

# SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: May 2016

**School number:** 0983

**School name:** Brahma Lodge Primary School

## General information

### Part A

School name :Brahma Lodge Primary School  
School No. :0983  
Courier :Northern Adelaide  
Principal :Graham Wood  
Address :20 Mortess St. Brahma Lodge 5109  
Region :Northern Adelaide  
Distance from GPO :16 km  
CPC attached :No  
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<b>FTE Enrolment</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Reception	27	26	27	24
Year 1	30	27	24	27
Year 2	18	29	28	28
Year 3	22	18	26	29
Year 4	24	22	20	26
Year 5	20	23	21	21
Year 6	24	22	22	21
Year 7	30	27	26	23
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>199</b>
School Card percentage	49	49	52	46
NESB Enrolment				
Aboriginal Enrolment	17	15	23	22

- Assistant Principal's name: Leah Stamato
- School website address: [www.brahmar7.sa.edu.au](http://www.brahmar7.sa.edu.au)
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- Staffing numbers: 14.8 FTE
- Enrolment trends: steady at present: we aim our enrolment to be 200
- Year of opening: 1964
- Public transport access: Regular service to nearby bus stop

## Students

Brahma Lodge PS is located in the northern suburbs of Adelaide in the Salisbury local government precinct. Enrolments are mainly drawn from the suburb of Brahma Lodge bounded by Main North Road, Frost Road, Cross Keys Road and Park Terrace. In 2016 we are operating ten mainstream classrooms and a Special Class. The school has the Beafield R-2 Behavioural Unit onsite.

Our belief is that students respond better to efforts to improve their academic performance when they feel connected to school. Our goals are to connect students to their school and to improve their academic performance.

The enrolment from Reception to year 7 at the end of 2015 was 199. The enrolment at the beginning of 2016 was 207. We have classes in the Open Space Unit and in the the main building. Enrolments have been steady over the last 3 years and we are confident that we can sustain our enrolment at above 200 students over the next 5 years.

The students in our school come from a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. Over 45% access the school card entitlement. There are 67 students from non English-speaking backgrounds and in 2015 the number of Aboriginal / Torres Straight Islander students was 22.

At Brahma Lodge Primary School we seek **Unity** by focussing on Respect Responsibility and Relationships. Unity enables the members of our school community to enjoy learning, to accept themselves and others, and to work together to achieve our goals.

We value:

**Respect:** We model and teach respect for ourselves and others.

**Responsibility:** We model and teach responsibility for ourselves and others.

**Relationships:** We model and teach relationships that promote Well Being.

## **Our Learning Program**

Our priority for 2016 is improving student learning in Maths. We currently operate 11 classes from R-7.

Our learning program includes:

- A focus on running whole school programs to develop relationships between all members of our learning community.
- An emphasis on the early detection and correction of learning difficulties.
- A daily Literacy / Numeracy Block in all classrooms
- Individual and small group literacy programs for students who require additional support.
- Specialist teachers in the areas of Humanities and Social Science, the Visual Arts and Media Arts, and Physical Education.
- Learning support for students with learning difficulties.
- Learning support for Aboriginal students through Literacy / Numeracy support, AET, ACEO, Nunga Club and ILP's.
- Learning support for EALD students.
- Opportunities for students to participate in leadership programs.

The school operates a team of staff including the Assistant Principal, Coordinator Student Well Being and EALD, Special Education and Reading Support Teachers who oversee intervention programs, student welfare and professional development. The Student Inclusion and Review Team (SIRT) meet regularly to consider referrals for students at risk, to track support programs and monitor student achievement.

### **Specialist Programs in Science, Visual Arts / Media Arts - Humanities and Social Science - Physical Education**

As a school we have a long term commitment to providing specialist teachers in these curriculum areas. All students in the school have lessons in the Art Studio that we have created at our school. In Visual Arts and Media Arts the children use and experiment with different materials, technologies and processes to make art. Our aim is for our children to have experiences that enable them to develop creative and powerful ways of visually representing their ideas, experiences, observations and imaginations.

Our HASS program and Science programs are new in 2016. The Early Years students have opportunities to develop a strong sense of place and identity through their studies of History and Geography. We have set up a Science Room that all students in the primary classes use for their double Science lesson each week.

Our Physical Education program is designed to develop the fitness level of our students, to teach them the role of rules in playing games, to develop their fine and gross motor skills and to develop a disposition that enables them to value health and fitness as a life long pursuit.

