



# SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

**Updated: August 2020**

**School number: 1481    School name: Stirling North Primary School**

**School Profile Text:** Stirling North is located 7 km from Port Augusta. SNPS prides itself on its community feel. The core values at SNPS are Respect, Responsibility and Resilience. Our key focus is on enabling Student Voice to drive curriculum and to explicitly teach Critical and Creative thinking and Personal and Social capabilities. We connect 6 curriculum areas around themes throughout the year to enable greater engagement and links to our local community.

## 1. General information

- School Principal name: Adam Wilson
- Deputy Principal's name: Tania Bailey
- Wellbeing Coordinator's name: Ryan Morris
- Literacy Coordinator: Kate McNamara
- Students with Disabilities teacher's name: Katie Dennis
- Year of opening: 1981
- Postal Address: Po Box 1711, Port Augusta, SA, 5700
- Location Address: Beckman St, Stirling North, SA, 5710
- Partnership: Port Augusta/Quorn
- Geographical location: Stirling North is located approx 300km North of Adelaide
- Telephone number: (08) 86436020
- Fax Number: (08) 86436277
- School website address: [www.stirlingnorth.sa.edu.au](http://www.stirlingnorth.sa.edu.au)
- School e-mail address: [dl.1481.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.1481.info@schools.sa.edu.au)
- Child Parent Centre (CPC) attached: No
- Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service: Yes

<b>TOTAL STUDENT ENROLMENTS</b>															
	<b>2016</b>			<b>2017</b>			<b>2018</b>			<b>2019</b>			<b>2020</b>		
	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
<b>Reception</b>	18	26	44	28	22	50	19	21	40	28	15	43	21	24	45
<b>Year 1</b>	16	23	39	19	28	47	29	22	51	19	21	40	28	16	44
<b>Year 2</b>	15	28	43	17	25	42	18	27	45	30	23	53	23	20	43
<b>Year 3</b>	17	24	41	15	27	42	17	25	42	21	25	46	29	23	52
<b>Year 4</b>	22	19	41	17	24	41	13	30	43	17	26	43	21	24	45
<b>Year 5</b>	19	9	28	21	18	39	15	24	39	15	32	47	18	27	45
<b>Year 6</b>	12	19	28	20	11	31	21	15	36	18	23	41	16	32	48
<b>Year 7</b>	23	17	40	13	18	31	20	12	32	23	15	38	18	24	42
<b>Total</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>364</b>

<b>ATSI STUDENT ENROLMENTS</b>								
	<b>2017</b>		<b>2018</b>		<b>2019</b>		<b>2020</b>	
	Number	% of total enrolment	Number	% of total enrolment	Number	% of total enrolment	Number	% of total enrolment
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13%</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>15%</b>

<b>STUDENTS ON SCHOOL CARD</b>								
	<b>2016</b>		<b>2017</b>		<b>2018</b>		<b>2019</b>	
	Number	% of total enrolment	Number	% of total enrolment	Number	% of total enrolment	Number	% of total enrolment
<b>Total</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>25.5%</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>18%</b>

- Student enrolment trends: Increased by 21% over the past 5 years which has resulted in a zoned enrolment
- 2020 Staffing numbers: **SEMESTER 1 2020**

Teachers – 28.0 (0.7 AET, 3.4 NIT, and 4.0 Leadership Positions)

Leadership positions: Principal 1.0, Deputy Principal 1.0, Assistant Principal – Wellbeing/ATSI 1.0, Literacy coordinator 0.3, STEM Coordinator 0.3, SWD teacher 0.2

SSO time = 365.5 hours (23 staff)

ACEO time = 35.0 hours

GSE time = 25 hours

7 Male staff and 38 female staff

- Public transport access: A public bus services the Stirling North / Port Augusta area
- Special site arrangements: N/A

## 2. Students (and their welfare)

- General characteristics
  - R – 7 school comprises 14 classes – 6 JP and 8 Primary.
- Student well-being programs
  - The Games Factory is a school wide social skills program.
  - The Wellbeing Coordinator and Pastoral Support Worker work both individually and with small groups of students who require support with wellbeing &/or social skills.
- Student support offered
  - SSO support is provided for all students with a disability.
  - Other students are provided with support through 1:1 and small group instruction for academic and social/emotional needs and reading intervention (i.e., Rainbow Reading, Minilit, Multilit, Quicksmart, and Speech Programmes).
- Student management
  - The SNPS Student Behaviour Management (SBM) policy underwent review in 2014. The updated policy is available on the school website.
  - The SBM policy is based on the school values, Restorative Practices and Games Factory philosophies. We link our teaching to the Personal and Social Capabilities
- Student government
  - The Principal oversees the student leaders in the school.

Student leaders are part of small groups that oversee a direction that students nominate and coordinate.

