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## Principal's foreword

### Introduction

Coolum State School continues to play a vital role in providing a high quality public education within the Coolum community. We are currently the largest Primary School on the northern end of the Sunshine Coast. Our enrolment is maintained at approximately 1041, providing an education centre for 741 families in the area. Each year state schools across Queensland complete an anonymous parent survey – our results indicate that parents value the open communication with staff, they feel welcome in the school and rate our staff as friendly and approachable. In fact our results placed us above whole of state average. With such confidence we look forward to a positive 2009 / 2010.

### Future outlook

Staff are the schools best asset – professional, approachable, caring and happy in their working environment, a remarkable group of professionals who strive to make your child's education productive and fun. Staff surveys indicated that our staff are happy to be here and value the school setting – rating highest in team spirit and getting on well with their students. No wonder we have such a dynamic workforce here at Coolum School. We continue to build on the excellent work which we have put in place over the past few years continually updating the curriculum offering and expanding extra curricula opportunities. We are currently embedding the Essential Learning's within our Curriculum Framework for the school- a process of renewal. The One School reporting system is operational within our school along with the other practical applications of One School.

# Our school at a glance

## School Profile

Total student enrolments for your school - 1022

Year levels offered – PREP - 7

Coeducational

## Curriculum offerings

### Our distinctive curriculum offerings

- Rock Bands
- Drummer Band
- Instrumental Music
- School Sport
- ICT – Green Screen Technology
- Whole of School Approach to Smart Moves
- Virtual Classroom
- NAIDOC celebrations
- Arts Expo
- Surfing Program

### Extra curricula activities

- Student Council
- Wakakirri
- Maths Tournament
- Rock Band
- Arts Expo
- Voices on Coast
- Choir
- Strings
- School Leaders
- District Sport
- Cheerleading
- Smart Moves

### How computers are used to assist learning

We have 240 computers in the classrooms and Computer Lab. In addition we have a Data Projector in every classroom, these are used for learning activities on a daily basis. The data have been a great addition to the learning / teaching process at Coolum State School. We also have 3 interactive Smart Boards throughout the school. Technology is well accepted in our school and the skill base of our teachers is being continually upgraded. Sixty two teachers have access to a personal laptop to prepare and develop curriculum offerings. Eight teachers have a current Pedagogical License and in 2009 a further nine teaching staff will be undertaking this training to further develop their personal skill level to enhance student learning. Twenty seven teachers currently hold a Certificate in ICT and in 2009 the remaining staff are undertaking this as the base level. Three staff have attained their Orange Card qualifications

## Our school at a glance

and this ensures that our school ICT access is supported in classrooms.

### Social climate

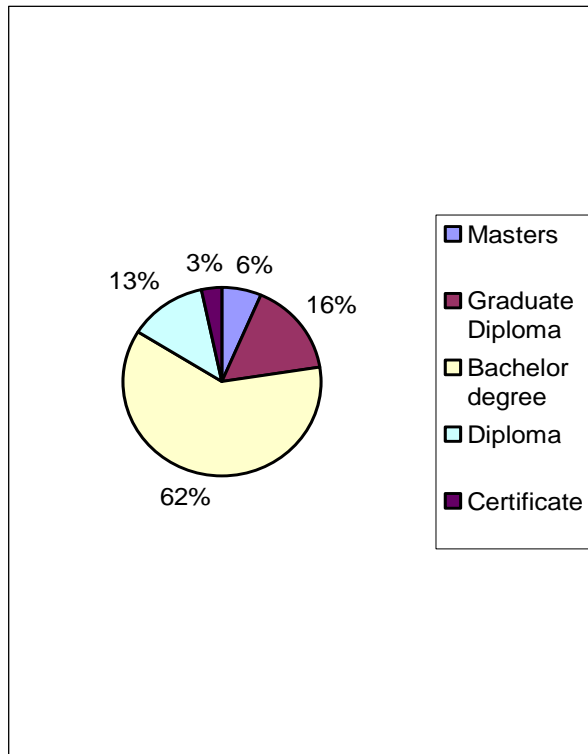
Coolum State School has a very positive school climate and caring and supportive feel to it. Our continual increase in school enrolments indicates that the local community is very supportive and has a lot of confidence in their community school. We have a very effective student welfare team in place. It consists of our Student Welfare Teacher, GO and two Deputy Principals. Students generally feel safe at school and students indicate that they are happy to attend Coolum State School. Much of this is due to the fact that the staff at the school work very hard at promoting a positive atmosphere characterised by fun filled activities across the school – this aspect of the school is encapsulated in our Weekly Parades. Students and parents alike indicate that they are more than satisfied with the behaviour of the wider school population and students are happy to attend a school where they feel safe.

