

## SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT 2016

School number: 0943

School name: Elizabeth East Primary School

### 1. General information

#### Part A

School Name: ELIZABETH EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL

School No.: 0943

Courier: Elizabeth East PS

Principal: Ms Lillian Murphy (Acting 2016)

Partnership: Elizabeth

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CPC attached: NO

Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service: Camp Australia

February FTE Enrolment

	2013	2014	2015	2016
<b>Reception</b>	42	35	33	27
<b>Year 1</b>	32	26	37	28
<b>Year 2</b>	28	28	27	42
<b>Year 3</b>	24	31	28	22
<b>Year 4</b>	34	20	29	33
<b>Year 5</b>	25	31	21	34
<b>Year 6</b>	27	18	26	23
<b>Year 7</b>	29	25	17	30
<b>Primary Special Class</b>	12	12	12	12
<b>Junior Primary Special Class</b>			5	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	253	226	230	259
<b>School Card Approvals</b>	146	133	136	167
<b>EALD</b>	24	32	36	49
<b>Indigenous</b>	19	16	24	28

## **Part B**

Deputy Principal  
Allison Whaley (Acting 2016)

· Staffing numbers  
Total 3 male and 19 female

Principal 1.0  
Deputy Principal 1.0  
Co-ordinators 0.4  
Counsellor 1.0  
Teacher Librarian 0.2  
EALD: 0.4

SSOs  
Total 3 male and 15 female (some part time)  
ACEO 1 (male)

The school currently employs both permanent and temporary SSOs. These include: a Finance/Admin/EDSAS SSO, a Front Office SSO, an ICT support person and a grounds person. Others are employed as SSOs to provide classroom support, library support, special education and speech pathology support and also special class and Better Behaviour Centre support. SSOs provide individual behaviour support as well as student health care support as required.

The school also is resourced with an Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO) and sources the services of bilingual school service officers as required.

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Enrolment trends  
Relatively stable, with increases since 2012. 2016 has had a marked increase with 268 enrolled in August 2016. There has been no housing renewal in this area of Elizabeth.

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Year of opening  
The School first opened in 1960 as two schools. The Junior Primary School was Dis-established in 1973, making the campus an R-7 school, only to have the Junior Primary School re-established in 1986 and dis-established again at the end of 2000.

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Public transport access  
See Torrens Transit for bus timetables. There is a bus route close to school.

## 2. Students (and their welfare)

· General characteristics  
Of the student population:

Around 62% are School Card recipients

Around 18% are of non-English speaking backgrounds

Around 10% identify as Aboriginal.

Approximately 33% of our students have a Negotiated Education Plan (identified under the DECD *Students with Disabilities* policy). This includes 12 students in the Yr 3-7 Special Class, and 8 in a Junior Primary Special Class. The Junior Primary Special Class began in 2015.

The enrolment of students exiting the Intensive English Language Centres is increasing as we enrol more students from culturally diverse backgrounds.

· (Pastoral) Care Programs

The School liaises with non-government organisations such as *Anglicare* and *The Smith Family* to provide social skills programs to cohorts and groups of students. The Playford City Council works in the School to improve the physical health and wellbeing of students through its *OPAL* program

· Support offered

A School Counsellor works R -7 helping oversee student wellbeing including behaviour, attendance and some social curriculum support. Students at risk are identified and supported appropriately through teacher referral and consideration at regular Pre-STAR (students at risk) and STAR meetings

A 3 year-cycle wellbeing curriculum scope and sequence ensures that students are consistently and pro-actively supported to develop knowledge and skills to counter bullying and harassment, to resolve conflicts safely, and to develop social and emotional intelligence

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Student management

We have a whole school approach to the management of student behaviours in class and yard.

Positive behaviour is valued, celebrated and rewarded.

Negative behaviours are responded to with logical consequences.

Families, students and staff are actively involved in behaviour management reviews.

A clearly articulated *Complaints Policy* underpins our *Behaviour Management Procedures*.

A step system is used in class time to settle students and keep the focus of the classroom on learning and teaching

A yard card system is used to withdraw students from the yard who behave in unsafe ways

Inside play activities are provided each play period as an option to yard play

SSO support is deployed to increase yard supervision for students with high behaviour needs

Students who display continuous and high levels of disruptive/aggressive behaviour are individually case-managed to both ensure they make good educational progress as well as to minimise their interference with the education wellbeing of their peers. Where appropriate, the School liaises with outside support agencies in support of these case-managed students.

Community service is given to students who offend the learning community with inappropriate language or offensive language towards other people.

· Student government

The Student Representative Council operates R-7. Agendas are student driven and supported by fortnightly class meetings.

