



# Burrowes State School

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## School Overview

Burrowes State School offers families a safe and supportive environment and is very proud to be part of the responsive public education system of Queensland. Burrowes was officially opened in 1987 as the second state school in the growing Logan suburb of Marsden.

Burrowes State School plays a significant role in the lives of children as they grow and develop. In partnership with parents and other members of the community, the school provides students with a high quality education that equips them with the knowledge, skills, and attributes needed to be successful in the future.

Our school motto is 'Freedom to Learn'. We work to enable all students to engage in learning activities which cater for their specific needs and abilities.

Our school vision is, "To create and support successful, positive, lifelong learners, who engage in, and respect their education and have pride within their community".

Our school Mission is:

### **At Burrowes State School we work together to:**

#### **Leadership**

Create collaborative learning teams that result in informed and effective Pedagogical practices to drive student achievement.

#### **Engagement/Collaboration:**

Create a collaborative learning environment through the engagement of community, teachers and students resulting in successful outcomes.

#### **Innovation/Creativity:**

Support and engage student's learning through innovative, evidence based pedagogical practices.

#### **Health and Well-Being:**

Create a safe, supportive environment which broadens understanding and acceptance of difference, building emotional and physical health.

#### **High Expectations:**

Set high expectations through staff commitment to, and ownership of, student academic improvement.

## Principal's Foreword

### Introduction

Burrowes State School has an enrolment of only 772 students and is therefore in a position to provide a high level of resources and at the same time students are known on a more personal level. Being a part of a strong State Education System we are in a position to ensure our teachers have access to high quality professional development, training and support. During 2017 our school had the following points of difference that separated us from other schools:

- Fully air-conditioned classrooms to ensure students can engage in their learning no matter what the weather.

- Strong evidence based Prep Start reading and vocabulary program supported by Speech Language Pathologists.
- Interschool Sport representative teams.
- Junior and Senior School choir
- Positive Behaviour for Learning program and You Can Do It!
- Kidsmatter mental health framework.
- Laptop program in Year 5 and 6.
- Student leadership positions, school, cultural and sporting captains.
- A high standard of school grounds and facilities.

Furthermore, our school had the following key personal to support students and provide a high standard of quality pastoral care and focused learning in 2017:

- Deputy Principal P to 2.
- Deputy Principal 3 to 4
- Deputy Principal Year 3 to 6.
- Head of Special Education Services.
- Head of Teaching and Learning.
- Specialist numeracy teacher.
- Specialist literacy teacher.
- Full time Behaviour Teacher.
- Full time Guidance Officer.
- Chaplain three days a week
- Community Education Councilor – Identified

This report gives our community and visitors a snapshot of our school during 2017. By perusing the following pages you will see the involvement of students, staff and parents in a diverse range of academic, cultural and sporting activities.

Yours in Education,

Stephen Josey

Principal.

### **School Progress towards its goals in 2017**

In 2017 our school strategic agenda will focused on the following:

Extend and enhance the Burrowes Reading Agenda.

Implement the Burrowes Numeracy Agenda.

Develop and implement walk through processes.

Commit to the collaborative inquiry processes.

Investigate Response to Intervention models.

### **Future Outlook**

In 2018 our school strategic agenda will focus on the following:

Consolidate the Burrowes Reading Agenda.

Extend and enhance the Burrowes Numeracy Strategy

Develop a writing agenda using learning walls

Continue to commit to the collaborative inquiry processes.

## Our School at a Glance

### School Profile

**Coeducational or single sex:** Coeducational

**Independent Public School:** No

**Year levels offered in 2017:** Prep Year - Year 6

**Student enrolments for this school:**

	Total	Girls	Boys	Indigenous	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2015	758	359	399	65	90%
2016	795	382	413	58	90%
2017	777	386	391	66	93%

Student counts are based on the Census (August) enrolment collection.