## **Numeracy Targets 2016**

### **Year 3 Numeracy Goals using NAPLAN as the Benchmark**

The Year 3 Numeracy mean in the 2015 NAPLAN will be 370.  
90% of students should be above Band 2 in Numeracy Achievement  
30% of students attain in Band 3 in Numeracy Achievement  
40% of students attain in Band 4 in Numeracy Achievement  
20% of students attain in Band 5 or above in Numeracy Achievement

### **Yr 5 Numeracy Goals using NAPLAN as the Benchmark**

The Year 5 Numeracy mean in the 2015 NAPLAN will be 450.  
90% of students should be above Band 4 in Numeracy Achievement  
30% of students attain in Band 5 in Numeracy Achievement  
50% of students attain in Band 6 in Numeracy Achievement  
10% of students attain in Band 7 or above in Numeracy Achievement

### **Yr 7 Numeracy Goals using NAPLAN as the Benchmark**

The Year 7 Numeracy Mean in the 2015 NAPLAN will be 500.  
90% of students should be above Band 5 in Numeracy Achievement  
30% of students attain in Band 6 in Numeracy Achievement  
40% of students attain in Band 7 in Numeracy Achievement  
20% of students attain in Band 8 in Numeracy Achievement

## **Reading Targets 2016**

Reception Running Records will indicate that 90 % of four term students read at level 8 or above.

Year 1 Running Records will indicate that 50 % of students read at level 16 or above

Year 2 Running Records will indicate that 70 % of students read at level 21 or above

The Year 3 Reading mean in the 2016 NAPLAN will be 380

The Year 5 Reading mean in the 2016 NAPLAN will be 470

The Year 7 Reading mean in the 2016 NAPLAN will be 520

### **2016 Yr. 3 Reading Goals using NAPLAN as the Benchmark**

90% of students attain above Band 2 in Reading Achievement  
60% of students attain above Band 3 in Reading Achievement  
40% of students attain in Band 4 or above in Reading Achievement

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### **Yr 7 Reading Goals using NAPLAN as the Benchmark**

90% of students attain above Band 5 in Reading Achievement  
60% of students attain above Band 6 in Reading Achievement  
35% of students attain in Band 7 or above in Reading Achievement  
25% of students attain in Band 8 or above in Reading Achievement

## **Writing Targets 2016**

The Year 3 Writing mean in the 2016 NAPLAN will be 375.  
The Year 5 Writing mean in the 2016 NAPLAN will be 470.  
The Year 7 Writing Mean in the 2016 NAPLAN will be 500.

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## **Reporting to Parents**

### **Term 1:**

Parents receive a newsletter from the classroom teacher as well as specialist teachers about the learning program for the term, teacher expectations and values.

Parent Teacher interviews occur in the latter part of the term.

### **Term 2:**

Parents receive a newsletter from the classroom teacher as well as specialist teachers about the learning program for the term, teacher expectations and values.

Parents receive a written report at the end of the term that informs them about the achievements of their child in all the curriculum areas that we teach.

### **Term 3:**

Parents receive a newsletter from the classroom teacher as well as specialist teachers about the learning program for the term, teacher expectations and values.

Parents have the opportunity to attend a Parent Teacher Interview in week 5 of the term.

### **Term 4:**

Parents receive a newsletter from the classroom teacher as well as specialist teachers about the learning program for the term, teacher expectations and values.

Parents receive a written report at the end of the term that informs them about the achievements of their child in all the curriculum areas that we teach.

## **Student Behaviour Development**

Both class and yard expectations at Brahma Lodge Primary School are based upon the values of Respect, Responsibility and Relationships. We practise a restorative justice system which focuses on relationships, respect and responsibility, allowing students to acknowledge their mistakes and work towards fixing the harm they have caused. We support our students in learning that our choices have an impact on other people in our school community.

At the beginning of the school year the class teacher and students develop behaviour expectations and consequences. Class Behaviour Development is based on a step system, using logical consequences and the ownership of behaviour. A Reflection Plan is used to help students understand and accept responsibility for their behaviour.

Students in the Early Years begin each day anew whereas the step system for Primary students runs across a whole week.

Our Yard Behaviour system expects students to take responsibility for their behaviour. Inappropriate choices will lead to time being spent in the Reflection Room with a member of the Leadership Team and may be followed by a restorative justice meeting. Students have to think about their behaviour, our school values and then plan how to improve their behavioural choices. A restorative justice meeting gives all people involved the opportunity to be listened to in a safe and supportive environment where those involved can talk about what happened, how they feel, and what needs to happen in the future to restore relationships. Parents are always informed when their child has been sent to the Reflection Room.

