



SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated 2021

School number: 0413

School name: Stirling East Primary School

School Profile:

Stirling East Primary School is a large metropolitan primary school in the Mount Lofty Partnership. The school has a strong focus on Information Technology and the learning opportunities afforded by ICT's makes the resource integral to preparing our students for further education and beyond.

The school is recognised as an Apple Distinguished Program for leadership, innovation and excellence.

Our vision is to create a learning environment which enables students to take greater responsibility for their learning, create purposeful, engaging learning environments, establish respectful, collaborative and productive relationships and give students the skills they will need for a 21st Century future.

The community has high expectations in all areas of education and students learn to achieve their personal best.

Specialist programs include classroom music, instrumental music programs, school band, junior and senior choir, a Health and Physical education specialist with extensive sporting opportunities. French is the second language R-7. Many specialist programs are provided for students with special curriculum needs.

There is a high level of parental involvement throughout the school.

The school core values are

Care

Acting responsible

Respect

Effort

1. General information

- School Principal name: Stephen Measday
- Assistant Principals Chris Bennie – ICT and Curriculum, Steph Tulloch - Student Services
- Year of opening: 1968
- Postal Address:51 Braeside Road , Stirling 5152
- Location Address:as above
- Department Partnership – Mt Lofty
- Geographical location – ie road distance from GPO (km):25 km.
- Telephone number:83391420
- School website address:www.stireastps.sa.edu.au
- School e-mail address:dl.0413-info@schools.sa.edu.au
- Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service:Yes
- February FTE student enrolment: 550

Primary	Special, NAP, Upgraded etc.	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
	Reception	55	73	72	86	69
	Year 1	86	64	72	70	87
	Year 2	83	72	66	72	68
	Year 3	72	70	73	66	69
	Year 4	79	86	72	72	71
	Year 5	64	75	88	70	72
	Year 6	67	55	76	85	65
	Year 7	47	55	45	53	51

TOTAL	553	550	564	571	552
School Card %	3%	2.5%	3%	3%	3%
NESB	0	0	0	0	0
Aboriginal	0	0	0	1	1

- Student enrolment trends: There are 550+ students currently. The school is zoned to cap the numbers.

- Staffing numbers (as at February census):

20 class teachers. 8 Junior primary and 12 Primary.

Specialist and support staff

1.0 Music

1.0 Health and Physical Education

1.4 French

0.6 Special Needs

0.6 General NIT

Ancillary staff comprises of 3 full time and 5 part time staff. There is a full time ICT Network Manager.

The Leadership Team consists of a Principal and 2 full time Assistant Principals.

- Public transport access: Hills Transport buses provide regular services from Adelaide.
- Special site arrangements: Stirling East Primary is a zoned school.

2. Students (and their welfare)

- General characteristics
- Generally children come from families with professional backgrounds. Parents have high expectations of the school and their children's achievements. Heathfield High School is the local high school while a number of parents enrol in independent schools.
- Student well-being programs
 - A Safe School Policy includes Harassment Free and Behaviour Management policies based on Restorative Justice principles, and a strong SRC and class meetings. There is an extensive Year 7 Leadership program which develops responsible citizenship skills and service to the community.
- Student support offered
 - One Plans are in place for students requiring curriculum adjustments. Intervention programs include speech programs and SHIP programs.
- Student management
- Almost every student R – 7 has an iPad to support their learning at school. These are purchased by families and owned by the students. The school provides all of the supporting infrastructure for this technology.
 - Students come to school ready for learning. They are generally co-operative and display positive behaviours. A developmental and preventative approach is in place to support all students.
- Student government
 - All classes have representatives on the SRC. An SRC executive meets regularly and takes a leadership role in the school. Year 7 Leadership program has elected office bearers such as House Captains and Music Captains.
- Special programmes
 - The school has a buddy program to encourage cross age tutoring between all year levels.

