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Principal's foreword

Introduction

Our Vision is to be known as a school of high performance. High performing students, staff and leadership. A school with high quality relationships with our parents and community. A school with high quality facilities, resources and outcomes.

The intent of this report is to provide parents and the community with a set of information that is common for all state and non- state schools in Queensland. It provides an overview of the highlights and successes for Banksia Beach State School during 2008.

During 2008 Banksia Beach State School has been very active in whole school renewal and whole school approach to improving outcomes in literacy and numeracy.

The school has continued to consolidate its above average performances on literacy and numeracy.

During 2008 we achieved most of our goals relating to :

- Building professional capacity of staff to deliver a comprehensive curriculum incorporating essential.

Learnings and all elements of Queensland Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Framework.

- Engaging all Early Years staff in Literacy training programs
- Addressing our literacy and numeracy standards of performance
- Working towards improvement of student performances on corporate measures (NAPLAN year3/5/7 tests)
- Focusing on oral language skills in the Early Years through the implementation of Jolly Phonics.
- Increasing professional dialogue and curriculum leadership among staff
- Integrating planning around curriculum, pedagogy, moderated assessment and reporting of essential learnings.
- Integrating technology for learning and teaching and multimedia learning environments

Future outlook

2009 will be an exciting year for us. Through the Triennial School Review in 2007 we mapped out the direction for the next three years ensuring we will be a high performing school. Our priorities for 2009 include:

- connecting with our data
- Implement 2009 – the Year of Creativity focussing upon creative thinking across all KLAs.
- Pedagogical reform within the parameters of QCAR.
- Increasing professional development opportunities for staff, particularly in the areas of ICT, literacy and Numeracy
- Strong emphasis on expanding our Arts Program including a strong Concert Band and Competition Choir.
- Improving student performance data in literacy and numeracy NAPLAN standardised tests through examination of data and explicit teaching of expected outcomes.

The future looks bright for Banksia Beach State School. We look forward to our data reflecting the many positive changes the school has embraced in 2008.



School Profile

Banksia Beach State School provides co-educational state education to primary age students from Prep to Year 7.

Banksia Beach caters for a diverse range of students, including those with special needs through integrated classroom learning programs, gifted and talented programs as well as access to the Special Education Unit and a Special Early Development Centre. Banksia Beach State School was established in 1992 and in 2008 had a total enrolment in Yrs Prep – 7 of 821.

Banksia Beach's student enrolment is controlled by an enrollment management plan. There were 33 classes for students from yrs 1 -7 with four Prep Classes. Classes consisted of single teaching, team teaching and multi age units.



Curriculum offerings

Our distinctive curriculum offerings

Banksia Beach offers a diverse range of learning opportunities for students. We have a well developed core curriculum that focuses on eight key learning areas – English, Mathematics, Studies of Society and Environment, Science, Art, Music, Physical Education and Health and Languages Other Than English (Indonesian)

Specialist programs are provided in music, instrumental music, gifted and talented extension classes, IT, Intervention including Support a Reader/Writer and Talker and Special Education. Banksia Beach through effective unit planning creates an environment which embraces information technology through out the school. Our computer labs and connected classrooms ensure we are implementing “Smart Classrooms” strategies.

- There is a high level of Information communication technology across all areas of the curriculum including:
- Networked computers in all classrooms with many class’s utilising interactive whiteboards.
- Two computer labs with interactive whiteboards and data projection facilities.

Wireless classrooms and portable laptop stations.

Extra curricula.

Extra curricula activities Banksia Beach encourages children to participate in a wide variety of extra curricular programs in addition to the regular curriculum.

These include:

- Enrichment programs in IT.
- Senior, Junior and Boys only choirs.
- Competition Choir with a performance and competition focus. Successfully competed at several competitions.
- Instrumental Program which provides small group tuition in strings, woodwind, brass and percussion leading up to ensemble Instrumental music performances
- 2008 saw the consolidation of the Banksia Beach Concert Band who performed successfully at many venues and were awarded a Gold Medal at the Brisbane Band Festival.
- Speaking competitions – Banksia Beach won the RSL Public Speaking Competition.
- A wide variety of sporting opportunities. We achieved Soccer District Premiers, District Athletics and Cross Country Champions.
- Touch Football team won the Queensland All School Touch Football championships over a two day carnival.
- A full school musical involving over 200 students.
- Extension afternoons in technology, sports, drama and music.
- Student Council
- School Leadership Program.
- A variety of school camps.

