



# SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: February 2018

**School number:** 1054/1584

**School name:** Hallett Cove South Primary School & Preschool

## School Profile:

Hallett Cove South Primary School is located in the southern coastal suburbs of Adelaide approximately 25km from the CBD. The school opened in 1976 and has been through periods of high student numbers when fewer schools were located in the area. Recent enrolments have settled between 120 and 140 students. The school has a strong sense of family and community connectedness, which is highly valued by students, parents and staff and includes an on-site Pre-School and two Regional Special Classes catering for students with special needs. The school currently offers specialist programs in Japanese, Health and Physical Education and the Arts, in addition to curriculum programs within the Australian Curriculum framework. There is a strong focus on 21<sup>st</sup> century learning, including the use of digital technologies, flexible learning spaces, developing growth mindsets, working collaboratively and using data and evidence to inform our planning and interventions. Support personnel and programs are in place to address students' specific learning and wellbeing needs. The school receives active parental and community participation and support. This is evident in a range of whole school special events and celebrations.

## 1. General Information

- Principal: Mrs Lyn Ferenci
- Year of opening: 1976
- Postal Address: Livonia St, Hallett Cove, SA 5158
- Location Address: Livonia St, Hallett Cove, SA 5158
- Partnership: Marion Coast
- Geographical location – Road distance from GPO: 25 km
- Telephone number: 83814080
- Fax Number: 83817216
- School website address: [www.hcsps.sa.edu.au](http://www.hcsps.sa.edu.au)
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- Pre-School attached: Operates Monday to Wednesday

- Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service: Yes
- Term 1 FTE student enrolment:

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
<i>Preschool</i>	12	10	11	12
<i>Reception</i>	13	11	10	13
<i>Year 1</i>	15	16	12	13
<i>Year 2</i>	20	16	13	8
<i>Year 3</i>	12	26	14	11
<i>Year 4</i>	15	12	18	18
<i>Year 5</i>	13	13	9	17
<i>Year 6</i>	19	12	13	8
<i>Year 7</i>	14	17	10	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>105</b>
<i>Special Classes</i>	20	19	19	19
<i>NESB</i>	14	9	11	9
<i>School Card</i>	36	36	40	40
<i>ATSI</i>	1	1	2	6

Student enrolment trends:

Student enrolments trends have fluctuated over the past five years and there are a number of schools in the area, zoned and non-zoned, offering choice. The Hallett Cove area can be popular with new migrant families and there are a number of rental properties in the area that are utilised by these families, although the number of migrants has been in decline. Most students come from the Hallett Cove area, with a small number coming from neighbouring suburbs.

## 2. Staffing

- Staffing numbers (as at February census):

Leadership Structure: Principal 1.0, Wellbeing Leader 0.2

9.2 Teachers FTE

Specialist teaching programs in Japanese, HPE and Arts

Special Classes – R-2 & Yr 3-7

Pre-School: 0.6

A number of teaching staff work part-time.

Ancillary Staffing: approximately 200 hours- ancillary staff roles and responsibilities include Special Class support, library administration, finance, general office administration, grounds, sports coordination, file management, pre-school support and mainstream learning and speech support.

- Special site arrangements: Hallett Cove South Primary School is a member of the Marion Coast Partnership which comprises, Hallett Cove East PS, Hallett Cove R-12, Sheidow Park PS, Seacliff PS, Darlington PS, Seaview Downs PS, Seaview High School and Woodend PS. This Partnership works together in a number of ways including shared projects and staff networking.

### **3. Students and their welfare**

- **General characteristics**

Most students live in the suburb of Hallett Cove with a few from nearby suburbs including Trott Park. Some students come from further afield including, Port Noarlunga, Reynella and O'Sullivan's Beach. Students who attend the Special Classes come from a wider catchment area.

- **Student support and well-being programs**

Learning Support / Intervention programs are in place for students assessed as being below benchmarks in literacy and numeracy or who have low literacy levels (English as a Second Language or Dialect students). These programs include intensive phonics programs (Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar), Reading Doctor and Multi-Lit and TooSmart and Quicksmart Maths. Students with learning needs are supported in mainstream and Special Classes either through individual, small group or withdrawal programs. The involvement of regional support services such as speech and psychology is widely used.

