

SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 08/2023

School Name: Hamley Bridge Primary School

School Number: 0167

1. General Information

Part A

Schoolname : HAMLEY BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
School No. : 0167
Principal : Mrs Margaret Streatfield
Postal Address : 13 Florence Street, Hamley Bridge 5401
Location Address : 13 Florence Street, Hamley Bridge 5401
Partnership : Lower Mid North
Education Director : Susan Copeland
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	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
February FTE Enrolment					
Primary					
Special, N.A.P. Ungraded etc.					
Reception	11	11	9	8	8
Year 1	11	11	10	7	11
Year 2	10	10	7	12	10
Year 3	9	8	15	10	15
Year 4	13	15	9	16	2
Year 5	9	9	13	5	10
Year 6	16	15	11	10	11
Year 7			12	12	7
TOTAL	77	79	86	80	74
School Card Approvals (Persons)		29	29	28	
Aboriginal FTE Enrolment	3	6	6	10	10

Part B

- Deputy Principal - No deputy principal

- Staffing numbers

Staff profile – 1 Principal
5 Teachers
7 SSOs
1 GSE
1 Pastoral Care Worker

- Enrolment trends - Current enrolment trends show stability around 70-72 students
- Since 2014, the school has operated as part of the Lower Mid North Education Partnership. The partnership has a current focus on supporting wellbeing for learning and building teacher & leadership capacity.
- Year of opening - The school was opened in 1880.
- Public transport access - There is no public transport access. Students from outlying areas are transported by school bus from Stockport and Barabba.

2. Students (and their welfare)

- General characteristics - The majority of the students are from an English-speaking background. There is a pattern of gradual increase in the mobility of the population in recent years.
- Currently the school operates four classes (Rec/1, 2/3, 3/4, 5/6) enabling small class sizes. Each class is supported by a full-time student support officer.
- The school employs a Pastoral Care Worker to support staff, students and families.
- Student management - The school's behaviour support model is built around the promotion and encouragement of success. A behaviour code has been developed in consultation with students, families and staff.
- Student Voice Committees operate with students nominating for one of the following: Charity Fundraising, Community, Environment, Whole School Sport & Fitness, Assembly & Public Speaking.

3. Key School Policies

2023 Site Improvement Plan Priorities:

- Improving student performance in Writing – Brightpath program, Vocabulary, Punctuation, Systematic Synthetic Phonics
- Improving Student Performance in Numeracy - Number Facts program, problem solving

4. Curriculum

- Subject offerings include: English, Mathematics, Science, Health & Physical Education (H&PE), The Arts, Technologies, History and Social Sciences (HASS), Spanish (LOTE) Specialist subjects are Arts, HASS and Spanish.
- Assessment procedures and reporting – There is continuous assessment from the beginning of the year. In Term 1, three-way interviews/Student Learning Expo are held in Term 2 a written report is prepared and sent home. In Term 4 a final written report is sent home. These are written in line with Australian Curriculum Achievement Standards and align with Department for Education requirements. Parents are encouraged to speak with their child's class teacher at any time that they have concerns.

5. Sporting Activities

- Swimming lessons are conducted at the local pool at the beginning of each year. The town has a 25 metre swimming pool.
- The school has a history of participating in a "Small Schools Swimming Carnival" on an annual basis with responsibility for organisation undertaken by each school on a rotational basis
- There is an annual Sports Day.

- HBPS is a member and participant in Gawler & District SAPSASA.
- There is involvement in coaching clinics as they are offered.
- Some students and families are heavily involved in community sport - especially football and netball

6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

- General - Annual end of year concert.
- Special activities – There is an annual Easter Breakfast.
- Choir – older students have the opportunity to practise and participate in the Primary Schools Music Festival each year through the Northern Music Festival

7. Staff (and their welfare)

- Staff profile – There are 3 permanent teachers and 3 teachers in contract positions. Most staff live out of the town and commute daily
- Leadership Structure – Principal 1.0 (0.8 Admin and student/family counselling as needed).
- Performance Management processes for teachers link directly with the AITSL Professional Standards.
- Access to special staff - The district based student support services team provide support in the areas of inclusive education, speech, behaviour support, attendance, and psychology.
- The staff have worked with the Curriculum Lead to support curriculum planning and implementation, including use of the curriculum units published by DfE.