Our school at a glance

How computers are used to assist learning

All students, staff and volunteer helpers have access to computers through a Local Area Network. Banksia Beach State School was awarded an AAA rating.

Banksia Beach State School has a very highly developed Information Technology program. Children have dedicated IT lessons and an IT Continua guides the development of skills from P-7. We have introduced Smart Boards and all Yr 7 children have access to a "Smart Classroom". These classrooms are fitted with either desk top computers for each group or wireless laptops.

Each classroom has a minimum of four networked computers to enable improved outcomes.

Interactive whiteboards are available in all year levels.

Children have access to two computer labs both during school and break times. Extension IT classes and specialized areas are offered on Friday afternoon interest times.

All unit plans are written with an information technology focus and students are asked to demonstrate outcomes using specific programs. At least one assessment item per unit must be submitted using technology

Social climate

In 2008 the School Opinion Survey results indicated that 100% of parents and 89% of students felt that our school was a safe place. 93.8% of parents were satisfied with student discipline at our school.

A safe and disciplined learning environment is supported by a strong behaviour management plan. During 2008 this plan was reviewed to align with Better Behaviours – Better Learning Code of Conduct for all students. This has renewed the emphasis on positive support for all students to achieve success.

Children are encouraged to achieve Gold Certificates each term. These certificates then lead to the achievement of Bronze, Silver and Gold badges.

During 2008 Banksia Beach implemented "You Can Do It!" program. This social development program focuses on developing students' capabilities in relation to "Keys" for learning:

Emotional resilience

Confidence

Persistence

Organization

Getting along skills.

Some of the key aspects of our school climate include:

- Class sizes maintained below 25 for early years and below 28 for middle years.
- A full school uniform including a formal uniform and band performance uniforms.
- Buddy programs
- High level of community involvement.
- Lower and upper students have distinct playing areas during recess times but are provided with opportunities to interact at other times. These include:
 - Buddy classes
 - Student council
 - School events such as musicals, performance afternoons, celebration days, fetes and discos.

In 2008 96.9% of parents felt that students were happy to go to our school and that Banksia Beach State School was a good school.

Our school at a glance



Involving parents in their child's education.

Banksia Beach State School is highly respected in our school community and parental expectations are high. 87.5% of parents reported being satisfied with the opportunities they had to participate in the life of the school.

Parents are welcomed into our school to assist our school achieve greater outcomes.

Opportunities included:

- An extensive volunteer program including gifted and talented extension/ support a reader/writer and talker.
- Participation in classroom culminating activities at the end of units of work and special open days such as book week, under 8's week, sporting events, assemblies and Education Week.
- P&C functions.

Parents are provided with numerous opportunities to play an important role in their child's education. These include:

Parent Network – At least one representative from each class meets with the Principal on a monthly basis to discuss operational issues, the direction of the school and provide feedback from all parents on important issues.

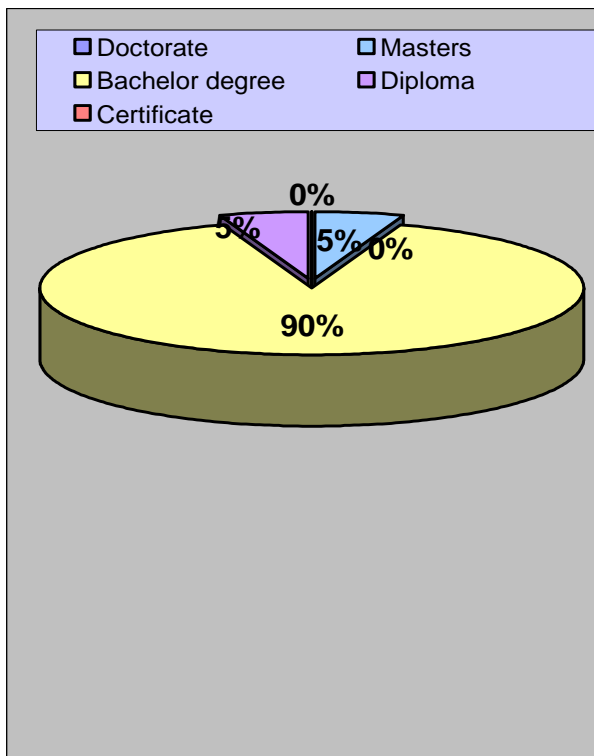
P&C Meetings – once a month interested parents are invited to meet and discuss the direction our school is progressing in, fund raising activities and to hear a report from the Principal.