The 'Play is the Way' program and methodology has been implemented to support student wellbeing and social skill development across all year levels.

- **Student management**

Individual responsibility and accountability is an integral part of our school culture. The CREST values (Caring, Responsibility, Environment, Safety and Teamwork) and the Play is the Way agreements form the basis of our class and yard codes of conduct and behavioural practices. Restorative and reflective practices are supported at the classroom and whole school level. Processes for managing inappropriate behaviour can include class time out, buddy class, detentions and office time out. Assistance from Behaviour Coaches is sought if appropriate. An Anti-bullying policy and Behaviour Management policy is in place.

- **Student Government**

Student representation in decision making is currently under review to ensure student voice is effective. The model under consideration is for active student forums/working parties to be in place based on student interests rather than a traditional SRC body with only 2 reps from each class involved. The role of School Captains generally selected from the Year 7 body is also under review.

- **Special programmes**

Senior Choir (Festival of Music), SAPSASA participation, Year 2 Recorder tuition and extension recorder group.

## **4. Key School Policies**

### **Core Business**

The core business of Hallett Cove South Primary School is the provision of a high quality, inclusive, balanced and rigorous curriculum for all students. Within the eight required areas of study, all students are provided with opportunities to develop essential skills, knowledge and understandings and to develop the capabilities to be problem solvers and life long learners.

The school is committed to teaching and learning in a supportive environment which:

- Provides access to a relevant, challenging, continuous curriculum for all students
- Encourages the enjoyment of life long learning and success for all students
- Fosters the growth of student self esteem, leadership and interpersonal skills
- Encourages student initiative, negotiation, independence and responsibility within learning programs
- Is underpinned by practices based on a shared commitment to the **CREST** motto –**CARE RESPECT ENVIRONMENT SAFETY TEAMWORK** and the Play is the Way agreements:

### **School Vision**

The Hallett Cove South Primary School Community collaboratively strives to provide a relevant, challenging, excellent education for all students in its care – working together, preparing for the future.

### **Purpose**

Our purpose is to provide a meaningful learning environment in which our children, Preschool to Year 7, are given opportunities to maximise their potential in a safe, inclusive and supportive, education community that inspires a love of learning and a belief in oneself.

### **Current Site Improvement Plans**

The current plans identify key priority areas under three areas – Literacy (reading and writing) and numeracy (intellectual stretch), Learning Design Assessment and Moderation and Student Voice/ Student Wellbeing.

### **Improvement Priorities**

- A focus on task design and intentional teaching to meet the needs of all learners, particularly in Mathematics and English.
- A focus on classroom pedagogies which allow for greater student voice opportunities in co-designing learning, building growth mindsets, providing intellectual stretch and allowing time for collaboration.

- To analyse data and track and monitor the growth of all learners, using formative and summative assessment practices, and effective feedback.
- Creating classroom cultures that value student voice and feedback aligned to the school values and agreements
- Embed use of digital technologies across the curriculum, with authentic real life opportunities for learning.

### **Recent achievements**

- Whole staff Professional Development in Play is the Way principles and Learning Design and assessment, Maths focus.
- Implementation of Quicksmart Maths (Primary) and TooSmart Maths (Junior Primary) intervention programs.
- Increased resourcing and teaching related to technologies – Chrome Books, Wi Fi in teaching units, teaching of coding, use of digital platforms
- Student voice audits conducted to provide staff with feedback on ways to improve classroom learning experiences for students.

## **5. Curriculum**

### **• Subject offerings**

Hallett Cove South Primary School uses the Australian curriculum framework for the 8 required areas of learning – Maths, English, Science, Humanities and Social Sciences, Arts, Languages, Health and Physical Education and Technologies. Our R – 7 Languages subject is Japanese. Other specialist areas include the Arts and Health and Physical Education.

### **• Special needs**

Teachers collect and analyse data to plan for groups and individuals and liaise with ancillary staff, parents and regional support personnel and services as appropriate on learning priorities. Programs such as Multi-Lit, Quicksmart Maths and phonics based programs are used as intervention strategies. Teachers develop negotiated education plans for students verified with disabilities. Well planned transition programs support students entering mainstream and Special Classes.

