

SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 02/2021

School number: 0391

School name: ST LEONARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

1. General information

Part A

School Name : ST LEONARD'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
School No : 0391 Courier: Region 03
Principal : Mr Dave Henty-Smith
Postal Address : Jervois Street, Glenelg North 5045
Location Address : Jervois Street, Glenelg North 5045
District : Southern Adelaide
Distance from GPO : 11 kms
CPC attached : NO

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		2018	2019	2020	2021
Primary	Special, N.A.P. Ungraded etc.				
	Reception	52	55	49	63
	Year 1	57	55	63	52
	Year 2	61	60	54	60
	Year 3	55	61	63	45
	Year 4	58	51	61	59
	Year 5	51	58	52	57
	Year 6	33	50	57	47
	Year 7	25	27	27	40
Total		392	417	426	423

July total FTE Enrolment

School Card Approvals (Persons)	64	56	55	54
NESB Total (Persons)	75	78	78	93
Aboriginal FTE Enrolment	6	6	9	7

Part B

- **Deputy Principal's name, if applicable**

Kathy Baker

- **School e-mail address**

dl.0391.admin@schools.sa.edu.au

- **Staffing numbers**

Tier 1	: 22.4
Tier 2	: 0.68
Ancillary Hours	: 192.5

Leadership positions

Principal	: Male
Deputy Principal	: Female
Coordinator	: Female

- **OSHC**

Before and After School Care and Vacation Care.

- **Enrolment trends**

There is a rapid increase in the number of new reception students. Almost 80% of students were born in Australia. In recent years we have welcomed students from the UK, Egypt, India, Pakistan, America, South Africa, Thailand, China and New Zealand. Enrolments have increased from 197 in 2010 to 423 currently.

- **Special arrangements**

N/A

- **Year of opening**

St Leonards Primary School was officially opened in 1921. New developments occurred in 1986 when the Junior Primary Campus adjacent to the Old Gum Tree was sold and the whole school operated from a single site at Jervois Street. This school is part of the Holdfast Cluster of schools which includes the Glenelg, Paringa Park, Warradale and Brighton Primary Schools, together with local kindergartens and Plympton International College.

- **Public transport access**

St Leonards Primary School is 10 kms from the GPO, and set in an area bounded by Anzac Highway and Tapleys Hill Road to the south and west.

Buses from the City along Anzac Highway or Tapleys Hill Road service the school and are within walking distance from the school.

2. Students (and their welfare)

- **General characteristics**

St Leonards Primary School is a community based, category 6 school, with approximately 20% school card students. Students are well behaved and develop good friendships due to the size of the school. The school's families are generally well-educated with high expectations and are supportive of the school. St Leonards Primary School supports families by offering Before and After School Hours Care and a dynamic Vacation Care Program.

- **(Pastoral) care programs**

The Pastoral Care Worker provided support across the school. We are currently in the process of hiring a new Pastoral Care Worker.

- **Support offered**

N/A

- **Student management**

Student management is based upon the school values of Respect, Resilience and Readiness. These values are embedded in student management processes and are explicitly taught. Student management processes use the processes and language of Restorative Practice, with a focus on how students can restore relationships. Student behaviour and harassment policies are available on the school website.

- **Student government**

Students vote each year to elect eight (male and female from Year 6 and 7) School Ambassadors. These ambassadors accept responsibilities to work throughout the school R-7, and provide leadership and role models for other students. Other leadership roles include Library Monitors, Science Guardians, Canteen Champions, Performing Arts Leaders, Sports Captains, Handy Helpers and ICT Tech Team. All classes also have SRC representatives.

- **Special programmes**

Student-run Friday morning assemblies, held three times per term, provide an opportunity for students from every class to present their work and achievements before a large audience.

Student-run lunchtime clubs, students submit a proposal of a club eg chess, drawing, disco, craft etc and a timetable is drawn up. New clubs are given an opportunity every term.

3. Key School Policies

- **Site Improvement Plan and Operational plans and policies**

On the school website.

- **St Leonards 2021 Site Priority Areas:**

1. To improve student achievement in writing across the site
2. To increase the number of students in the top levels of achievement in writing
3. To increase the number of high achieving students in numeracy

- **Recent key outcomes**

2020 Annual Report on school website.

4. Curriculum

- **Subject offerings**

The curriculum at St Leonards Primary School is based upon the 8 required areas of study:

English
The Arts
Languages - Chinese
Mathematics
Science
HASS
Technologies
Health and Physical Education.

Currently Chinese, Music, Arts, Technology and Physical Education are taught as non-contact subjects.

- **Special needs:**

Identification and support for specific learning needs/students at risk through

- support for One Child One Plans (OCOPs) in all classrooms
- support for students with learning difficulties, speech programs etc
- EALD programs for students.
- Flexible use of additional support staff.

- **Special curriculum features**

- Camps and excursions.
- Instrumental Music opportunities and student led Music Night
- Regular access to sports skill clinics and introduction to a range of sports and fitness programs across the school.

- Festival Choir.
- Buddy classes.
- Bike Ed and Crunch & Sip.
- Support for students with learning difficulties, speech programs etc.
- Student led school assemblies attended by parents and families.
- School choir participates in Music Festival at Festival Theatre; performs for community groups, open days, parent information sessions.
- High achieving students have opportunities in Science and Computing Programs and additional activities such as Oliphant Science Awards.
- Children's University

- **Teaching methodology**

Teachers have been focussing on quality teaching and learning in the specific areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Wellbeing. All teachers are provided with iPads and Laptops. ICT is integrated across the curriculum daily. All students have a device of their own.

