



# Silkstone State School

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# School Overview

Silkstone State School is a coeducational facility that caters for children from Prep to Year 6. At Silkstone State School, we seek to achieve quality learning outcomes for the diverse range of students at our school. We have a learning framework that successfully integrates curriculum, pedagogy, assessment and reporting practices. A safe, tolerant and disciplined learning environment that is responsive to student and community needs. We have a workforce with the capability and flexibility to deliver school and systemic objectives and targets. Our key focus areas for 2017-2020 consist of: Further implementation of the Australian curriculum; continued focus on embedding the Silkstone State School Reading Framework, continued focus to further strengthen a culture of learning at the school that celebrates and promotes academic achievement, and to consolidate a clear vision and approach to early phase education including support for families and children prior to starting school.

## Principal's Foreword

### Introduction

#### School Progress towards its goals in 2017

A Priority School Review at the start of 2016, conducted by the School Improvement Team, highlighted the following areas for attention: Developing a consistent approach to teaching reading from Prep to Year 6; Developing and implementing a clearly aligned plan to deliver the Australian Curriculum; Strengthening the Culture for Learning by enhancing Positive Behaviour for Learning.

Throughout 2016 and 2017, we have focused strongly on these three areas in an effort to fully embed high quality practices and set our 2017 Explicit Improvement Agenda to include;

1. Consolidate and embed Australian Curriculum plans, with associated targets for students achieving A-C (75%) in English and Mathematics.
2. Consolidate and embed the Silkstone State School Reading Framework in classroom practices; with associated targets for reading set:
  - >93% Year 3 Students achieving NMS or better in 2017 NAPLAN Reading Test.
  - >35% Year 3 Students achieving U2B in 2017 NAPLAN Reading Test.
  - >90% Year 5 Students achieving NMS or better in 2017 NAPLAN Reading Test.
  - >30% Year 5 Students achieving U2B in 2017 NAPLAN Reading Test.
  - 100% Prep Students achieving > Level 4 PM Benchmark by the end of 2017.
3. Strengthen the Culture for Learning, focussing on Positive Behaviour for Learning and Attendance.

The school has made significant progress towards achieving targets for NAPLAN and Reading Benchmarks. We also maintained very high participation rates in NAPLAN. We met our targets for attaining more than 35% of students in Year 3 achieving the U2B in 2017 NAPLAN Reading test.

#### Future Outlook

Silkstone State School's Explicit Improvement Agenda for 2018:

1. English – Improve writing performance by developing an agreed framework for effective teaching of Writing (P-6) and continue to embed the Silkstone State School Reading Framework. Associated targets are to achieve;
  - 92% of students in Years 3 & 5 achieving NMS in NAPLAN Reading 2018,
  - 40% of students in Year 3 achieving U2B and 35% of students in Year 5 achieving U2B in NAPLAN Reading 2018
  - 95% of students in Years P-6 achieving reading benchmarks for 2018
2. Inclusive Practices – Improve academic outcomes for students with a verified disability; Improve attendance rates for all students; Improve behaviour and academic outcomes for all students by building staff capacity in the area of Trauma Informed Practices. Associated targets are to achieve;
  - 93% attendance rate for the school
  - Increase percentage of students, staff and parents who think behaviour is well-managed at the school; increase the percentage of students who report feeling safe at school; improve the percentage of students who feel accepted by their peers; and improve staff morale.
3. Curriculum – Implementation of the whole school curriculum plan – Maths, English, Science, Music, PE and Languages from the Australian Curriculum. Associated targets to achieve;
  - 75% of students achieving a grade C or higher in English and Mathematics

# 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
<b>Student enrolments for this school:</b>	828

	Total	Girls	Boys	Indigenous	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
<b>2015</b>	765	353	412	81	92%
<b>2016</b>	815	393	422	95	90%
<b>2017</b>	828	404	424	97	93%

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

Silkstone State School welcomes 828 students into our learning community. The student population is diverse across a number of measures, including socio-economic background, ethnicity and disability. We welcome a population of students that includes 12% of students who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander. Another 10% of our students identify as speaking a language other than English. We also welcome a significant number of students who have an identified disability. The Index of Socio-Educational Advantage (ICSEA) rating of the school is 933 (National mean = 1000).

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

## Curriculum Delivery

### Our Approach to Curriculum Delivery

Silkstone State school delivers the Australian Curriculum (<http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au>). A whole of School Curriculum and Assessment Plan has been developed to ensure students have access to the high quality curriculum they are entitled to. This is differentiated accordingly by classroom teachers to meet the individual needs of learners. Individual Curriculum Plans are developed for students who are working significantly above or below their age in particular subject areas. Educational Support Plans are created in partnership with the Department of Communities for children in out of home care. Students in Years 5 and 6 learn German as a Language Other Than English (LOTE).