Student Voice operates throughout the school as we strongly believe that students should be the change agents from within the school setting and the curriculum development.

### **3. Key School Policies**

Using domain 2 in TfEL to create safe conditions for learning is our primary focus. Develop democratic relationships to ensure that students have a strong voice in the curriculum development is vital as we ensure that learning is negotiated. We also believe that the teaching of the Personal and Social Capabilities will provide our students with skill sthat will dramatically reduce behaviour and provide them with lifelong skills. Teaching of Critical and Creative thinking allows students to be lifelong learners. We connect 6 curriculum areas (Science, HPE, HASS, Languages and Technology) to enable an interdisciplinary curriculum that is relevant and engaging to students.

### **4. Curriculum**

- Subject offerings: All learning areas consistent with the Australian Curriculum and the South Australian Curriculum and Accountability framework.
- Open Access/Distance Education provision: N/A
- Special needs: Negotiated Education Plans (NEPs) are updated twice a year for all students with a disability.
- Student assessment procedures and reporting: The school provides written reports to parents/caregivers twice a year (Term 2 & 4), in Term 1 and 3, 3-way conferences are held for all students.

### **5. Sporting Activities**

- Students in Yrs 5-7 have the opportunity to participate in numerous SAPSASA sporting events.
- Students in Year 6 & 7 have the opportunity to participate in aquatics each year.
- All students year R-5 have the opportunity to participate in the swimming program each year.
- SNPS holds an annual Sports Day
- The school does not have sporting teams but there is a wide range of clubs in the area.

## 6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

- Students in Yrs 3 – 7 have the opportunity to participate in the Port Augusta Combined Schools Choir.
- Lessons in various musical instruments are offered to students in Yrs 5, 6 & 7.

## 7. Staff (and their welfare)

- Staff profile  
There is a mix of part-time and full-time staff at the site, ranging in experience from graduate to over 20 years experience.  
There are currently 6 Step 9 teachers.  
Approximately 85% of the teachers are permanent.
- Leadership structure  
Principal 1.0, Deputy Principal 1.0, Assistant Principal – Wellbeing/ATSI, Coordinator (school counsellor) 1.0, and Literacy Coordinator (0.3), STEM Coordinator
- Staff support systems  
Staff meetings occur weekly for admin and T&D
- Performance Management  
A PDP process is in place to monitor and help develop staff skills and performance in line with the Site Improvement Plan (SIP) and to celebrate successes. Staff meet with their Line Managers in Week 5 of Term 1, start of Term 3 and the end of the year.
- Access to special staff  
Instrumental Music staff are available through the high school  
Support Services (hearing, speech, guidance, behaviour etc) are available through Regional Office

## 8. Incentives, support and award conditions for Staff

- Complexity placement points  
1 point
- Isolation placement points  
4 points
- Shorter terms  
N/A
- Travelling time  
N/A

- Housing assistance

The Department for Education (DfE) and Building Management Accommodation and Property Services (BMAPS), who are part of the Department for Transport, Energy and Infrastructure (DTEI), are two separate authorities. DfE is providing a copy of the Application for Accommodation for convenience. Section 10 of this application is to be completed by the Removals Officer, DfE. For new employees, appointment with DfE will be verified by the Removals Officer and the application will be faxed directly to BMAPS.

Further enquiries regarding housing should be directed to BMAPS. Telephone/fax numbers for BMAPS are listed on the last page of the Application for Accommodation.

[http://www.infrastructure.sa.gov.au/BuildingManagement/government\\_employee\\_housing](http://www.infrastructure.sa.gov.au/BuildingManagement/government_employee_housing)

- Cash in lieu of removal allowance  
N/A
- Additional increment allowance  
N/A
- Designated school's benefits  
N/A
- Aboriginal/Anangu school  
No
- Medical and dental treatment expenses

Within the Teachers (DfE) Award, Clause 5.9 Travel And Accommodation Expenses – Medical and Dental Treatment, teachers, their spouses and children are entitled to claim mileage and accommodation relating to medical consultations that are not available in their appointed location.

<http://www.decs.sa.gov.au/docs/documents/1/TeachersNonMetropolitanAw.doc>

- Locality allowances  
Country incentive Zone 4 increases each year for 5 years from \$3989 - \$5146
- Relocation assistance

Eligible DfE employees are notified of their removals expenses on their appointment letters. Both permanent and contracts teachers are entitled to removals at the commencement and conclusion of their appointments.