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Special programmes

- Daily Fitness
- Various Social Learning programs
- Kitchen Garden teaching program
- Primary Schools Music Festival (school choir)
- Premier's Reading Challenge
- Book Cup (a local reading competition between several local schools)
- Various sports coaching clinics
- Life Education Van (bi-annually)
- Way to Go Bike Education
- Teaching of Chinese to all classes through Open Access College. The school won a Specialist Language Grant in 2016 to assist this program and connect with the Chinese community in Adelaide and in China
- Breakfast program provided through Kickstart for kids
- Nature Play area created in 2015 which has movable parts, sand and water play
- Science, Health and Physical Education, Music and Kitchen garden are provided through specialist teachers

The school hosts a Better Behaviour Centre (BBC) which is accessed by local schools through the BBC model.

The school includes a Junior Primary Special Education Class (R-2) and a Primary Special Education Class (3-7).

### **3. Vision, Values and Planning**

Our Vision:

At Elizabeth East Primary School, every student will be propelled into authentic achievement at school and beyond through their attainment of high personal literacy and numeracy levels. We provide a safe, positive, caring and supportive environment that gives every learner success, achievement of their personal best and to be able to contribute positively to the community, now and in their future.

***Our school values are: Respect; Responsibility; Excellence.***

We provide our students with a balanced, relevant and well resourced curriculum that they are involved in the negotiation of and where their learning and the learning of others is valued. We strongly encourage our students to assume responsibility for both their learning and their behaviour and at all times to strive for excellence. We have high expectations of our students and are supporting them to continuously improve.

Our Plan: We have a Site Learning Plan which includes three priority areas for improvement. These are:

1. Improved writing skills and their application
2. Improved number skills and their application

#### *Key Features*

Upgraded Information Technology (IT) facilities have seen improvement in the use of IT by students and the integration of IT across the curriculum. This improvement includes the installation and increased effective use of interactive whiteboards. Building Education Revolution funding in 2010 increased the number of boards across the School. Every teaching space now has an IWB

The School has a range of recently updated facilities that are well-suited to the needs of teams of staff and students.

These include: Learning Centre (library), Counsellor's rooms, Aboriginal/ESL room, Hall, oral language room, drama space, and visual arts room.

Recent improvement in outdoor facilities and security include a fence around the School, improved garden beds, a re-developed produce garden, a court area for JP students and new paving and seating areas.

#### 4. Curriculum

- Subject offerings

Since 2011 we have been transitioning from the *South Australian Curriculum Standards and Accountability Framework (SACSAF)* to the national *Australian Curriculum*.

The Australian Curriculum is implemented in the school, with assessing and reporting occurring each term.

We teach literacy and numeracy in an identified daily block of 100 mins of uninterrupted teaching time for each.

We ensure students access 90-120 minutes of science and 600 minutes of maths instruction each week.

Regular incursions and excursions are heavily subsidised to enrich our curriculum, to broaden students life experiences and language development, and to link learning to real life.

- Special needs

To support students in the mainstream with disabilities and learning needs we provide extensive individualised and group support. This work is managed by teachers and the Principal and is delivered by trained School Services Officers.

Students who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander (ATSI) are supported by an Aboriginal Education Teacher (AET) and an Aboriginal Community Education Officer (ACEO).

Students for whom English is an additional dialect (EALD) are supported by an EALD teacher. The services of a bilingual student support officer (BSSO) are accessed for individual students and families with high level language barriers.

Two Regional Primary Special Education classes are located at EEPS. They are each staffed by a full-time teacher and School Services Officer and service students from the Region who have significant intellectual disability.

In term 3 2012 a Better Behaviour Centre (BBC) began on the EEPS site. This is a DECD initiative to provide another level of resourcing for students with challenging behaviours. Students are referred to the BBC through Regional Behaviour Support Service. The BBC is staffed by a teacher/coordinator, family support worker and school service officer. Each of these staff members works full time. Students enrolled in the BBC spend 2 days per week at EEPS and the other 3 in their home school.

· Special curriculum features

We are an accredited "Sun Safe" School. We are part of the *Way to Go* road safety initiative. We supplement our health education program with *Life Education* (drug education), and bike education.

We are a *Way2Go* school and as part of our commitment to this Road safety programme, every two years students in year 4-6 undertake six weeks of bike education. Accredited instructors teach bicycle handling skills, road rules and traffic skills. Classroom teachers are provided with a teaching resource kit. Bike Ed provides 15 bikes alongside those students bring from home and the ones the school has purchased. This ensures that all students have a road worthy bike to use.