### Characteristics of the Student Body

#### Overview

Burrowes State School, established in 1987, is located in a fast growing urban environment in the suburb of Marsden which is in Logan City and part of the South East Region. Our student population consists of approximately 772 students from a rich diversity of cultural backgrounds including South East Asia, New Zealand, Africa, Middle East and the Pacific Islands. In 2017 approximately 7% of students were identified as having English as an Additional Language. The school has 60 indigenous students and 47 students verified with a disability. Burrowes State School is in the bottom quarter of all schools nationally with regards to the Index of Community Socio-Economic Advantage.

Burrowes State School is in a growing area surrounded by development. During 2017 the school had 32 classes, as the population grows and more classes are needed the school will need to plan for improvements to facilities. In 2017 the school was able to build a variety of sun safe structures. The community is working towards purchasing a playground for Year 3 and 4 students.

## Average Class Sizes

The following table shows the average class size information for each phase of schooling.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZES			
Phase	2015	2016	2017
Prep – Year 3	23	24	23
Year 4 – Year 6	27	26	25
Year 7 – Year 10			
Year 11 – Year 12			

## Curriculum Delivery

### Our approach to curriculum delivery

Our teachers deliver curriculum around a culture of high expectations. Teachers plan in Year level teams to deliver multimodel units of work based on the Australian Curriculum, supported by a variety of research based resources and programs including C2C. As the school moves forward with its curriculum delivery, teaching teams are engaging in planned moderation and in-depth work around ACARA standards.

The school has a range of intervention programs provided to cater for students with a diversity of learning needs. These include:

- Specialist Literacy and Numeracy Teacher
- Access to Days of Excellence through local High Schools
- Guided Reading Intervention
- Numeracy Intervention
- Guidance Officer
- Behaviour Teacher
- Prep Start
- Year One Intervention
- Indigenous support program
- Chaplaincy
- Science Week
- Cross Roads

### Extra curricula activities

Burrowes State School meets the diverse needs of its students and families through productive communitive partnerships. School initiatives include:

- Community Playgroup
- Brekky Club
- Student Council
- Student leadership positions and mentoring programs
- School Choir
- Behaviour support programs
- Sports program
- Under 8's Day
- Naidoc Day
- Burrowes has talent

### How Information and Communication Technologies are used to improve learning

ICTs are used as a tool to enhance the Teaching, Learning and Curriculum delivery at Burrowes State School. The school has two computer labs that all classes have access to. All classes have wifi and cabled internet access as well as the opportunity for devices to be connected to data projectors.

Year 5 and 6 students have access to Laptops. During 2018 the computer labs will be upgraded and in 2018 the laptops will be rolled out to Year 4 classes which will free up the computer labs for the younger classes.

## Social Climate

### Overview

Burrowes State School is a Positive Behaviour for Learning school (PBL) and as such students are encouraged to develop responsibility for their own behavior and learning. Underpinning the PBS framework are our school rules:

1. I am safe
2. I am a learner
3. I am respectful
4. I am responsible

Children are taught the meaning of these rules consistently through directed lessons, school assemblies, newsletters and constant staff reinforcement. Our school works hard to provide a supportive and caring learning environment. We focus on supporting student's wellbeing through the "You Can Do It" program with a specific focus on:

1. Resilience
2. Persistence
3. Confidence
4. Organisation
5. Getting along

Student wellbeing is also supported by:

- School Chaplain, three days a week.
- Full time Guidance Officer.
- Full time behavior teacher.
- Attendance and Engagement Officer – Community.
- Attendance and Engagement Officer – Indigenous.
- Student mentoring.

Students are encouraged to use the High Five when dealing with conflict with their peers and to report any issues or concerns to duty teachers and or class teachers. Behaviour incidences are recorded and data is monitored to identify any potential patterns to behavior. Referrals to Deputy Principal and the Principal are dealt with in a timely manner.

Students are given opportunities to represent the school through leadership positions, student council, mentor programs and choirs. Positive behaviour and achievement is rewarded by:

- Principal morning teas
- Academic Parade
- Sports parade
- Gotchas
- Class parties.