Further information call: 8226 1065

<http://www.decs.sa.gov.au/hrstaff/pages/employmentconditions/>

## 9. School Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
  - The school has undergone a new Admin building and a co-located Kindergarten.
  - Grounds are vast and well established with the Grounds Committee meeting regularly to oversee a strategic 3 year plan
  - Full sized football oval + soccer pitch.
  - Asphalt playing field (netball / basketball court).
  - Bike track.
  - Some Demac and some transportable buildings.
  - New Gymnasium has been built (BER).
  - Canteen operates 5 days per week – Governing Council employ a canteen manager – Denise Riding.
- Heating and cooling
  - Heating and cooling is provided in all rooms
- Specialist facilities and equipment
  - Library, kitchen, gym, wet areas, art room.
- Student facilities
  - Canteen
- Staff facilities
  - Staff room, Teacher Resource section in Library, JP office, Admin computer area, work room off staffroom
- Access for students and staff with disabilities
  - Not all buildings are accessible.
  - Disabled toilet and shower.
- Access to bus transport
  - Port Augusta Town bus services Stirling North area also.
  - Port Augusta Secondary School bus picks up students Monday - Thursday after school, into Port Augusta.
  - PASS & Town buses available for hire.

## 10. School Operations

- Decision making structures
  - Decision Making Policy (DMC)
  - Personnel Advisory Committee (PAC).
  - Finance Advisory Committee (FAC)
  - Governing Council.

- Regular publications – for parents / caregivers
  - Fortnightly newsletter
  - Governing Council Reports, twice per term
- Other communication
  - Annual Report
  - Parent information packs (for new families, when enrolling)
  - Parent / Caregiver meetings during Kindy to School transition process
  - Class Diaries / Communication books
  - Home Reader books
  - Behaviour Documentation
  - Staff handbook
  - Staff Daybook – SENTRAL
  - Facebook page
  - SNPS app - Schoolstream
- School financial position
  - Satisfactory
- Special funding
  - APAS – Aboriginal Program Assistance Scheme
  - Early Years Literacy/Mentor program funding
  - First Language Maintenance & Development
  - ISBM funding
  - Disadvantaged Schools & Rural Index
  - English as a Second Language (ESL)

## 11. Local Community

- General characteristics

Stirling North is a growth area for privately owned new homes because of its semi-rural setting.

There is strong community interest in a range of sporting and recreational activities.

The school provides a focal point for the community and generally receives good community support for activities and fundraising ventures.

The community's close proximity to Port Augusta ensures access to a wide range of retail, sporting, health and entertainment facilities.

Port Augusta is known as the "*Crossroads of Australia*" and the Gateway to the Flinders Ranges, the Outback and Spencer Gulf.

Port Augusta is situated on the quiet waterways at the head of the Spencer Gulf, in close proximity to the spectacular Flinders Ranges.

Population of approximately 15000.



Port Augusta provides reasonable opportunities for employment in a range of industries, government agencies and commercial enterprises. Some residents commute further afield to work on mining sites regionally and interstate.

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities

Stirling North has one fuel outlet and take-away shop, which also includes an agency for Australia Post, Traveller's Rest Hotel, Boral Quarries and a hair dressing salon.

Port Augusta offers conveniences and facilities expected from a modern city.

- Other local facilities

Stirling North offers: a Progress Association Club and Hall which provides meals and refreshments on a number of days each week, separate Caravan and Cabin parks, the Country Fire Service volunteer group and a golf course.

An extensive range of medical facilities are available in Port Augusta. Visiting health specialists supplement local services. Port Augusta is also the base for the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

There are numerous sporting and recreational facilities available in Port Augusta.

There are numerous pubs, restaurants, and take-away outlets.

There is a public library.

A range of tourist attractions (including Wadlata and Arid Lands).

- Parent and Community Involvement

SNPS has a strong Governing Council.

Governing Council is represented on a variety of committees and reports back to the Governing Council twice a Term. We have an active and supportive Governing Council.

- Feeder or destination schools

See "Other local care and educational facilities", below. Students come from and move to many different kindys / schools.

- Other local care and educational facilities

Stirling North Childhood Services Centre (Kindy) is joined to the SNPS admin building.

Port Augusta Secondary School (8 – 12 campus)

Caritas College (R – 12 campus) \*Catholic

Seaview Christian College

5 other Primary Schools: Willsden, Port Augusta West, Augusta Park, Flinders View and Carlton (R-9).

Port Augusta Special School.

- Availability of staff housing  
Government and private rental houses available in Port Augusta. Limited private rentals available in Stirling North.  
\*Also, see Section 8: “Housing Assistance”
- Accessibility  
Adelaide is approx a 3 hour drive, flights are also available.  
Whyalla and Port Pirie are both approx a 1hr drive away.  
A town bus services the Stirling North and Port Augusta area.  
Taxi services for Port Augusta & Stirling North.
- Local Government body  
The Port Augusta City Council (ph 86419100).  
  
[admin@portaugusta.sa.gov.au](mailto:admin@portaugusta.sa.gov.au)  
  
[www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au](http://www.portaugusta.sa.gov.au)

## 12. Further Comments