

# East Ayr State School

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## School Overview

East Ayr State School has been serving the educational needs of Prep and Primary students in the Burdekin since 1952. We are dedicated to delivering first class achievement and wellbeing results through engagement in the Australian Curriculum. East Ayr State School students are involved in a wide range of opportunities in order to shape decisions for the future and to inspire life long learning. These opportunities include the ANZAC Day March/Ceremony, Junior Eisteddfod, the local Water Festival, various school-based competitions, school musicals, and a wide variety of Interschool Sports. Our school students participate in the annual National Literacy and Numeracy Tests. Our performance in these tests is available on the school website. Students can be involved in the school's Instrumental Music or Enviro Club as part of the school's extracurricular activities. East Ayr has a School Chaplain who works as part of our Supportive School Environment Team. Students are involved in the 'Sensible Choices' and 'Rock and Water' programs as part of the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan. We also have the services of a Guidance Officer, Support Teacher, Special Education Program Teachers, Literacy Coach and a Behaviour Management Support Teacher.

## Principal's Foreword

### Introduction

In 2017 East Ayr State School has continued to achieve great results for its community. A student centred learning environment has continued to create learners that can clearly articulate the thinking required by the curriculum and communicate it in a way that meets the assessment demand. Systematic Curriculum Delivery is still privileged as the driving domain of the School Improvement Tool at East Ayr State School. It is the foundation of our professional learning agenda and facilitates meaningful collaboration at our school. This report details the work that has occurred to strengthen our pedagogical practice and differentiated teaching and learning strategies for our students.

### School Progress towards its goals in 2017

Area	Key Actions	Progress
Maximising Achievement in the Curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Curriculum Clarity</li> <li>- Assessment</li> <li>- Teaching with a Literacy Focus</li> <li>- Monitoring Learning</li> </ul>	All Yr. Level Professional Learning Communities (PLC's) participate in Unit Analysis activities.  Curriculum Data Wall constructed to outline Yr. Level SMART goal for each unit of work.  Significant professional learning delivered to build staff understanding of Teaching with a Literacy Focus initiative.  Student learning monitored weekly to ensure successful attainment of intended learning.  District moderation sessions hosted and conducted to ensure consistency of teacher judgements and student achievement.	Achieved and ongoing  Achieved and ongoing  Ongoing  Embedded practice  Ongoing
Early Years Levelled Reading <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prep &gt;8</li> <li>- Yr.1 &gt;16</li> <li>- Yr.2 &gt;20</li> </ul>	Professional learning delivered to teaching and support staff to enhance professional knowledge and implementation of reading approach.  Delivery of 4 x 30 minute lessons each week of the school term for Prep to Yr.3  Regular assessment data collected and used to evaluate effectiveness of practice.  Instructional Coaching applied initiative to strengthen professional practice.	Achieved  Achieved  Ongoing  Ongoing

## Future Outlook

East Ayr State School is committed to delivering quality education outcomes to students in the Burdekin District. We are committed to the Department of Education's strategic direction and work hard to ensure every student is succeeding. Through achievement, we work hard to promote student wellbeing and value the contribution of our families and wider community. Our improvement agenda for 2018 is as follows:

### Maximise Achievement in the Curriculum

- Curriculum Clarity
- Evidence Driven Instruction
- Teaching with a Literacy Focus
- Monitor Learning

### Early Years Levelled Reading- Achieve Regional PM Indicators

- Prep > level 8
- Yr.1 > level 16
- Yr.2 > level 20

### Develop and Enhance Personal and Social Capability

- Positive Behaviour for Learning
- Parent and Community Engagement

The specific Actions, Timelines and Areas of Responsibility can be found in our Annual Implementation Plan that is located on the front page of our school website.

# 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>	Prep Year - Year 6

### Student enrolments for this school:

	Total	Girls	Boys	Indigenous	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
<b>2015</b>	565	293	272	66	93%
<b>2016</b>	541	278	263	72	97%
<b>2017</b>	557	294	263	77	95%

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

East Ayr State School's population proudly reflects the community of the Burdekin District. Our school uses diversity and promotes inclusion in order to build resilient, understanding and respectful citizens. The students of East Ayr State School represent a range of socio-economic situations, cultural backgrounds, indigenous and non-indigenous families and some classifications of disability. Our enrolment trends indicate that more families in our district are choosing East Ayr State School as their preferred education option in the Burdekin.

### 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	24	23	23
Year 4 – Year 6	26	25	26
Year 7 – Year 10			
Year 11 – Year 12			

## Curriculum Delivery

### Our Approach to Curriculum Delivery

East Ayr State School privileges the role of systematic curriculum delivery. We know and understand that school improvement can only occur in the classroom. We have a cohesive and structured curriculum delivery plan that ensures consistent teaching and learning expectations. The salient features of our approach are:

- We teach, assess and report on the Australian Curriculum from Prep to Yr.6 in all subjects/ learning areas.
- We utilise an evidence based pedagogical framework to build staff capacity and ensure strong professional practice.

