

# SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated Feb 2020



School number: 0381

School name: Richmond Primary School

## 1. General information

### Part A

School Name : RICHMOND PRIMARY SCHOOL  
School No. : 0381 / 1893 IELP campus  
Principal : Ms Ella Blake  
Deputy Principal : Ms Thuy Pham  
Postal Address : 8 Surrey Road, Keswick 5035  
Location Address : 8 Surrey Road, Keswick 5035  
Region : Western Adelaide  
Distance from GPO : 4 kms  
Ph. No. : 08 8293 1863  
CPC attached : NO  
School e-mail address: [dl.0381\\_info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0381_info@schools.sa.edu.au)

FTE Enrolment	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Speech & Language, IELP	68	74	87	87	65 IELP only	36 IELP only
Reception	34	42	31	31	31	43
Year 1	42	43	45	35	47	39
Year 2	30	32	39	46	49	54
Year 3	27	36	45	43	46	55
Year 4	28	29	30	47	48	48
Year 5	24	26	30	27	42	44
Year 6	30	28	29	33	32	40
Year 7	24	31	27	30	31	37
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>379</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>396</b>

Male FTE	154	168	183	184	192	192
Female FTE	153	173	180	195	200	204
School Card Approvals	52	61	64	68	51	TBC
EALD Total (Persons)	153	179	201	224	251	269
Aboriginal FTE Enrolment	7	7	7	6	10	14
Students with Disabilities	19	19	17	18	14	15

## Part B

School e-mail address: [dl.0381\\_info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0381_info@schools.sa.edu.au)

Website: [www.richmondps.sa.edu.au](http://www.richmondps.sa.edu.au)

Skoolbag App: [RPS Skoolbag](#).

### Other Staff

Student Wellbeing Leader/ Glenn Hart	0.8
Special Educator/Sherie Redden	0.8
EALD teacher/Lou Bradshaw	1.0
Support staff provide intervention/stretch/differentiation and administration support.	

### OSHC

A well organised OSHC provides before and after school care and vacation care.  
Ph. 8351 0794

Before School Care -6.30 to 8.30am

After School Care- 3.00 to 6.00pm.

### Enrolment trends

Richmond is historically a small school, although it is experiencing a period of high growth. New enrolments are only accepted using the find my school website <https://www.education.sa.gov.au/search/Find%20a%20school> where Richmond Primary School is your closest government school to your residence.

The school has 15 mainstream R-7 classes and 3 Intensive English Language classes. Approximately 30% of students in this program (IELP) exit to Richmond PS on completion as it is their local school.

### Special arrangements

Richmond Primary is part of the West Torrens Partnership of schools. These sites include neighbouring schools such as: Cowandilla, Lockleys North, Torrensville and Plympton International College R-12. A full list of partnership sites is available on request.

### Year of opening/History

Richmond Primary School opened in 1898 and as such has seen many decades of improvement and change.

### Public transport access

Located on South Rd and close to Anzac Highway, Richmond Primary School is easily accessed by public transport.

## 2. Students (and their welfare)

### General characteristics

Our students come from approximately 40 different cultural backgrounds including 32 different languages or dialects. This equates to a high proportion, over 60 %, of EALD (English as an additional language or dialect) students.

## **Pastoral Care Programs**

A variety of social and emotional learning programs and approaches are used across the year levels to support and enhance students' wellbeing, personal and social capabilities and ethical understanding. See: Social and Emotional Learning on the school's website for further details.

## **Support Offered/Special Education**

Students are assessed using a range of appropriate and approved assessment tools. Analysis of the results enables staff to identify students who would benefit from support in literacy and numeracy.

Literacy and numeracy support and challenge is provided by teachers, school assistants, and a variety of differentiation strategies and programs. EALD students are supported through the EALD Program in the acquisition of Standard Australian English.

Progress is reviewed each term. Students with a One Plan (verified need) are managed by our Special Educator.

