

CONTEXT

Seaview Downs Primary School has 9 classes Reception to Year 7 with an enrolment in 2017 of 250. It has a reputation for motivated students, committed staff and highly interested parents and carers.

There is a close community feel in the school where students are well supported and there is an educational emphasis on Inquiry Based Learning which promotes problem solving, deeper thinking and genuine engagement in learning.

Governing Council is focused, positive and actively contributes to the achievement of many initiatives. The **Canteen**, open 4 days per week, exemplifies Best Practice and offers online ordering through *Munchmonitor*. The **OSHC** program is vital and well supported and offers Vacation Care.

Established in 1969, the school continues to provide a positive environment where everyone works well together in support of each other.

	2015		2016		2017	
Enrolment	222		229		250	
Sch-Card	42	22%	46	20%	32	13%
ATSI	4	1%	4	1%	4	1%
NEP	17	7%	30	23%	27	11%
EALD	16	7%	23	10%	28	11%

TOGETHER - INQUIRE - INSPIRE

Our view for the future

This vision statement was developed by the community in 2014 and firstly reflects the commitment to work in **partnerships** with parents, staff and students, and more recently with the 15 schools in the Marion Coast Partnership, of which the school is an active member. The school enjoys a strong community feel, with second and third generations of families still happily connected to the school.

The teachers are all experienced specialists in **inquiry teaching** and have for many years implemented the Australian Curriculum through units of inquiry which integrate Australian Curriculum knowledge and skill expectations at each year level. Teachers plan backwards from the mandated student outcomes to organize learning activities that will lead students to deeper understandings of big ideas and concepts.

Through modeling of a positive mindset, life long learning, respect for others, a generous caring spirit, the staff hope to **challenge and inspire** students to think for themselves, take risks, act creatively and to ultimately take responsibility for themselves and their world.

A school wide **focus on anti bullying strategies** helps ensure children can feel safe and included in every aspect of school life.

We are already well into the 21st century so we are also focused on important work skills like collaboration, communication, critical thinking, team work, technology and problem solving to ensure our students are forward thinking and optimistic about the future.

We foster students who are: collaborators, thinkers, communicators, researchers & self managers

LITERACY

Our main focus in literacy is to support all students to ensure they all confidently reach set reading targets, and where possible, increase the number who exceed them. Jolly Phonics is the core program at Reception. This focus includes SSO support for individual students and parent support listening to reading in every class.

Reading data below shows that most students reach national targets (SEA) but our goal is to have most children exceed this by Year 2

Students Demonstrating SEA in Literacy

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Year 1	34%	53.3%	74.2%	N/A
Year 2	60%	53.1%	72.3%	N/A
Year 3	71%	68%	73.3%	86.2%

Students slow to take off in literacy are quickly identified and are included in intense literacy intervention programs for 12 week blocks.

NUMERACY

To improve student learning achievement in numeracy we have focused on mathematical fluency and problem solving. In every classroom our priority is to develop growth mindset and intellectual stretch. Teachers encourage students to be able to explain their mathematical thinking. Quicksmart & TooSmart programs provide intervention for targeted students

Students in Numeracy NAPLAN Higher Bands

	2014	2015	2016	2017
Year 3	21.1%	18.2%	26.7%	24.1%
Year 5	16 %	30.3%	8.6%	20%
Year 7	9.1%	30.8%	18.2%	24.2%

STEM and INNOVATIVE PEDAGOGIES

A \$1m grant enabled us to create 4 large flexible learning spaces and the appointment of a STEM Teaching & Learning Coordinator the school's approach to Science Technology Engineering & Mathematics will make an exciting boost from 2018

COMPUTERS & PORTABLE DEVICES

From 2016 Year 6s & 7s have had exclusive daily use of an iPad and for a rental of \$100 per year can take it home when required for homework. Every classroom as several computers, at least one iPad and more will be gradually allocated to classrooms in the future. This has increased student access and integrated technology into all aspects of the curriculum.

Wifi access is available all over the school, and our computers have the capacity to access the Internet, and a **Responsible Users Agreement**, signed by both student and parent is required before students can access Internet sites through the filtered *sa.educonnect* service. Further to this agreement, students may not download music, must adhere to copyright laws.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

Students enjoy lessons each week with specialist teachers in PE, Japanese and Performing Arts. Increasing numbers of students compete in SAPSASA sporting events. Senior students maintain an e-relationship with a junior secondary school in Tokyo. In odd years the students present a School Concert showcasing their dance drama and music talents.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL GARDEN PROJECT

In 2017 teachers and parents have supported students to begin creating a kitchen garden, fruit orchard and an outdoor learning space surrounded by indigenous plants which will also include a native Bee Hotel.

SWIMMING & AQUATICS

All classes are involved in lessons during Term 4 of each year at the SA State Aquatics Centre Marion for Reception-Year 6, and Port Noarlunga Aquatics for Year 7s.

PARENTS & FRIENDS GROUP

The Parent Group has recently been established and meet each week for coffee & conversation in the school after drop off. Everyone is encouraged to join. Parents with pre-school aged children can also be a part of this group and will always be welcome as members.

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