91%
The attendance rate for Indigenous students at this school (shown as a percentage).	90%	89%	91%

\*The student attendance rate is generated by dividing the total of full-days and part-days that students attended, and comparing this to the total of all possible days for students to attend, expressed as a percentage.

The overall student attendance rate in 2017 for all Queensland Primary schools was 93%.

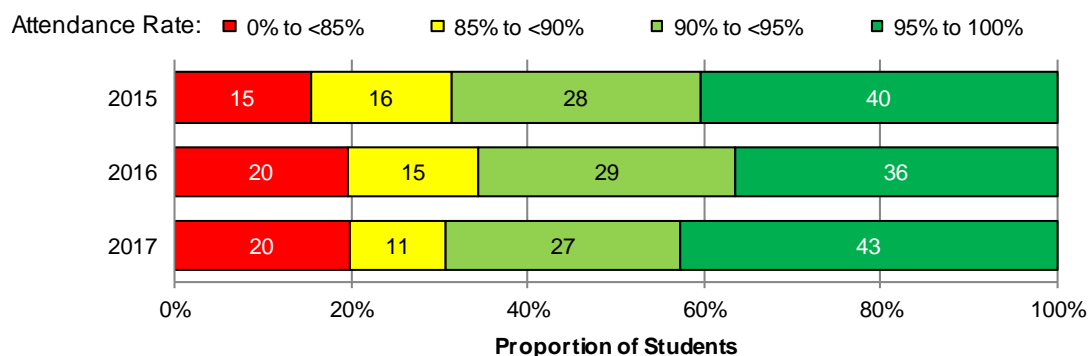
AVERAGE STUDENT ATTENDANCE RATE* (%) FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL													
Year Level	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2015	89%	93%	92%	93%	91%	91%	90%						
2016	89%	91%	91%	92%	93%	90%	89%						
2017	92%	90%	93%	91%	92%	92%	89%						

\*Attendance rates effectively count attendance for every student for every day of attendance in Semester 1. The student attendance rate is generated by dividing the total of full-days and part-days that students attended, and comparing this to the total of all possible days for students to attend, expressed as a percentage.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

## 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 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.

- Student absences are monitored on a daily basis.
- An SMS system has been installed to alert parents when their child is absent. When a student is absent for two consecutive days unexplained the class teacher may contact the family. If no explanation is provided by the third unexplained day Administration follow up.
- Any absences beyond three days are identified by the Classroom Teacher and referred to the Principal.
- The Principal monitors children with unexplained extended absences.
- Parent contact is initiated. Negotiations are entered into to ensure attendance.
- If this is unsuccessful, formal EQ policies are enacted that involve letters to parents notifying them of possible consequences of continued non-attendance. Further non-attendance will result in a formal notification through the Department of Child Safety and the Qld Police Service.
- Where students exceed 10 consecutive school days an exemption from compulsory schooling application must be completed and submitted for approval by the principal prior to the proposed exemption period.

□ As well as the reactive measures noted above the school operates a 'Certificate Program' that rewards high level attendance for individuals and class groups.

## NAPLAN

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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## Conclusion

Burnside State School continues to thrive as a modern and caring school that caters for a diverse group of students and families. Our results are reflective of the significant improvement agenda that has been undertaken by a dedicated group of staff, parents and students. We are very proud to be a key part of the Burnside community and look forward to the continued amazing adventures in learning that lie ahead.