Behaviour that promotes our values and learning is acknowledged at the School Assembly, in the school newsletter and through the use of award certificates. Recognition is given daily in the classroom and in the yard to acknowledge our school values.

A significant role of the Coordinator of Student Well Being is the development of student voice through class meetings, Student Executive, House Colours and Student Action Teams. Student Action Teams are groups of children who volunteer their time to organise and run lunchtime activities that students sign up to participate in. The coordinator uses the project as a teaching tool that promotes cooperation, collaboration, community mindedness, teamwork and our values. Student Executive is part of our R-7 student voice initiatives that links to class meetings. The coordinator guides students through the meeting process where they discuss, make decisions and recommendations about school matters. As a group, Student Executive plan and organise assemblies, whole school events, fundraising activities and identify projects to help improve our school. Recent Achievements of these initiatives include:

#### Student Action Teams Achievements

- Reduction in yard behaviour incidents
- Reduction of students needing to resolve issues from yard during their learning time
- Increased number of students in leadership roles developing leadership skills
- Students learning how to teach other students which has improved behaviour choices with visiting teachers
- Increased number of students engaged in and participating in their learning

#### Student Voice Achievements

- Students participating in Student Executive are developing an understanding of democratic decision making processes

- More students are 'having a voice' in their class, influencing their learning experiences
- Students participating in the planning and implementing of whole school projects such as casual days, fundraisers, lunchtime activities, peer leadership day
- Reduction in yard behaviour incidents

## Staff

Leadership structure: Principal (1.0), Assistant Principal (0.8), Student Well Being Coordinator (1.0)

Staff profile: 11 classroom teachers, 0.4 Science, 0.4 HASS, 0.6 Visual Arts, 0.6 PE, 0.4 Aboriginal Education Teacher, 0.4 EALD support teacher, 0.2 Special Education teacher, 2 admin SSO staff and a grounds person, 5 Learning Support SSO's (all classes receive Learning Support SSO time each morning during the Literacy / Numeracy block) and an ACEO (19.5 hours). The SSO's provide support in our speech, Special Education, Literacy Intervention and EALD programs.

Beafield Learning Centre - Junior Primary focus, 2 teaching staff (in separate building)

Performance Development; all staff are line managed by a principal. Meetings occur every term. The emphasis of teacher meetings is student learning and understanding. An agenda of the teaching practices to be discussed is provided and teachers have an opportunity to add to the agenda to finalise it. We provide written feedback.

## School Facilities

- Resource Centre
- large attractive grounds
- modern playground equipment
- two storey building with traditional classroom spaces. All classrooms are carpeted, airconditioned and have interactive whiteboards.
- Open Space Unit with 4 teaching spaces and withdrawal areas.
- a hall provides facilities for Assemblies, The Arts, Physical Education and whole school programs.
- Computer room - networked with 30 computers and coloured printer.
- pods of computers in Unit and Rooms 5 and 6
- access for students and staff with disabilities - ramp access to main building (but no access to first floor for wheelchairs,) ramp access to Open Space Unit.



## School Operations

- Decision making structures
  - : Governing Council operates with a range of subcommittees who bring recommendations to Council Meetings.
  - : Staff meetings operate on consensus but will accept majority vote.
  - : Newsletter published fortnightly
- Other communication
  - : Student Diaries, Student Assessment Portfolios, Student Reports, School Assemblies conducted fortnightly, Parent Information Booklet, Class Newsletters, Parent Nights, Parent/Teacher Meetings, Facebook page.
- School financial position
  - : Resource Entitlement Statement. Disadvantaged Level 2 School. School Card, Federal Government Grants.

## Other

- Feeder schools
  - : Brahma Lodge Kindergarten is within walking distance from the school; Salisbury Kindergarten is 1.5 km away.
- Other local care and educational facilities
  - : A number of primary and private schools within close proximity and four DECD Secondary Schools.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  - : Commercial/Industrial and shopping facilities: Parabanks Shopping Centre within 1.5 km and small local shopping centre within walking distance.
- Other local facilities
  - : Netball, Soccer Clubs, Junior Football Clubs and Scout Group, Fitness Centre, Ten Pin Bowling and Indoor Sports Centre.
- Local Government body
  - : City of Salisbury Council is an active and supportive body