Parents are encouraged through twice yearly reporting to share any concerns and to celebrate achievements.

Our staff profile

Qualifications of all teachers.

Highest level of attainment	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Doctorate	0
Masters	2
Bachelor degree	33
Diploma	2
Certificate	0



Our staff profile

Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development.

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2008 was \$21 155. The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- Analysis of 2007 data and explicit teaching of expected literacy and numeracy outcomes.
- Whole school literacy planning.
- Whole school numeracy planning.
- Conferences and seminars on effective pedagogy.
- Performance standards for teachers.
- First Aid
- Effective use of interactive whiteboards
- Developing a High Performance culture.
- ICTs as an effective learning tool.
- Implementation of Prep.
- School wide pedagogy.
- Queensland Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Framework.

The involvement of the teaching staff in professional development activities during 2008 was 89 %.



Average staff attendance

- For permanent and temporary staff and school leaders the staff attendance rate was 97% in 2008.

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year.

- From the end of the 2008 school year, 86 % of staff were retained by the school for the entire 2008 school year.

Performance of our students

Student attendance

The average attendance rate as a percentage in 2008 was 93 %.

Key outcomes

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results - our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Domain	Measures		Yr 3	Yr 5	Yr 7
Reading	Average score for the school		389	462	523
	Average score for Queensland		371.1	466.1	528.1
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	93.1 %	87.2 %	93.9%
Writing	Average score for the school		377	471	508
	Average score for Queensland		391.8	468.9	522.7
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	86.4 %	85.3%	81.7%
Spelling	Average score for the school		364	455	521
	Average score for Queensland		366.7	462.0	528.0
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	88.3 %	88.9%	90.1%
Grammar and Punctuation	Average score for the school		377	464	506
	Average score for Queensland		370.4	476.6	518.0
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	92.2 %	89.7%	89.3%
Numeracy	Average score for the school		383	455	535
	Average score for Queensland		367.9	458.2	539.0
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	97.1 %	87.9%	95.4%

Performance of our students

Results in the Year 2 Diagnostic Net	.
	Percentage of students not requiring additional support
Reading	74%
Writing	82%
Number	82%

Value added

Strong early intervention culture has been established which sees a focus on literacy and numeracy development in the early phase of learning. This has allowed the school to identify and support needs quickly.

This has resulted in improved outcomes between the Early Phase including:

In Year 2 net in 2007 78.2 % were above the state mean in numeracy. In 2008 after successful intervention 97.1 % of students were above the National Benchmark. In both writing and reading gains of between 2 and 10% were achieved.

Additional to the core curriculum at Banksia Beach State School we also deliver learning opportunities that greatly enrich the lives of students. These include:

- Student of the Week awards
- Special Weekly Celebrations- such as Literacy and Numeracy Weeks, Book Week, Science Week, Education Week
- Celebration Days to share classroom learning experiences with parents
- Student Leadership Programs
- Diverse extra-curricular activities including Sport, Music, Choirs, Debating, etc
- Special ceremonies to acknowledge events such as Harmony Day, Anzac Day, Remembrance Day,

In 2006 only 67% of parents surveyed believed we were preparing their child for the future compared to 97% in 2008.

In 2006, only 72% of parents were satisfied that their child was safe compared to 100% in 2008.

In 2006, 71% of students were satisfied with the way they used computer technology compared to 81% in 2008.

Performance of our students

Parent, student and teacher satisfaction with the school

2008 saw a continuation of the very high satisfaction rating from parents students and staff. We believe this was achieved through continuing to maintain a high priority on high performance and celebrating our many achievements.

In all areas we were well above the state and like schools mean.

97% of parents were satisfied that Banksia Beach is a good school.

97% of parents were satisfied that their child was getting a good education at Banksia Beach State School.

97% of students were satisfied that Banksia Beach State School was a good school.

94% of students were happy to go to Banksia Beach State School.

94% of staff expressed satisfaction with the way students and staff respect each other.

95% of staff at Banksia Beach agreed that it is a good place to work.