· Teaching methodology

Our teaching programs are student centred, differentiated and focussed on developing independent learning skills. Programs for students with the full range of special needs are managed by the classroom teacher to ensure they are consistent with the mainstream class program.

Teachers work in teams to plan and deliver the curriculum. They work closely in teams of Early Years, Middle Primary Years and Upper Primary Years to sequence and coordinate curriculum and programs appropriate for each band level.

Teachers use progress benchmarks and the regular collection and analysis of data to ensure that students are making progress in literacy and numeracy. They moderate work samples to ensure consistency of standards and expectation. When lack of progress is identified students are referred for support through the STAR (Students at

Risk) Committee. This group collectively looks at each student on an individual basis and makes recommendations for action and support within available resources.

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Assessment procedures and reporting

- Family 'meet the teacher' sessions are held at the commencement of the school year.
- Teachers send home an outline of their curriculum program at the start of each term so that families know are students are expected to learn
- Family/Teacher interviews are offered twice a year in terms 1 and 3. Teachers collect a range of assessment data throughout the year. Each student has an assessment folder and teachers are able to show families this data and discuss at the family-teacher interview
- Written reports to parents are provided twice yearly, at the end of terms 2 and 4.
- Reading progress is tested twice each term and reported to families.
- Students in years 3, 5 and 7 sit the NAPLaN tests annually. Reports are provided to families with the option of an extra interview to discuss the NAPLaN results with the class teacher.

• Joint programmes

EEPS partners with other schools and service providers in the community for a range of reasons. These include:

- Elizabeth East Pre-School to Reception class transition.
- Year 7-8 transition programs with Fremont/Elizabeth and Craigmore High.
- Cross Age tutoring/whole class activities.
- University of SA supporting pre-service teacher placements

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Sporting Activities

- SAPSASA carnivals in a range of sports
- Annual Sports Day
- Swimming lessons
- Daily fitness
- 100 minutes of PE specialist instruction per week.

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Other Co-Curricular Activities

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We have a partnership with the University of South Australia and have pre service teachers from all levels. We also run a program for 1st year middle years pre-service teachers.

Central Districts Football Club (SANFL) run a series of clinics for students in years 4-7.

Staff (and their welfare)

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### Staff profile

We have a 20-30% turnover in recent years. Staffing has stabilized with the changes to DECD staffing policy. We have a mix of young staff and older staff and all are very experienced

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### Leadership structure

Principal

Deputy Principal

School Counsellor

Co-ordinator

Student Services Manager (SSO 3)

These staff members work as the Leadership Team.

4 teachers are Step 9 teachers.

### Curriculum Leadership

Principal

Deputy Principal

Coordinator

School Counsellor

These staff members work together to lead learning and teaching across to School

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### Staff support systems

Staff is grouped in band level teams and meets regularly as part of staff meetings and at other times.

Teacher buddies from within the teams support each other with induction as well as performance and development.

Teams manage significant resources and are able to organize school structures.

The WH&S Committee works with all staff to ensure they are inducted and their psychological health is protected and developed.

The Pre-STAR Committee meet regularly to support teachers / students and their requests for extra support with individual students. This committee also prioritizes the referral of students for Regional Support Services through the STAR Committee

The Leadership and Curriculum Leadership teams meet to plan ongoing professional learning for staff at staff meetings, on pupil-free days, external conferences and workshops, and school-based workshops.

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### Performance and Development

Performance and development is used to support staff to both meet their minimum professional standards as well as to foster professional growth and career development. Professional discussions (1:1 between the staff member and their line manager) are conducted once per term. Through these conversations general feedback that recognises good practice is given. As well areas for development and improvement are discussed. Performance and Development also includes informal staff discussions, programme reviews, lesson observation, informal classroom visits and mentoring amongst staff.

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## Staff Utilisation Policies

The deployment of staff to optimise skills use occurs whenever possible. Staff are asked to “act up” when possible.

### · Access to Specialist Staff

Regional Support Services Staff include:

- Guidance Officer (psychologist) who visits school frequently
- Speech Therapist who visits school frequently
- Special Educator who works closely with the Principal and staff and visits the School regularly.
- Hearing and vision-impaired support staff are consulted as needed
- Behaviour Support Coach and social worker work closely with the Principal and counsellor and staff.
- The Principal meets fortnightly with the Regional Attendance Support officer
- There is a high level of work with Regional Aboriginal Education support staff.

School-allocated Regional support team members (referred to above) meet twice per term with Leadership staff for student review meetings. These meetings are called STAR meetings (students at risk). At the meetings school staff updates Regional support staff about the monitoring of students at risk as well as discuss those who may need referral for service.

