

Springsure State School

Queensland State School Reporting

2015 School Annual Report



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Principal's foreword

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to provide a clear snap shot of Springsure State School's performance in 2015. The following report identifies our highlights, key achievements and key student outcomes against state and national benchmarks. There is a great deal of school pride in Springsure State School and we have a long and distinguished history. We encourage all of our students to take pride not only in themselves, but also in their school. Springsure State School is a caring, supportive school, with high expectations in school performance, behaviour and dress. At Springsure State School we aim to foster a spirit of co-operation amongst all involved in the education process. We have the benefit of a wonderful P- 10 setting and are able to offer a continuous education path with a focus on Junior Secondary. Students from Primary and Secondary sectors work together to ensure quality educational outcomes for all students.

We are happy to present this report to you and encourage you to visit other areas of our website. If you would like a hard copy of this document please collect one from the school administration.

School progress towards its goals in 2015

AIP Priorities for 2015

Reading

- Target: NMS at 95% for Year 3 and 90% for Years 5, 7, 9, U2Bs at 45 % for Year 3, 35% for Year 5, 30% for Year 7 and 20% for Year 9.

Writing

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Numeracy

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Attainment

- >80% of students receive a C or greater in English, Maths and Science.

Results achieved in 2015:

- **Reading** – Years 3 & 7 met target for NMS, Year 5 achieved 87.5% in NMS and Year 9 achieved 84.6% in NMS, both very close to the target. 68.8% of Year 3s achieved U2B and 37.5% of Year 5 students achieved U2B. Year 9 students at 15.4% were close to achieving the U2B target. Year 7 did not meet the target.
- **Writing** – Years 3 & 5 met NMS target, Year 7 achieved 83.3% and Year 9 achieved 84.6% which were both very close to meeting the NMS target. 62.5% of Year 3 students achieved U2B. Years 5, 7 & 9 students did not meet the U2B target, although Year 9 was quite close at 15.4%.
- **Numeracy** – All Years 3, 5, 7 & 9 students met NMS. 38.5% of Year 9 students met the target for U2B, Years 3, 5 & 7 students did not meet the target. Year 3 was very close at 43.8% and Year 5 at 25%.
- **Attainment** – 85.3% of students achieved a ‘C’ or better in English, Maths and Science
- **Attendance** - 94.1% attendance for 2015

Other pertinent priorities: Continued focus on Explicit Instruction, Implement Junior Secondary Action Plan, and Implementation of Staff Induction processes to ensure consistency.

Future outlook

In order to successfully achieve school priorities and goals it is important to be succinct and ensure the school improvement agenda is explicit.

With this in mind the future priorities are:

- Explicit Instruction mastery
- Lifting the percentage of students in the Upper Two Bands
- Professional Support and Monitoring (Collegial Coaching, Profiling, Beginning Teacher Mentoring etc.) to ensure quality teaching and learning across teaching cohort.

Our school at a glance

School Profile

Coeducational or single sex: Coeducational

Independent Public School: No

Year levels offered in 2015: Prep Year - Year 10

Student enrolments for this school:

	Total	Girls	Boys	Indigenous	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2013	117	54	63	7	90%
2015	116	52	64	8	96%
2015	134	59	75	15	97%

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

*From 2015, data for all state high schools include Year 7 students. Prior to 2015, only state high schools offering Year 7 had these students included in their counts.

Characteristics of the student body:

Our student population is predominantly from farming and mining family backgrounds. With many mining communities transience can be an issue; however our student numbers have gradually increased in the past two years. Only a small percentage of our students come from families with a professional background. Springsure State School is strongly supported by the wider community and the school is seen as a focal place within the community.

Average class sizes

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2013	2015	2015
Prep – Year 3	11	10	16
Year 4 – Year 7 Primary	9	8	10
Year 7 Secondary – Year 10	9	10	11
Year 11 – Year 12			

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School Disciplinary Absences

Disciplinary Absences	Count of Incidents		
	2013	2015*	2015**
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	4	5	1
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	2	0	1

Exclusions	0	0	1
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

* Caution should be used when comparing post 2013 SDA data as amendments to EGPA disciplinary provisions and changes in methodology created time series breaks in 2015 and 2015.