## **Student Management**

Policies and practices regarding student behavior are regularly reviewed and updated. Richmond's behaviour management codes and practices can be found on the school website.

## **Student Action Team**

The Student Wellbeing Leader facilitates the school's Student Action Team (R-7) which leads student led initiatives across the school and forms a part of the school's decision-making structure

# **3. Key School Policies**

## **Statement of Purpose**

### **Our Vision**

To support our students to become active articulate citizens of the world.

### **Our Mission:**

Rich Learning in a Family Atmosphere

### **Our Motto:**

Learning and Caring, for Life.

### **Our Values**

Honesty, Inclusivity, Courage and Empathy

### **Our Objectives:**

To provide a learning environment that meets the needs of all through monitoring and evaluating the school program so it retains balance, relevance and challenge.

- To provide a safe environment.
- To provide an inclusive environment.
- To meet the physical needs of all students.

# **4. Curriculum**

## **Subject offerings**

We are committed to a strong, balanced and comprehensive primary education in line with the Australian Curriculum requirements.

<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/>

## **Effective Teaching**

Teachers' pedagogies are reflective of the Teaching for Effective Framework (TfEL Framework). Teachers are effectively using the Australian Curriculum & Early Years Framework to support and improve student learning. There is an emphasis on Power Learners and Growth Mind Sets, success oriented classrooms, and engaging 'hands on learning'.

There is a focus on high yield strategies; Targeted differentiation teaching, Clear Learning Intentions, Logical and intentional sequencing of the learning, Explicit teaching, Multiple approached, Ongoing feedback

There is also a strong focus on explicit teaching of Literacy. Staff have been trained in the TESMC, phonological awareness, Jolly Phonics, Initial Lit and THRASS methodologies to promote a consistent approach to the teaching of Literacy.

Both Literacy and Numeracy have Whole School Agreement documentation.

A high importance is placed on the incorporation and continual improvement of STEM subjects. Specialist teachers provide lessons focussed on Visual Arts, Italian, Science and PE.

## **Best Practice**

Teachers share, model best practises, methodologies and assessment strategies in a collegiate atmosphere. Each staff member commits to a PDP (performance development plan) to assist their own personal growth, research current findings and to progress the teaching and learning process.

## **Assessment procedures and reporting**

Assessment of student learning is aligned with the Australian Curriculum. Student reports describe the student's learning programs and information on student strengths, areas for further development, strategies to support and/or extend their learning, student's social development, and information about the student's attitude and commitment to learning.

A healthy relationship and frequent contact between home and school is encouraged. Acquaintance Night and parent/teacher interviews occurs in Term1, followed by written reports in Term 2 (developmental) and 4 (summative). Additional interviews are available upon request.

## **Intensive English Language Program**

This is a highly valued part of Richmond School. The integration of students from many backgrounds and countries has added to the rich diversity of the school population.

## **Joint programs**

Richmond has close links with other sites in the West Torrens Partnership; sharing of resources, professional development and facilities. Cluster activities also provide an important focus for professional learning.

## **5. Sporting Activities**

Our weekly PE lessons provide opportunities for all our students to engage in a variety of physical activities. Year 4-7 students may also participate in District SAPSASA events when applicable and available. We conduct successful Annual Sports Day, swimming and aquatics programs. After school sporting opportunities vary from year to year and are dependant on parental involvement.

## **6. Other Co-Curricular Activities**

### **General**

Students participate in a number of community service activities Harmony Day has been a strong focus throughout the school. Each term we enjoy a whole school and sub school assemblies to share our learning, welcome special guests and celebrate achievements.

### **Special**

During Year 5 students undertake instrumental music lessons. Students can learn a woodwind or brass instrument and participate in the school band. There is a fee associated with this program. They also have an option to continue instrumental music in years 6&7.

Students in years 5-7 can join the school choir and participate in the Festival of Music.