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### Incentives, Support and Award Conditions for Staff

EEPS is classified as Category 2 in the index of disadvantage (1-7). New positions at the school are advertised in the open section. As a category 2 school we receive a loading in our funding per student to ensure that class sizes are kept smaller, especially R-3.

### 9. School Facilities

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#### Buildings and grounds

- Elizabeth East Primary has two-storey buildings, an excellent playground, sun shelter and oval area.
- A School Hall was completed in May 1997.
- A new school Learning Centre (library) was completed at the end of 2004.
- Very good technology facilities including a computer room are available, with space for additional computer /multi media facilities.
- Teachers have access to laptops and ipads
- All classrooms have banks of ipads (R-3) and laptops (3-7)
- School buildings are fenced. There are very few incidents of vandalism or graffiti (1 or 2 per year)
- All classrooms were upgraded to a high standard (including the installation of an IWB) in 2010 through the BER project.
- Our Front Office was upgraded in 2012 through the BBC project

- Cooling

The school is fully air-conditioned, upgraded as part of the BER project in 2010.

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#### Specialist facilities

We have:

- very good sport and physical education equipment plus a school hall/gym.
- Learning Centre ( library), completed in 2004,
- technology and science equipment and storage areas,
- Special Education/intervention support room,
- ATSI/EALD support room
- dedicated science classroom, drama space, visual arts room and oral language room

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#### Student facilities

- Canteen. (Mon-Fri)
- Access to Dental Clinic at Elizabeth Vale Primary School.
- Access to OSHC facilities

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#### Staff facilities

- Staffroom.
- Staff access to fax, phone, iPADS, and on-line computer ( wireless laptops)
- Access for students and staff with disabilities.
- There are ramps to access schools buildings.
- There is lift access to the second floor

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#### Access to bus transport

Bus on Midway Road, 100 metres from the school.

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#### School Operations

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#### Decision making / Information Sharing structures

Teaching staff meetings, SSO meetings, PAC, WH&S Committee, and Year level teaching teams, AEU Sub-Branch.

Governing Council, Finance Committee, Canteen Committee

Leadership Team, Curriculum Leaders Team, Pre-STAR Committee, STAR Committee,

ICT Committee, Produce Garden Committee, Literacy Committee, Maths Committee, Student Engagement and Wellbeing Committee, Social Committee

SRC, Class meetings, School House Teams, sports teams

- Regular publications
  - School website
  - Newsletter fortnightly
  - Parent Information pamphlets for enrolling students
  - Regular class newsletters
  - Class program information
  - Community Newsletters throughout a year.
  - Weekly electronic staff bulletin
  - Staff notices daily (electronic/hard copy)

· Other communication  
 School intranet for staff,  
 Diaries, Telephone, Student Progress Reports,  
 Face-to-face interviews.

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 School Financial Position  
 Funds are managed R -7 on pre-determined general priorities. Staff manage significant areas of funding while overall control of budget spending is exercised by the Principal and Finance Officer and in consultation with Governing Council and the Finance and Canteen Committees.

The School is financially sound and operating within its Resource Entitlement.

The School's finances are audited annually

The Canteen has been operating at a small profit in recent times, a turn-around from the past few years.

· Special funding  
 Category 2 Disadvantaged School.  
 Various grants

## 11. Local Community

· General characteristics

There is an increasing percentage of children of non-English speaking background arriving from local New Arrivals Program unit.

There are significant levels of 2nd and 3rd generation unemployed and many single parent families. It is not uncommon for children to be in the care of family other than their parents. Families are frequently impacted by domestic violence, substance abuse, disability, mental health problems, transience.

Despite the hardships of their life circumstances, families are passionate about their children's educational progress, always willing to help out in many ways in the School, and attend in high numbers School events that involve their children.

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 Parent and community involvement

There is a very committed group of parents make up Governing Council. There is a great level of parent involvement in classrooms, on excursions, with electives, in the Canteen, in the library etc. There are active fundraising and uniform committees.

Other local care and educational facilities include the Elizabeth East Pre-School that is approximately 70 metres from the school and Playford International College that is the local district secondary school. EEPS uses many strategies to connect with these local sites in the interests of transition and educational achievement in the area.

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Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities

The Elizabeth East Shopping Centre is situated across the road from the School.

- Other local facilities include the Elizabeth City Centre which is within walking distance of the School.

Elizabeth City Library and Shedley theatre is situated at the Elizabeth City Centre.

Fremont Park is within walking distance of the school.

Elizabeth Aquadome is located near Elizabeth City Centre

There are many sporting clubs in nearby vicinity.

The Lyell McEwen Hospital is nearby and there is easy access to GPs, specialist, allied health professionals and the full range of government and non-government social service providers.

- Local Government body  
City of Playford.