### Involving parents in their child's education.

Parents have the opportunity to participate as part of the P.&C. Association. They are also involved in school banking, classrooms helpers, home reading programs, resource centre volunteers, at camps, attending parent information sessions, parent interviews, excursions, sports days and volunteering at tuckshop. Parents are also involved through parade performances and the Coolum Carnival. Parent involvement has changed over recent years with many parents returning to the work force. Survey results indicate that the school encourages access to school decision making processes.

## Qualifications of all teachers.

Highest level of attainment	Percentage of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Masters	4
Graduate Diploma	10
Bachelor degree	38
Diploma	8
Certificate	2



## Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development.

- The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2008 was \$28000 .
- The major professional development initiatives are as follows: QCAR, Crossing cultures, ICT literacy, First Steps speaking and listening, Change Management, Behaviour Management programs, One School Laptop Training for teachers, Early Year Continuity of Curriculum teaching in supporting the introduction of Essential Learnings, QCAT information and moderation sessions, P-3 5 day literacy inservice, Gifted and Talented identification processes and theories, 7 Steps to Writing, Pedagogical License, Anaphylaxis Training, State Purchasing Policy.
- The involvement of the teaching staff in professional development activities during 2008 was 84 %.

## Average staff attendance

- For permanent and temporary staff and school leaders the staff attendance rate was 96% in 2008.

## Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year.

- From the end of the 2007 school year, 98 % of staff were retained by the school for the entire 2008 school year.

# Performance of our students

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## Student attendance

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

## Key outcomes in the early and middle phases of learning

Results in the Year 2 Diagnostic Net	
	Percentage of students not requiring additional support
Reading	87%
Writing	91%
Number	90%

## 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	Yr 9
Reading	Average score for the school	362 Result	479 Result	521 Result	na Result
	Average score for Queensland	371.1	466.1	528.1	568.2
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008 84 % Result	91 % Result	96 % Result	na % Result
Writing	Average score for the school	384 Result	479 Result	523 Result	na Result
	Average score for Queensland	391.8	468.9	522.7	555.3
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008 93 % Result	92 % Result	94 % Result	na % Result
Spelling	Average score for the school	369 Result	469 Result	527 Result	na Result
	Average score for Queensland	366.7	462.0	528.0	567.8
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008 88 % Result	89 % Result	94 % Result	na % Result
Grammar and	Average score for the school	366 Result	491 Result	514 Result	na Result

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Punctuation	Average score for Queensland		370.4	476.6	518.0	563.2
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	89 % Result	95 % Result	91 % Result	na % Result
Numeracy	Average score for the school		356 Result	463 Result	526 Result	na Result
	Average score for Queensland		367.9	458.2	539.0	570.7
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008	86 % Result	92 % Result	95 % Result	na % Result

### Other Key Outcomes

#### Value added

Coolum school is highly regarded in its local community. The annual Coolum Carnival is the biggest community event in Coolum. It draws together the entire community and is seen as a focal point for all ages in October every year. Our Music program is characterised by our Rock Bands who have become an inspiration for our Year 7 students every year. Our facilities are seen as a major asset both in a physical and education sense. This enables us to provide a quality education to our students.

#### Parent, student and teacher satisfaction with the school

91.8% of students indicated that they are getting a good education from Coolum School. 95.7% of parents/caregivers were satisfied that Coolum school is a good school. The percentage of staff members satisfied with morale in the school equalled 97.4%.