Students participate in a range of programs excursions and camps throughout the year. Some of which may include; Zoo Snooze, Active Education Camps, Bike Ed, Life Education, Casual Clothes Day, Public Education Week, Year 7 Graduation, PE Week, Science Week, Reconciliation Week and Book Week.

Academic competitions such as ICAS, English, Spelling, Maths, Australian Maths and Oliphant Science Competitions are available to students who may show aptitude in these areas.

## **7. Staff (and their welfare)**

### **Leadership structure**

The shared leadership model consists of Principal, Deputy Principal, and School Wellbeing Leader. Internal leadership positions may be determined annually by school priorities. All staff are considered leaders and are encouraged to show initiative and take responsibility for areas of interest and expertise. Teacher leaders, aligned to current SIP priorities, may be released to support pedagogical practices.

### **Staff support systems**

Induction of new staff is provided. Communication has a high priority and is managed in a variety of ways – electronic daily staff book, staff bulletin, whiteboard, staff shared drive, TEAMS and e-mail. Opportunities for addressing staff wellbeing, celebrating staff success and professional training days are regularly provided.

### **Performance Management**

Leadership staff facilitate the process of performance management. PDP conversations occur 3 times annually and adhoc throughout the year. There is continuous verbal feedback and written feedback provided. Staff establish goals related to school priorities. PAC provides guidance on staffing issues.

## **8. School Facilities**

### **Buildings and grounds**

The "Old School Building" has been renovated and currently accommodates the OSHC program and IELP classes. The 1981 section of the school was redeveloped in 2010 under the Building the Education Revolution initiative and was opened in 2011. In 2016 DfE funded the resurfacing of our asphalt Capital Works Program.

In 2017 our school community has received STEM (Science, technology, engineering and maths) funding which, once completed in 2018, will provide our students and staff with areas to cater for contemporary teaching and learning methods. The STEM approach to teaching and learning gives students the opportunity to engage in challenging problems and projects.

Nature Play Area was created in 2018 and made accessible to all students and our community. In 2019 a plant room was converted to EALD support withdrawal space. In 2020 new student toilet facilities were installed and RPS technology infrastructure upgraded.

### **Specialist/ICT facilities**

Every student has access to a variety of technology, comprising of interactive TVs, laptops, desk top computers and I-pads. These devices are served by modern wireless infrastructure. New STEM facilities accommodate a variety of new technologies including spheroes/robotics, green screening, VR kit and 3D printers.

### **Access for students and staff with disabilities**

## **9. School Operations**

### **Decision making structures**

Decision making is open and consultative forums include:

1. Leadership meetings
2. Staff meetings
3. PLC meetings
4. Committees formed to carry out school priorities
5. Ancillary/SSO meetings
6. Student Action Teams
7. Governing Council
8. PAC

### **Regular publications**

A fortnightly newsletter is published, distributed to the local and wider community and available on the school website and skoolbag. Printed copies are available from our front office.

### **Other communication**

The Electronic Day Book keeps all staff updated on a daily basis.

A weekly staff bulletin is published for all staff.

Staff Term Planner keeps staff informed of term's events.

An Information Folder is available to all new enrolments.

Staff handbook and Policy Folder provides information about school based and DfE policies and curriculum information.

Website - [www.richmondps.sa.edu.au](http://www.richmondps.sa.edu.au)

### **School financial position**

Staff and parents provide input into the budget preparation. Governing Council members and other volunteers supplement funds through fundraising initiatives. Occasional successful written submissions offer further funding allocation to a variety of school programs.

## **10. Local Community**

### **Parent and community involvement**

There is a healthy level of parent participation in class and school activities. Parents are part of an active and supportive Governing Council.

### **Community links**

Our school builds strong community links with local programs such as the Richmond Baptist Church <http://richmond.org.au/>

### **Feeder schools**

Feeder preschools include Kurralta Park, Glandore, Netley Kindergartens and Lady Gowrie Child Care Centre.

### **Local Government body**

West Torrens Council.

<http://www.westtorrens.sa.gov.au>

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