### Parent, Student and Staff Satisfaction

#### Parent opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree# that:	2015	2016	2017 Only 24 respondents
their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	93%	81%	88%
this is a good school (S2035)	100%	70%	75%
their child likes being at this school* (S2001)	100%	72%	92%
their child feels safe at this school* (S2002)	100%	72%	79%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)	92%	79%	75%
their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004)	93%	86%	79%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005)	100%	90%	92%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006)	86%	76%	92%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007)	93%	72%	79%
teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008)	79%	82%	79%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns* (S2009)	100%	86%	96%
this school works with them to support their child's learning* (S2010)	93%	79%	88%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously* (S2011)	93%	68%	63%
student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)	86%	52%	52%
this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013)	100%	74%	78%
this school is well maintained* (S2014)	79%	72%	88%

### Student opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of students who agree# that:	2015	2016	2017
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	93%	92%	89%
they like being at their school* (S2036)	95%	91%	97%
they feel safe at their school* (S2037)	92%	87%	92%
their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038)	97%	97%	92%
their teachers expect them to do their best* (S2039)	98%	98%	99%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work* (S2040)	98%	92%	97%
teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041)	92%	87%	90%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042)	89%	88%	86%
their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043)	92%	83%	91%
student behaviour is well managed at their school* (S2044)	75%	73%	76%
their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045)	96%	96%	94%
their school is well maintained* (S2046)	93%	74%	94%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047)	96%	91%	93%

### Staff opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree# that:	2015	2016	2017
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	100%	94%	94%

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree# that:	2015	2016	2017
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	100%	83%	91%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	97%	85%	87%
they feel confident embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the learning areas (S2114)	78%	88%	90%
students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	100%	96%	94%
students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	97%	90%	88%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	85%	71%	77%
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	91%	90%	83%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	91%	91%	84%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	100%	98%	97%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	82%	90%	90%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	79%	85%	83%

\* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items

# 'Agree' represents the percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

Our school openly encourages parents and families to be a part of the education process. Parents are able to volunteer to support reading, fundraising, special days and other programs. A small but active P and C provides parents and community with support of the teachers and the school through monthly meetings and planned activities. Parents and community members are encouraged to support our school through participation in:

- Parent Teacher interview nights held in Term 1 and Term 3
- Classroom volunteer activities
- Under 8's Day
- Year 6 Graduation
- Naidoc week
- Assemblies
- Sports days
- P and C Fundraisers
- Easter Hat bonnet parade
- Burrowes has talent
- Cultural days
- Christmas celebration
- Excursions and Incursions

Our school supports students with diverse needs through Special Education Programs, Learning Support and the associated processes. Students identified with needs requiring adjustments to fully participate in their education receive Individual Curriculum Plans. Individual Curriculum Plans are developed in consultation with parents and or guardians, classroom teachers and appropriate school based support staff via meetings with evidence to enable positive, supportive plans to aide in furthering student educational needs.

### Respectful relationships programs

Burrowes State School utilizes two types of frameworks that focus on respectful relationships. The two frameworks take in a whole school approach to promoting positive behaviours (PBL) and good mental health and well-being (KidsMatter). Through these initiatives, Burrowes continues to create and maintain a safe school environment by protecting the wellbeing of our students and promotes positive relationships. Programs such as 'You Can Do It', Crossroads, Alert program, "Tree of Life", and Bucket Filling that encourages kindness. We also have a variety of other social and emotional

learning programs that aim to promote resilience in students. Weekly lessons forms part of the training that empowers students to take initiative, be responsible, build their confidence, solve problems, communicate ideas and manage themselves more effectively. Utilizing outside agency like Bravehearts, Art therapist, Wavss, YFS, CYMHS, and many other services, that support students in having a voice. Collaboration with these agencies only helps to strengthen the child protection culture that Burrowes continues to establish.