## Co-curricular Activities

Silkstone State School students have the opportunity to participate in the following co-curricular activities;

- Award winning choirs including the Harmonies Choir, BRASSS Boys' Choir and Junior Choirs;
- Instrumental Music Programmes;
- Summer Inter-School Sports – AFL, Basketball and Touch Football;
- Winter Inter-School Sports – Netball, Soccer and Rugby League;
- District Sporting Carnivals – Cross Country, Swimming and Athletics;
- Sports Development Program for Years 4-6;
- Indigenous Games and Activities conducted by the Leroy Loggins Foundation;
- School Camps, including a Sports Camp for Years 4-6 students.

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

Students have access to digital technologies in the classroom via networked desktop PCs and Interactive Smartboards. Additionally, students have timetabled access to a computer laboratory. A variety of web-based applications (Mathletics, Reading Eggs and A-Z Readers) are available to support learning in Mathematics and English from Prep to Year 6. Coding and robotics were taught by a specialist in the Resource Centre. Hand held technology such as iPads are available in various settings, the Resource Centre and the Special Education Program, to further support and engage students in learning.

## Social Climate

### Overview

Students who attend Silkstone State School are expected to uphold our four core expectations of Safety, Respect, Responsibility and Active Learning. Students are explicitly taught expected behaviours in the classroom each week. We encourage students and families to take a great deal of pride in all aspects of school life, including standards of school work, wearing uniform, the way we communicate and how we look after our environment. Students who demonstrate our four core expectations consistently and to a high standard are acknowledged through our 'sticker' merit system, which enables students to be acknowledged at Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum milestones. Rewards Days are held at the end of each term to acknowledge students who have achieved a milestone. Additionally students are acknowledged on weekly assemblies and every month, the Principal and Deputy Principals host a Student of the Month Morning Tea to celebrate high standards of student behaviour with students and their families. Inappropriate behaviour is dealt with according to Silkstone State School's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students as published on our school website (<https://silkstonss.eq.edu.au>).

At the end of the school year, Silkstone State School celebrated and acknowledged those students who had achieved A-grades in Mathematics, English and Science. Students also received awards for achievement in Music, PE and LOTE. This Academic Awards Assembly is an essential part of our strategies in developing a culture of academic achievement being the cornerstone of school life.

Silkstone State School is proud to host the Step-Up Playgroup on Mondays and Fridays. Up to 60 families and pre-school age children regularly access the program each week. Activities are intended to prepare children for life at school, hence giving them a 'Step-Up' into education. Students and families are further supported by our school Chaplaincy program and regular breakfast club mornings.

Our P&C Association works closely with the school, donating resources and providing service through the Tuckshop, the Uniform Shop and a quality Outside School Hours Care Programme. The P and C is supported by a Parent Group fundraising body who co-ordinated and organised events such as our Spring Fair, regular school discos, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls.

Parents are encouraged to volunteer in classrooms. Silkstone State School's Home Reading Programme promotes reading at home.

## Parent, Student and Staff Satisfaction

### Parent opinion survey

Performance measure	2015	2016	2017
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree <sup>#</sup> that:			
their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	94%	87%	95%
this is a good school (S2035)	92%	92%	95%
their child likes being at this school* (S2001)	96%	89%	95%
their child feels safe at this school* (S2002)	96%	84%	88%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)	92%	86%	95%
their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004)	92%	86%	95%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005)	96%	95%	100%

Performance measure			
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree <sup>#</sup> that:	2015	2016	2017
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006)	90%	92%	96%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007)	92%	95%	96%
teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008)	94%	87%	96%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns* (S2009)	96%	97%	96%
this school works with them to support their child's learning* (S2010)	88%	89%	95%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously* (S2011)	83%	86%	88%
student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)	81%	76%	79%
this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013)	90%	92%	96%
this school is well maintained* (S2014)	87%	95%	95%

### 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)	96%	97%	93%
they like being at their school* (S2036)	96%	95%	91%
they feel safe at their school* (S2037)	92%	94%	82%
their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038)	98%	97%	92%
their teachers expect them to do their best* (S2039)	98%	98%	96%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work* (S2040)	98%	95%	92%
teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041)	93%	95%	86%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042)	95%	91%	85%
their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043)	91%	90%	89%
student behaviour is well managed at their school* (S2044)	81%	86%	65%
their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045)	97%	97%	93%
their school is well maintained* (S2046)	91%	93%	87%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047)	98%	96%	93%

### Staff opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree <sup>#</sup> that:	2015	2016	2017
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	100%	94%	88%
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	98%	99%	88%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	94%	90%	85%
they feel confident embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the learning areas (S2114)	79%	87%	70%
students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	98%	100%	100%
students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	96%	93%	83%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	91%	90%	69%

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree <sup>#</sup> that:	2015	2016	2017
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	96%	93%	85%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	96%	90%	85%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	100%	100%	98%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	94%	96%	94%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	98%	93%	89%

\* 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

Silkstone State School recognizes that the responsibility for children's education is shared between the home and the school. Parents and teachers have the opportunity to meet formally twice each year, and parents can make appointments at other times to discuss academic progress and any other matters. Written reporting against the Australian Curriculum occurs twice each year. Where students have diverse learning needs, Individual Curriculum Plans and/or Individual Support Plans are co-constructed with parents. The Silkstone P&C Association plays an important role in this partnership. The Association enjoys high membership and active participation.