3. Key School Policies

- Site Improvement Plan and other key statements or policies:
The Site Improvement Plan 2021 documents strategic initiatives aimed at maximising student learning outcomes. Areas include:-

Literacy / Numeracy

Other important areas include:

Policy Development

- Recent key outcomes:
- The school was Externally Reviewed in 2019. Key outcomes highlighted the engagement of student and staff with learning across the curriculum.
- At Stirling East Primary School, the demonstrated growth in student achievement is at or above what would be reasonably expected of a school in a similar context. Effective teaching is consistently practiced and actively engages and challenges all students. There is a coherent and engaging curriculum for students using the Australian Curriculum.
- The principal will work with the education director to implement the following directions:
 - Direction 1 Use evidence of student learning to engage teachers in rigorous professional conversations regarding the impact of their practices on student learning, both in teams and in performance and development meetings.
 - Direction 2 Increase the explicit, consistent development of student metacognition about learning through agreed whole-school practices.
 - Direction 3 Develop a whole-school staff commitment to and responsibility for the implementation of agreed practices that improve teaching and learning.

5. Sporting Activities

- Sporting and Physical activities has a high profile at Stirling East . SAPASA is supported with many students and teams competing in interschool, district and State teams. The school has an Annual Sports Day and Swimming Carnival.

6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

The school has Junior and Senior choirs, Beginner and Senior Bands, 2 orchestras and concerts are given throughout the year. 220 students participate in lessons provided by Private Provider Music teachers.

There are extensive programs including chess and coding. The school engages with a number of educational competitions and activities.

Students attend camps with Year 7 students attending a 4 day camp, usually in Canberra. In 2021 the camp was in the Flinders Ranges because of Covid19

7. Staff (and their welfare)

- Staff profile

Stirling East has a large teaching and non-teaching staff with a range of age groups and years of experience. There is limited turnover with most staff choosing to remain at the school. The majority of teachers are on Step 9.
- Staff support systems. All staff are members of significant Professional Learning Communities and Site improvement plan teams. PLCs meet every fortnight as a minimum. Staff work and plan cooperatively. There is a weekly staff meeting where the focus is on professional learning as a whole school. Staff are members of a Learning Team and a School Improvement Team.
- Performance Management

Staff performance development is based on the National Professional Standards for Teachers. Teachers are members of a PLC and observe and give feedback to other teachers. The Leadership Team provide written feedback to staff.
- Staff utilisation policies

0.6 Staff member supports NEP and IEP students. SSO's provide a range of in class support.
- Access to special staff

There are agreed processes to access DECD and outside agencies providing support.

9. School Facilities

- Buildings and grounds

The school has undergone a major redevelopment in the last 16 years. There is a Gym and tennis courts and Governing Council are overseeing the development of all play areas.

All buildings are air conditioned.
- Student facilities

A Canteen and Library is available for student use.
- Staff facilities

All staff has access to a Teacher Prep. Room with tea and coffee facilities.
- Access for students and staff with disabilities

The school is set on a hilly site, however most areas are accessible.
- Access to bus transport

There are no school buses. Private bus companies are used for excursions.

10. School Operations

- Decision making structures:
Decision making is shared between the Principal, Assistant Principals, staff , Governing Council, SRC and PAC. There is a Management Team consisting of staff reps. who meet fortnightly to make decisions.
All school communication is now electronic. The school has a Skoolbag App for information and communication with parents. See Saw and Google Classroom are used for communication with students and parents at a classroom level. All ordering and payment of accounts are done on line.
- School financial position
The school has a sound financial base. There are no major loans or repayments.
- Special funding NIL

11. Local Community

- General characteristics
Parental involvement is high with volunteers running Canteen and Uniform Shop. The Governing Council is active and contributes to school management and operates OSHC and the Canteen.
Parents are actively involved in classroom activities with each class having a Class Parent Rep.
- Feeder or destination schools
Reception children come from a number of different pre-schools and child care centres. Students enrolled live within the zone or has siblings attending the school.
A transition process is in place for new children and their parents.
Students go to Heathfield High School or private schools.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
Stirling has 2 supermarkets and several coffee shops as well as a Public Library.
- Availability of staff housing NIL
- Accessibility
Buses are available to Adelaide and surrounding districts.
- Local Government body
Adelaide Hills.