- We use a whole school approach to support student learning that includes differentiation, focused teaching and intensive teaching for students that require it.
- We use the Instructional Coaching Cycle as a means to build staff capacity.

### Co-curricular Activities

A range of extra curricula activities are provided across Prep-Year 6 at East Ayr State School. These include:

- Prep-2 – Excursions directly related to learning (Billabong Sanctuary, Library Visits, Reef HQ), Junior Sports Carnival, Burdekin Festival of Arts, Easter activities days, Family Dance Night, School Disco's, Show Work Displays
- Year 3-6 – Excursions directly related to learning (Jezzine Barracks, Museum, Mungalli Falls Camp, Magnetic Island Camp), Instrumental Music Program, School Musical, Interschool Sport and Carnival Days, Intra-school Sport, iPad Club, Burdekin Festival of Arts, Show Work Displays.

### How Information and Communication Technologies are used to Assist Learning

East Ayr State School is committed to enhancing the ICT capabilities of all its learners. At our school, technology is used to improve our ways of working and to make complex tasks easier to complete. We have significantly improved student access to technology. With the help of our Parent and Citizen's committee, we have added an additional computer lab to the school and have purchased another class set of iPads. Students use this technology to help demonstrate their learning and enhance their access to class tasks and the required thinking of the curriculum. We have also purchased iPads for all of our teaching staff and enhanced their ability to project learning in their classrooms. This helps our team to provide timely feedback on student achievement and progress.

## Social Climate

### Overview

East Ayr State School adopts a Positive Behaviour approach to Learning (PBL). Behavioural expectations are explicitly taught to the whole school community. Our focus rules are defined for all areas of our school under the broad headings of Respect, Responsibility, Safety and the value of being a Learner. Each fortnight we preview our focus rules on assembly with the students and the teaching staff reinforce this information in their classroom. Focus rules are selected in a manner that is both proactive and responsive to our school community needs. This targeted approach yields an outstanding attendance rate of approximately 96% and very little Student Disciplinary Absences. Students are rewarded for following our school rules and contributing to our community in positive ways. We track staff and student progress within this initiative through a variety of Data Walls and graphic representations.

### Parent, Student and Staff Satisfaction

#### Parent opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree# that:	2015	2016	2017
their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	97%	100%	95%
this is a good school (S2035)	100%	100%	95%
their child likes being at this school* (S2001)	100%	100%	95%
their child feels safe at this school* (S2002)	100%	100%	93%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)	90%	96%	93%
their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004)	90%	98%	93%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005)	97%	100%	95%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006)	89%	98%	93%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007)	97%	100%	93%
teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008)	93%	98%	90%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns* (S2009)	89%	98%	90%
this school works with them to support their child's learning* (S2010)	93%	94%	90%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously* (S2011)	84%	93%	85%
student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)	90%	96%	90%

Performance measure			
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree# that:	2015	2016	2017
this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013)	100%	98%	95%
this school is well maintained* (S2014)	100%	100%	95%

### Student opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of students who agree# that:	2015	2016	2017
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	98%	98%	98%
they like being at their school* (S2036)	97%	98%	97%
they feel safe at their school* (S2037)	96%	99%	96%
their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038)	100%	99%	99%
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%	98%	98%
teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041)	94%	96%	89%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042)	93%	94%	98%
their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043)	94%	99%	96%
student behaviour is well managed at their school* (S2044)	92%	97%	98%
their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045)	99%	98%	98%
their school is well maintained* (S2046)	97%	96%	98%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047)	98%	100%	99%

### Staff opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree# that:	2015	2016	2017
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	96%	98%	100%
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	98%	100%	98%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	92%	95%	98%
they feel confident embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the learning areas (S2114)	100%	83%	97%
students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	100%	100%	100%
students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	100%	98%	100%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	98%	100%	100%
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	80%	93%	98%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	80%	92%	95%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	98%	100%	100%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	88%	100%	100%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	90%	93%	98%

\* 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

Parent and community engagement is an important consideration of each and every day at East Ayr State School. The school vision of 'loving our school' and being a strong, proud community is at the heart of both formal and informal interactions that we have with our community. We use a variety of reach in and out reach strategies in order to create and maintain an accountable outward facing organisation. The school administration works in partnership with the Parents and Citizen's Association to enhance the tone and aesthetics of the school. We offer opportunities for parents and families to meet with classroom teachers to discuss student learning and foreground curriculum intent. We use social media to connect our community to the classroom. We have over 930 people who follow our Facebook page, this includes other schools and school leaders. We liaise with families of diverse learners in order to support their learning and wellbeing- this includes the consideration of student's curriculum provision.