**From 2015, Exclusion represents principal decisions to exclude rather than recommendations for exclusion. From 2015 where a principal decided not to exclude, a small number of recommendations for exclusions have been counted as a long suspension. Exclusions, Cancellations and Long & Charge Suspensions may be upheld or set aside through an appeals process.

Curriculum delivery

Our approach to curriculum delivery

At Springsure State School, we consider ourselves as a learning community. Our curriculum will encourage the development of lifelong learning through the development of thinking skills, problem solving skills, literacy and numeracy skills, technology, communication skills and the ability to work co-operatively in a variety of groups. We always aim to achieve quality educational outcomes for all students.

Snap shot:

1. The elective subjects in Years 7 – 10 included: Agricultural Science, The Arts (including Visual Arts, Media, Drama), Business Technology, Food Studies, Industrial Technology and Design.
2. The school offered Japanese as a LOTE (Language other than English) from Years Five to Eight.
3. A swimming program was conducted for all students at the local 25m pool.
4. Work Experience opportunities were provided for Year 9 and Year 10 students
5. Instrumental music program and school choir opportunities are available to all interested students.
6. A group of interested students participated as members of the Cattle Club at the five Central Highlands Shows.

Extra curricula activities

Springsure State School Extra curricula activities in 2015:

- Cluster days/activities in Arts, Science, Under 8s, and Astronomy night
- Learning Connections School program, based on sensory motor therapy, implemented across Prep-Year 3 classes daily.
- Instrumental Music program for students studying flute and saxophone, recorder, junior and senior choir and school band
- Regional Shield Rugby League
- Primary Development Cup- Rugby League
- Mayoral Luncheon (student leaders)
- Western 7's Rugby Union

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to improve learning

Computers and other electronic devices such as iPads are integrated into the school's curriculum from Prep-10. To facilitate the use of computers, there was a substantial investment in technology capability in 2015. Springsure State School has a renewal program to ensure the Information and Communication Technologies of the school are meeting the ongoing needs of students and teachers. As part of this renewal program all classroom computers are upgraded within a three year cycle. Appropriate ICT Skill development is matched to the complexity of tasks required at various levels so that students continue to grow their skills and meet the requirements of the other KLAs at the same time. Springsure State School students have used story board, movie maker, virtual classrooms, blogs, discussion boards, iPads and robotics as specialised ICT learning tools to enhance their engagement with classroom based activities. These specialised ICT tools have also been supported by the Office Suite of products that allows students to publish and present their work in different ways for different audiences. Students have also used web-based learning tools such as Spelling City, Rainforest Maths and Reading Eggs. The P&C has generously added to our ICT capability through the purchase of iPads which are used across classrooms for a variety of learning activities.

Social Climate

At Springsure State School we aim to achieve a positive school climate that is based on a simple mantra: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be a Learner. Springsure is a small rural community that actively supports the local school and fosters strong community relations. The school's *Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students* is based on the rights and responsibilities of all stakeholders. Attached to the plan is the school's Bullying Policy which clearly outlines the 'no tolerance' approach to bullying in the school. Parents, students and staff are aware of the philosophy and operating principles of the plan. Proactive and reactive strategies are implemented by staff and supported by the Principal and Guidance Officer. This plan was reviewed at the end of 2015 and endorsed by the Principal, President of the P&C and the ARD. Individual behaviour plans for identified students are implemented when required. These are developed collaboratively with the class teacher, Guidance Officer, parents and students.

Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school

School Opinion Survey data across all stakeholders (Parent, Student and Staff) improved in almost all areas in 2015, particularly student and parent satisfaction. This is very pleasing data for our school and it is gratifying to see 100% satisfaction to performance measures such as "this is a good school".