8. Incentives, support and award conditions for Staff

- Housing assistance – There is the possibility of access to government housing in Hamley Bridge.
- Public transport access – there is no public transport access.

9. School Facilities

- Buildings and grounds - The school comprises the original stone residence which now houses the administration area, staff room, library and resource room. All classes are in transportable buildings which form a quadrangle. There was an office upgrade in 2005 coinciding with the 125th Celebrations. A shade was put over the playground and the old wooden one dismantled.
- A shelter shed upgrade replaced the 1950's iron cladding. An "Investing in our Schools" grant provided a new oval, which incorporated a vacant house block. Through Building the Education Revolution funding, a Covered Outdoor Learning Area was erected in 2009/2010 and receives heavy daily use.
- Installation of a new playground and shade cover was completed in February 2021.
- A Nature Play area was developed during 2021 and opened in November 2021.

- Cooling - All rooms have cooling and heating systems.
- Student facilities - There is an expansive grassed area and 2 sets of playground equipment. A lunch order service is outsourced to the Hamley Bridge Take-Away shop on Thursdays. A small range of snacks, in line with DECS Healthy Eating guidelines are available on Thursdays at lunch time.
- Staff facilities - There is limited space for staff to work outside of their classroom.
- Access for students, staff and people with disabilities - Ramps are provided for wheelchair access to the admin building, one classroom and toilets. There is a toilet facility for people with a physical disability.
- Access to bus transport - Students living out of town to the north and north-west are serviced with a school bus. Students living south of the town beyond the five kilometre radius can apply for travel allowance.

10. School Operations

- Decision making structures - Staff meetings are held weekly and adhere to a pre-planned structure which includes professional learning opportunities aligned with site priorities.
- Regular publications - The school newsletter is published regularly and includes school and school council news and community notices.
- An interactive school message board at the front of the school in supports information to the school community.
- Other communication - Staff communication occurs via a day- book, term-planner and weekly bulletin.

11. Local Community

- General characteristics - Hamley Bridge is located 74 kms north of Adelaide in what was once an agricultural area comprising mainly sheep, cattle and grain crop farming. Historically Hamley Bridge was a railway town. A chicken farm and a piggery currently provide some employment.
- The Hamley Bridge community was significantly impacted by the Pinery Bushfire in November, 2015. The recovery process is ongoing.
- Parent and community involvement - There is a small, dedicated group of parents who provide support for school activities such as canteen, fundraising, sports day, swimming, classroom help etc.
- Feeder schools - The school is a feeder school to Riverton District High School.
- Other local care and educational facilities – Hamley Bridge Kindergarten and playgroup, occasional care and CAFHS facilities are available. Hamley Bridge Kindergarten became operational on the school site in Term 2, 2014.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities - The town comprises an institute, general store and post office, bank agency, take away, op shop, second hand dealer, service station and mechanic.
- Other local facilities - The town has a police station, medical centre, chemist shop and nursing home. There are Anglican, Uniting and Catholic churches in the town.
- The Local Government body is Wakefield Regional Council.
- Accessibility - The town is situated away from the main arterial roads and therefore no public transport is available. Roads to Hamley Bridge from the main roads are sealed and in good condition. Hamley Bridge is 31 kms from Gawler (about 25 minutes by road).

12. Further Comments

Hamley Bridge Primary is classified as a country school. Its rural setting makes it attractive for those who seek to work with country communities, yet it remains easily accessible to the greater metropolitan area. It is also within easy access of the Barossa, Clare and Gilbert Valley regions.