### Respectful relationships programs

Silkstone State School has developed and implemented programs that focus on appropriate, respectful and healthy relationships. Through Positive Behaviour for Learning, students are actively taught behaviours associated with our school's four expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be an Active Learner. Through these lessons, students are taught to use the High 5 responses when confronted with disrespectful or aggressive behaviour. These include reporting incidences of disrespect, bullying and aggression. We are also going to implement the 'Rock and Water' program into our school over the next 12 months as a way to improve wellbeing and resilience among our 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	151	181	242
Long Suspensions – 11 to 20 days	4	7	1
Exclusions	0	4	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

## Environmental Footprint

### Reducing the school's environmental footprint

At Silkstone State School, we are always looking for opportunities to reduce our environmental footprint. We have solar panels installed to reduce the amount of electricity that we require from the grid. We also harvest rain water by our collection tanks.

ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT INDICATORS		
Years	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2014-2015	248,874	
2015-2016	294,877	
2016-2017	264,637	

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	64	35	<5
Full-time Equivalent	58	24	<5

#### Qualification of all teachers

TEACHER* QUALIFICATIONS	
Highest level of qualification	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Doctorate	0
Masters	5
Graduate Diploma etc.**	6
Bachelor degree	51
Diploma	2
Certificate	0



TEACHER* QUALIFICATIONS	
Highest level of qualification	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school

\*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 \$47684.49.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- Building teacher capacity to implement the Silkstone State School Reading Framework and to begin building capacity about evidence based practices with which to teach writing.
- Building teacher capacity to implement Trauma Informed Practices into their daily practices to support all students.
- Building teacher capacity to deliver the Silkstone State School Australian Curriculum Plan and to roll out remaining curriculum areas as part of the 2020 Curriculum Agenda.
- Giving teachers the opportunity to participate in the Peer Coaching Initiative.

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.	95%	95%	96%

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

From the end of the previous school year, 97% 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).	92%	91%	91%
The attendance rate for Indigenous students at this school (shown as a percentage).	89%	86%	85%

\*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%.

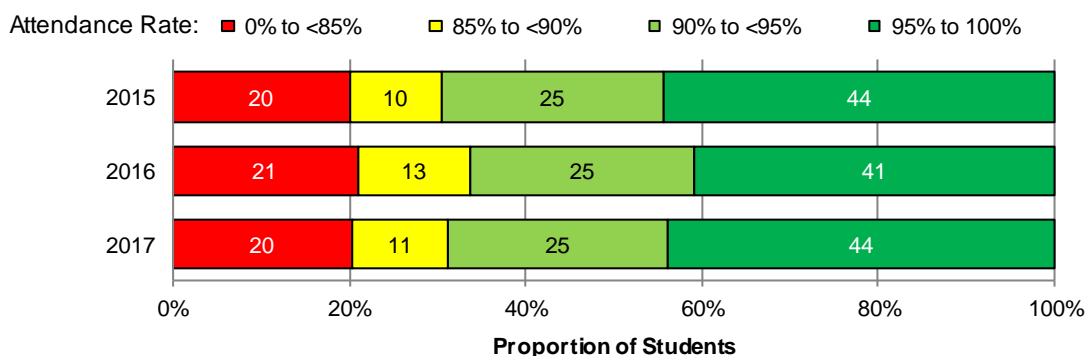
AVERAGE STUDENT ATTENDANCE RATE* (%) FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL													
Year Level	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2015	93%	92%	92%	92%	92%	91%	90%						
2016	92%	92%	92%	92%	89%	89%	91%						
2017	91%	92%	93%	91%	92%	90%	88%						

\*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 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.

Attendance is marked twice daily by teachers using the OneSchool roll marking facility. Individual attendance rates, class attendance rates and year level attendance rates are closely monitored by teachers, Deputy Principals and the Principal. Attendance targets are set and attendance rates are published through the school newsletter. An electronic SMS system has been introduced to give parents increased opportunity to communicate with school about student absences. Regular contact by email and telephone is made with parents of students who fail to attend regularly. In 2017, Silkstone State School has introduced some significant incentives for students to attend at higher rates, including celebratory breakfasts for year levels who have highest attendance rates.

## 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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