Performance measure	2013	2015	2015
Percentage of parent/caregivers who agree [#] that:			
their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	96%	100%	100%
this is a good school (S2035)	96%	96%	100%
their child likes being at this school (S2001)	96%	96%	94%
their child feels safe at this school (S2002)	96%	100%	100%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school (S2003)	93%	100%	92%
their child is making good progress at this school (S2004)	89%	100%	97%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best (S2005)	96%	100%	100%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work (S2006)	88%	96%	97%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn (S2007)	93%	96%	94%
teachers at this school treat students fairly (S2008)	89%	92%	94%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns (S2009)	96%	96%	100%
this school works with them to support their child's learning (S2010)	93%	92%	97%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously (S2011)	85%	92%	91%
student behaviour is well managed at this school (S2012)	89%	96%	94%
this school looks for ways to improve (S2013)	96%	96%	100%
this school is well maintained (S2015)	96%	96%	100%

Performance measure			
Percentage of students who agree [#] that:	2013	2015	2015
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	91%	96%	98%
they like being at their school (S2036)	91%	95%	87%
they feel safe at their school (S2037)	91%	93%	100%
their teachers motivate them to learn (S2038)	98%	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)	98%	96%	98%
teachers treat students fairly at their school (S2041)	78%	88%	92%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns (S2042)	87%	86%	90%
their school takes students' opinions seriously (S2043)	89%	89%	90%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2044)	78%	91%	94%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2045)	96%	98%	95%
their school is well maintained (S2046)	96%	98%	100%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2047)	85%	96%	94%

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree [#] that:	2013	2015	2015
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	100%	96%	96%
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)	87%	92%	93%
they feel confident embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the learning areas (S2114)	93%	64%	94%
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)	91%	96%	93%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	91%	92%	86%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	100%	100%	93%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	96%	100%	96%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	100%	88%	89%

'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

Strong home - school community links are maintained to assist in student learning and the early management of issues. By striving to achieve a co-operative approach to learning we all do our utmost to support each other in providing a quality education for the most important people in our school - the students. At Springsure State School, parents are invited to parent-teacher meetings early in the school year. These sessions are generally well attended. Various other formats are used to involve parents in their child's education including invitations to class culminating activities, Showcase evenings and Literacy information sessions. The school community is kept informed of school happenings via a fortnightly newsletter, including articles in the local community newsletter 'Bauhinia Bulletin' and the regularly updated school website. Each of the primary classes also distributes a term newsletter to

inform parents of class activities. Weekly review sheets are also forwarded home to parents for each student in the primary classes. Letters of Commendation are forwarded home throughout the term to parents of secondary students. The Springsure State School parents are actively involved in assisting in class, with sporting teams and fundraising activities. Parents contribute to the school's direction via opinion surveys and representation on the Parents and Citizens Association. Parents have contributed to the school facilities through the raising of funds to purchase a variety of items to improve our school.

Reducing the school's environmental footprint

Data is sourced from the school's annual utilities return and is reliant on the accuracy of these returns. Spasmodic attempts have been made with composting, worm farms and raising poultry. Students collected food scraps for these endeavours. Some of the school's toilets have been fitted with dual flush. Rain water tanks have been installed and are used for some drinking purposes and for the operation to the school's War Memorial Fountain. The recent installation of an underground sprinkler system on the school oval should assist with reduced water usage. Plans are currently underway to install a bore on the school grounds to further assist with this endeavour.

Years	Environmental footprint indicators	
	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2012-2013	96,989	6,200
2013-2015	87,030	3,315
2015-2015	93,804	2,121

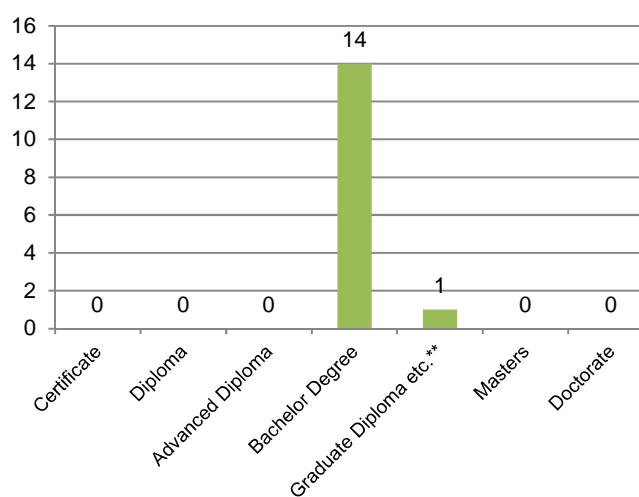
*The consumption data is compiled from sources including ERM, Ergon reports and utilities data entered into OneSchool by each school. The data provides an indication of the consumption trend in each of the utility categories which impact on the school's environmental footprint.