## Respectful relationships programs

East Ayr State School works extremely hard to create and promote a safe and supportive learning environment. The wellbeing of each and every student starts with an understanding of personal safety and awareness. We use the Curriculum into the Classroom (C2C) resource for Health and Physical education to ensure that we are both meeting the requirements of the Australian Curriculum and imparting essential information about healthy and respectful relationships. The C2C resources were developed in consultation and other departmental organisations to ensure a strong response to personal and community safety issues.

The school has developed and implemented other programs that also focus on appropriate, respectful, equitable and healthy relationships. These programs are facilitated by our school Chaplain, Guidance Officer and Support Team.

## 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	11	31	13
Long Suspensions – 11 to 20 days	1	0	0
Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

## Environmental Footprint

### Reducing the school's environmental footprint

In 2017 East Ayr State School continued its partnership with the Burdekin Shire Council to promote wise water usage. We operate all amenities facilities using bore water and actively promote water conservation methods with the students.

Power conservation is encouraged with all staff and students in all classrooms. We switch off all lights and air conditioners when a room is not in use. We have created student Environmental Leadership positions to promote this area of learning and responsibility.

ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT INDICATORS		
Years	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2014-2015	335,005	
2015-2016	101,123	
2016-2017	150,203	

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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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.

## Our Staff Profile

### Workforce Composition

#### Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2017 WORKFORCE COMPOSITION			
Description	Teaching Staff	Non-Teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	47	21	<5
Full-time Equivalents	41	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	0
Graduate Diploma etc.**	10
Bachelor degree	37
Diploma	0
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 were \$30 000.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- Quality Teaching and Learning processes to build staff assessment literacy
- Year Level Curriculum Unit Analysis
- Teacher Leaders Initiative- Collaborative Colleagues
- Beginning Teacher Mentoring
- Early Years Reading Instruction
- National School Improvement Tool training
- Participation in the Principal's Conference

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, 81% 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).	95%	95%	95%
The attendance rate for Indigenous students at this school (shown as a percentage).	88%	85%	90%

\*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%.

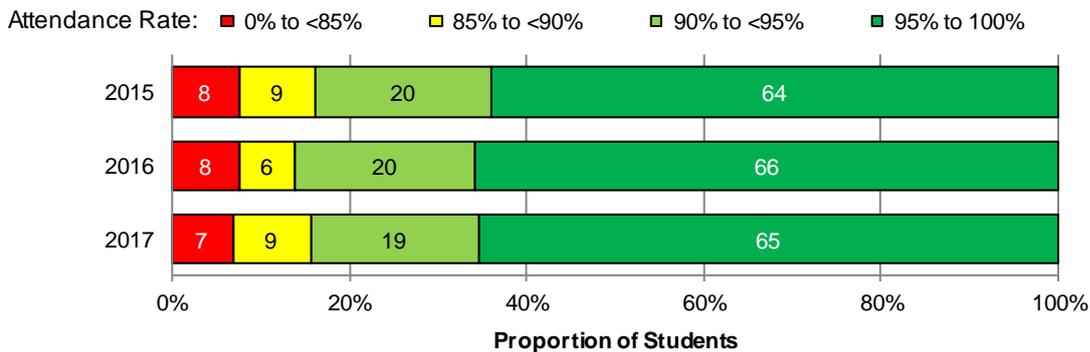
AVERAGE STUDENT ATTENDANCE RATE* (%) FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL													
Year Level	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2015	94%	96%	95%	95%	94%	94%	95%						
2016	94%	94%	95%	95%	95%	95%	94%						
2017	95%	94%	96%	95%	95%	95%	94%						

\*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.

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### Student Attendance Distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range:



### Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the 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.

Proactive approaches to managing school attendance were built upon in 2017. Strategies included:

- Daily tracking of student attendance. Including roll electronic roll marking being completed twice a day.
- Same day notification for families of absent children- combination of text messaging service and personal phone calls.
- Positive reinforcement for students attending 95% or Above (Postcards/Letters Home)
- Weekly absence reports followed up upon
- Use of absenteeism hotline (school mobile number)
- Regular updates in school newsletter
- Activating the “Every Day Counts” Policy and Student Wellbeing Framework
- Specific student monitoring to close the gap through designated Teacher Aide Time
- Regular home visits to assist as required

## 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

East Ayr State School is committed to continual improvement and strong student achievement. We believe that Primary School should be about opportunity for students to participate in a range of pursuits, learning areas and endeavours. It is through this experience that our children will be well equipped to make the important decisions of the future. We look forward to the opportunity to work with our community to provide outstanding service.