- **Assessment procedures and reporting**

There is a focus on student achievement through detailed ongoing assessment and record keeping, with a whole school assessment and reporting framework. This framework is available on the school website. Written student reports are prepared for the end of Terms 2 and 4. Student's data is collected by Sentral and analysed regularly.

Students are also encouraged to sit a number of external tests and challenges.

- **Joint programs**

The school liaises with local pre-schools and feeder secondary schools. St Leonards Primary School works collaboratively with Holdfast Partnership schools in the area of Learning Design and Moderation. Professional development sessions are shared throughout the year building strong networks.

5. Sporting Activities

There is an active in-school physical education program, supplemented with a variety of specialist clinics and workshops, intra and interschool sports and SAPSASA involvement. A three year revolving program including gymnastics, dance and athletics have been a valuable addition to our Health and Physical Education program. There is also an active out of hours sporting presence especially in football (soccer), netball, volleyball and t-ball.

6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

- **General**

N/A

- **Special**

N/A

7. Staff (and their welfare)

- **Staff profile**

Staff members at St Leonards Primary School are experienced with a recent addition of newly appointed teachers and leaders. Staff wellbeing is of high priority.

- **Staff utilisation policies**

N/A

- **Leadership structure**

The school leadership comprises the Principal, Deputy Principal and Coordinator.

- **Staff support systems**

N/A

- **Performance Management**

All staff members are expected to work towards the school improvement priorities, and reflect on practice and outcomes achieved in line with AITSL Professional Standards for Teachers. All staff have a Professional Development plan. They meet with their line managers 2 times per year.

- **Access to special staff**

N/A

- **Other**

N/A

8. School Facilities

- **Buildings and grounds**

The main buildings are the original solid structures with heritage implications. There is an Art Room, Language Room, Library, two STEM rooms, Blue Screen Room and OHSC facility. Classrooms are large and the Middle School is located separately with all students having access to their own laptop.

There is a school oval and two astro-turf courts. There are two covered adventure playgrounds. The active Grounds Committee, led by parents, have made vast improvements to buildings and facilities. During 2017, new STEM facilities were built on site. Two new classrooms were placed on site during 2018 to cater for increasing enrolments. In 2019 the new nature play area was opened on the Jervois Street side, in front of the transportable classrooms.

- **Cooling**

There is reverse cycle air-conditioning in all teaching areas.

- **Staff facilities**

Staff room.

Car parking is in adjacent streets as there is no school car park.

- **Access for students and staff with disabilities**

The school has had some modifications to allow wheelchair access including automatic front door to the main Office.

10. School Operations

- **Decision making structures**

Staff meetings, Governing Council and Sub Committees,

- **Regular publications**

Fortnightly Newsletter

- **Other communication**

Web site (<http://www.sleonrdsp.s.sa.edu.au>), school Facebook page, Class Facebook pages, Skoolbag, Sentral text messaging and whole school email, OSHC communications.

- **School financial position**

St Leonards Primary School is in a good financial position and seeks additional funding through grants, sponsorship and fundraisers for specific programs and activities. The audit reports consistently report sound financial processes and policies.

- **Special funding**

N/A

11. Local Community

- **General characteristics**

St Leonards Primary School is a community based, category 6 school, with approximately 20% school card students. The school's 256 families are generally well-educated and supportive of their children and of the school. The Governing Council and staff work together to ensure that St Leonards remains a friendly, welcoming community school where students are able to excel in a wide variety of areas. We have an increasing number of parents working on committees and in classrooms. Annual opinion surveys are very positive from parents, staff and students. The school offers a well balanced curriculum. Staff members are committed to innovative approaches that foster 21st Century learning. Students achieve highly in academic, sporting and musical endeavours.

Each year the school celebrates a range of events including Book Week, Science Week, PE Week, Celebration Night and Sports Day.

- **Parent and community involvement**

There is a strong community spirit that is reflected in the parent run sport that includes soccer, netball, volleyball and T-ball teams. St Leonards has two Canteen Managers and volunteer parents run the Uniform Shop. An active School Council and Fundraising Committee run a number of events each year. Each class has parent representatives who are responsible for organising class functions, welcoming new

parents and providing classroom support when necessary. Parents select St Leonards Primary School due to the size and positive community presence.

- **Feeder schools**

St Leonards Primary School became zoned in 2014. Families living in Glenelg North and Novar Gardens fall within our zoned area. Children come from a number of local kindergartens and Child Care Centres, with the highest number coming from the nearby Baden Pattinson Kindergarten. Students exit Year 7 to attend a variety of schools including Plympton International College, Brighton Secondary School, Henley High School, Urrbrae, Unley High School, Adelaide High School, Glenunga International High School, Mitcham Girls High School and independent schools.

- **Other local care and educational facilities**

N/A

- **Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities**

The school is just a few minutes drive to the shopping precincts of Jetty Road Glenelg, and Harbourn town. The airport is also with a few minutes drive from the school.

- **Other local facilities**

The Patawalonga, Old Gum Tree and Glenelg Beach are within walking distance.

- **Local Government body**

City of Holdfast Bay

12. Further Comments

St Leonards is a very old district, after which the school was named, and although the suburb by that name no longer exists, the school community is proud of this name, its history and its close proximity to the historic Old Gum Tree where the State of South Australia was proclaimed on the 28th December, 1836. St Leonards will celebrate our 100th Anniversary this year (2021).