Our staff profile

Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2015 Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff*	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	17	13	0
Full-time equivalents	17	7	0

Highest level of attainment	Number of Teaching Staff *
Certificate	0
Diploma	0
Advanced Diploma	0
Bachelor Degree	14
Graduate Diploma etc.**	1
Masters	0
Doctorate	0
Total	15



*Teaching staff includes School Leaders

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

Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2015 were \$28000.00.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

Explicit Instruction with Yvana Jones and other P-10 schools

- Various Literacy initiatives particularly in reading, spelling and early phase development
- National Curriculum implementation professional development through QSA and ACARA staff

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2015 was 100%.

Average staff attendance	2013	2015	2015
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	98%	97%	97%

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 2015 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 profile webpage. 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	2013	2015	2015
The overall attendance rate for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	90%	94%	94%
The attendance rate for Indigenous students at this school (shown as a percentage).	88%	97%	95%

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 attendance rate in 2015 for all Queensland P-10/P-12 schools was 90%.

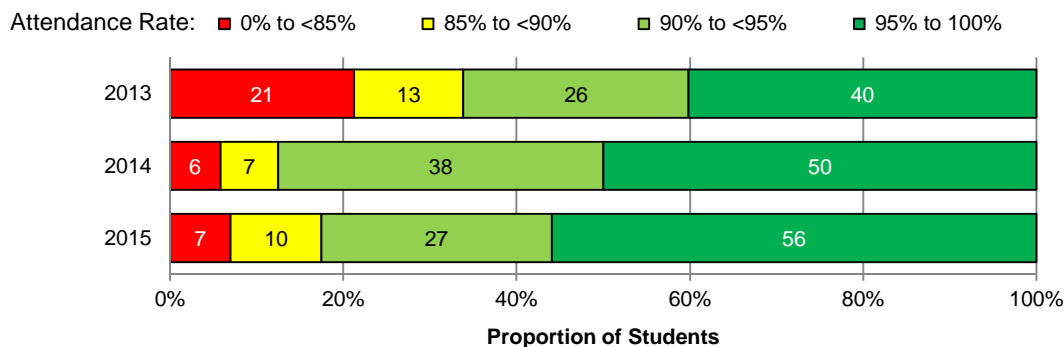
Student attendance rate for each year level (shown as a percentage)													
	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2013	88%	90%	90%	89%	93%	90%	92%	89%	96%	91%	86%		
2015	94%	92%	94%	95%	93%	95%	94%	98%	94%	97%	96%		
2015	93%	93%	92%	95%	95%	92%	94%	99%	100%	96%	96%		

*From 2013, the methodology used for calculating attendance rates effectively counts 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 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.

The roll is marked twice daily and entered into OneSchool at the end of each week. Rolls are marked at 9am and again at 1.50pm. Secondary Teachers mark a roll each lesson. Students who are absent on a regular basis without notice are phoned. Where absences are unexplained and cannot be justified by parents the Managing Student Absences Policy is used and a series of letters is posted to the home and follow up by the Police or DOCS is used where indicated. Classes with the highest attendance are rewarded weekly on parade. At the end of each term the class with the highest attendance rate celebrates with an end-of-term lunch. Regular newsletter articles regarding the importance of 'everyday counts' is circulated. To ensure Year 9 students attend school right up until the last day of the year, Work Experience is organised for them for the last four days of the school term.

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

The 'Closing the Gap Education Strategy' is the department's overarching strategy for the education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in state schools. The strategy sets three state-wide targets for Queensland state schools – halve the gap in Year 3 reading, writing and numeracy by 2015; close the gap in student attendance by 2015; and close the gap in Year 12 retention by 2015.

In 2015, Springsure State School has had one Indigenous student in Year 3 and one in Year 9.

Therefore, comments cannot be made on NAPLAN performance.

In regards to attendance, in 2015 the gap has widened between the attendance of our Indigenous and Non-Indigenous students.