### **• Special curriculum features**

Extensive use of digital technologies and programs is evident in many classrooms (interactive whiteboards, I pads, Chrome Books, coding, Blogs, Google Docs) and there is a focus on developing higher order thinking skills and problem solving to construct knowledge. Opportunities exist for students to participate in the senior school choir with participation in the Festival of Music. Year 2 students also have the opportunity to learn recorder and an extension group has been implemented due to interest this has generated. A volunteer also provides some gardening projects for small groups of students within the school.

- **Teaching methodology**

Teachers are expected to work collaboratively as members of professional learning teams, staff and unit teams to plan and implement effective teaching and learning programs. When planning and programming, teachers are to incorporate 21<sup>st</sup> century learning priorities including the use of higher order thinking skills and integration of digital technologies. Teachers should use the SA Teaching for Effective Learning framework and the Professional Standards for Teachers to reflect, monitor and inquire into their teaching practice.

- **Student assessment procedures and reporting**

Written reports are provided twice per year – end of Semester 1 (Term 2) and end of Semester 2 (Term 4) in line with state and federal reporting requirements. A parent information/acquaintance evening is held early in Term 1. 3 way student/parent/teacher conferences are also conducted early in Term 1 for shared information and goal setting and follow up conferences in early Term 3 to reflect on Semester 1 reports. Parents and teaching staff are encouraged to meet as often as needed to discuss student learning.

- **Joint programmes**

Hallett Cove South is currently involved in joint Maths and Student Voice in Learning projects with other Partnership schools.

## **6. Sporting Activities**

- All classes participate in fitness activities and other aspects of the PE curriculum – as part of their classroom curriculum: coordination, team games, team sports, swimming (R-5) and aquatics (Year 6/7). Sports clinics are offered when possible through grants, such as tennis and gymnastics.
- After hours school sport is co-ordinated by an ancillary staff member. The school has teams in summer and winter sports and has achieved representation at SAPSASA level. Major summer sports are cricket and basketball. In winter the students are offered football (soccer) and netball. Hallett Cove South students often join with students from a local school to form teams.
- The school ovals are an excellent sporting venue because of its sloping banks and well drained playing surfaces.
- A netball court, basketball court and small hall are also available.

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

- Selected Instrumental Music programs such as piano are offered on site, within school time by private music providers.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in national and international programs and competitions on an annual basis including Maths, English and Science
- The annual school sports' day is a major event on the calendar. Student House Captains help with the organisation and running of the day. Community participation is encouraged.
- The year 5-7 choir participates in 'The Festival of Music'.
- All R-5 students participate in swimming programs with qualified instructors and Year 6/7 students participate in an Aquatics Program.

- The school participates in a range of annual special weeks and programs, including Book Week, Harmony Day, PE Week, Open Days, and school discos.

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

- **Staff profile**

In recent years, the staffing profile of the school has remained stable. Ongoing vacancies are rare, and identified as current staff choose retirement, leave options, leadership roles or placement elsewhere.

Currently, most staff hold ongoing permanency. Several staff are part-time. There are 2 temporary positions.

- **Leadership structure**

Principal (1.0)

Wellbeing Leader 0.2

- **Performance Development**

Performance Development and improvement is integral to our work as a professional educational community. Analysis of student learning data and how this relates to a cycle of teaching practice and student engagement is discussed in team meetings and with the Principal. Each teaching staff member develops a Personal Development Plan in Term 1. Professional development processes are held twice per year (or more frequently as required) with feedback provided.

- **Staff utilisation policies**

Japanese, Health and Physical Education and Arts are taught across R-7 as specialist areas to provide non face to face release for teachers.

- **Access to special staff**

Instrumental music lessons are out-sourced to hourly paid instructors. A choir teacher is also employed as an Hourly Paid Instructor.

Educational Psychologists, Speech Pathologists and Behaviour personnel are accessed when needed.

The services of organisations such as Novita and AutismSA are also accessed as required.

## **9. Incentives, support and award conditions for Staff**

Hallett Cove South Primary School is a school in the southern suburbs of Adelaide. It is a Category 6 school on the Index of Disadvantage.

## **10. School Facilities**

- **Buildings and grounds**

The school consists of a new administration building (opened November 2017), two 6 teacher open space unit buildings (each currently used as four classroom teaching spaces/specialist teaching areas), a separate two level Resource Centre, small multi-purpose Hall, four classroom teaching unit for special classes and OSHC, and separate Pre-School building. All buildings are in good condition.

The multi-purpose hall and oval can be hired by community groups.

- **Heating and cooling**

All school buildings have heating and cooling through the whole teaching units as well as some individual classroom systems

- **Specialist facilities and equipment**

The school is well equipped with contemporary learning technologies. A wireless network is in place. All main teaching classrooms have interactive whiteboards and projectors installed. Teachers and students have access to a range of devices including some laptops and desktop PCs. Mobile devices (iPads, chrome books and iPod Touches) are deployed in learning spaces around the school. The Resource Centre uses the Book Mark system.

- **Student facilities**

A three-day per week canteen operates from Wednesday to Friday. It is in the new administration area and is well equipped. This operates as a managed service through the Governing Council.

- **Staff facilities**

The staff room is situated in the administration building. Staff have access to photocopiers, laminators etc and also have access to shared teacher preparation work spaces in each building.

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

All classrooms can be accessed by staff and students with disabilities via ramps. The school grounds are quite undulated with a large number of stairways and ramps.

- **Access to bus/ train transport**

Public transport access: The school is located adjacent to the Hallett Cove Beach Railway Station which is on the Seaford line. The station is also serviced by a number of Adelaide Metro bus services.

## **Decision making structures**

The school's Site Improvement Plan is coordinated by the Principal in consultation with staff and Governing Council, with annual feedback received from staff, parents and students. The School Improvement Group with unit representation meets to discuss programs, events and initiatives and presents recommendations back to whole staff. The Governing Council has a number of sub-committees, including Education, Canteen, Finance, OSHC, Grounds and Fundraising. Recommendations

from these sub-committees are brought to the Governing Council. Decision making processes are in place for staff and the Governing Council. Whenever possible, decisions are made by consensus. Special committees comprised of teachers and/or community members operate on a needs basis to support school priorities and special programs and events such as sports day and Book Week.

- **Regular publications**

A school newsletter, The Illawarra, is published in weeks 3, 6 and 9 and sent to families via email. The school has its own Skoolbag APP containing information on school events which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play Store. A Facebook page also highlight current events and news. A parent information folder is available to families on enrolment. The website also contains up to date information on the school.

- **Other communication**

Some classes are making use of platforms such as Blogs, Facebook and See Saw to provide information. Staff and students have internet access at home and school.

- **School financial position**

Due to strategic planning through the Finance Committee, the school is currently in a sound financial position.

- **Special funding**

Funding for state wide priorities, including Maths and Literacy programs has been accessed to provide further programs and training. Sporting schools grants have been used to offer sports not usually available to students such as tennis.

## **12. Local Community**

- **General characteristics**

The area is mainly residential with well-established housing. There is a mixture of older and newer properties and housing developments. There is a wide range of occupations and skills including professionals / semi-professionals, tradespeople and small business owners. There are many migrants in the area, particularly from the UK.

- **Parent and community involvement**

There is positive community involvement in all aspects of school life. The Governing Council forms the basis for parent and community involvement.

Governing Council sub-committees include OSHC, Fundraising, Canteen, Finance, Education, and Grounds. Parent skills are utilised and actively encouraged.

Parents and community members are actively involved in the coaching and managing of sporting teams, working as general volunteers in classroom activities, and assisting with excursions and camps when required. All volunteers in classrooms who are not parents require criminal history screening clearances before commencing.

- **Feeder or destination schools**

Hallett Cove School and Seaview High School are our district secondary schools. Hallett Cove South Pre-School is the main feeder kindergarten / preschool centre to the school.

- **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities**

Hallett Cove Shopping Centre is located a short distance from the school with a range of grocery, variety and specialty stores. A range of other services are located in or near Hallett Cove including medical, fitness, restaurants, churches, libraries and public parks and playgrounds. There are many smaller industries located in neighbouring suburbs including automotive and light manufacturing.

- **Other local facilities**

Hallett Cove Beach, the Lower Field River and the Hallett Cove Conservation Park are located nearby.

- **Local Government body**

The school is located at the southern boundary of the Marion Council LGA. There are links between the school and the Council.

### **13. Further Comments**

Hallett Cove South Primary School is situated in a very pleasant beachside environment. The school is well resourced and supported by its community. The teaching environment is professional, supportive and welcoming.