### School Disciplinary Absences

The following table shows the count of incidents for students recommended for each type of school disciplinary absence reported at the school. Our school, like most schools in our area, has an image of having to deal with tough behaviours. **Data indicates that a very high percentage of students display a high level of respect for their learning and community.** We believe that this needs to be celebrated. To put this into perspective the SDA mentioned below are representative of only 8% of the student population.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY ABSENCES			
Type	2015	2016	2017
Short Suspensions – 1 to 10 days	154	176	173
Long Suspensions – 11 to 20 days	0	2	0
Exclusions	1	1	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

## Environmental Footprint

### Reducing the school's environmental footprint

The school's small increase in electricity is reflective of increased use of technology around the school and continued improvement of facilities. Student groups are also encouraged more to create and look after school gardens. Students are encouraged through the school council to look after their environment and reduce waste. During 2017 the WPHS team looked at ways the school can offset its environmental footprint through alternative energy sources and conducting a school audit on electrical items used. The outcome of this process has brought about a significant improvement in water usage.

ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT INDICATORS		
Years	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2014-2015	131,363	1,338
2015-2016	150,819	1,208
2016-2017	184,213	807

The consumption data is compiled from sources including ERM, Ergon reports and utilities data entered into OneSchool by each school. The data provides an indication of the consumption trend in each of the utility categories which impact on the school's environmental footprint.

## School Funding

### School income broken down by funding source

School income, reported by financial year accounting cycle using standardized national methodologies and broken down by funding source is available via the *My School* website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.

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## Our Staff Profile

### Workforce Composition

#### Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2017 WORKFORCE COMPOSITION			
Description	Teaching Staff	Non-Teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	57	32	<5
Full-time Equivalents	54	22	<5

#### Qualification of all teachers

TEACHER* QUALIFICATIONS	
Highest level of qualification	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Doctorate	1
Masters	4
Graduate Diploma etc.**	7
Bachelor degree	43
Diploma	
Certificate	

\*Teaching staff includes School Leaders

\*\*Graduate Diploma etc. includes Graduate Diploma, Bachelor Honours Degree, and Graduate Certificate.

## Professional Development

### Expenditure On and Teacher Participation in Professional Development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2017 were \$35 905.82

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- Teaching of reading
- Numeracy PD
- Coaching
- Mentoring
- Positive Behaviour for Learning
- Moderation
- Leadership capacity

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2017 was 100%.

## Staff Attendance and Retention

### Staff attendance

AVERAGE STAFF ATTENDANCE (%)			
Description	2015	2016	2017
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	95%	94%	95%

### Proportion of Staff Retained from the Previous School Year

From the end of the previous school year, 98% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2017.

## Performance of Our Students

### Key Student Outcomes

#### Student Attendance

##### Student attendance

The table below shows the attendance information for all students at this school:

STUDENT ATTENDANCE 2017			
Description	2015	2016	2017
The overall attendance rate* for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	89%	91%	91%
The attendance rate for Indigenous students at this school (shown as a percentage).	81%	87%	87%

\*The student attendance rate is generated by dividing the total of full-days and part-days that students attended, and comparing this to the total of all possible days for students to attend, expressed as a percentage.

The overall student attendance rate in 2017 for all Queensland Primary schools was 93%.

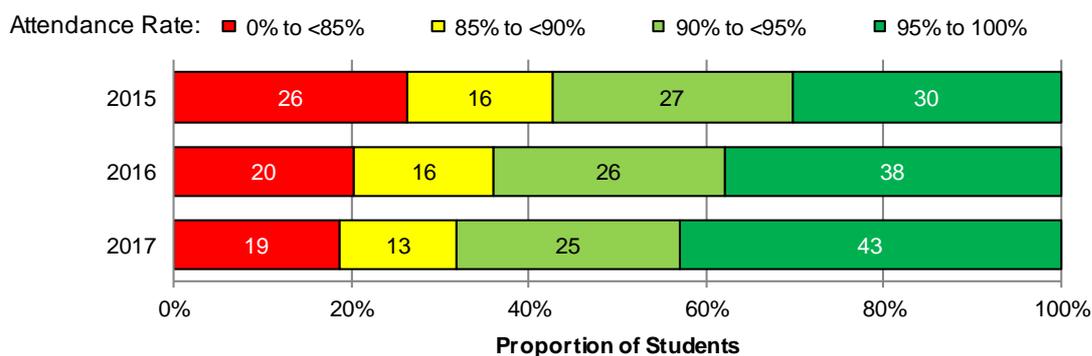
AVERAGE STUDENT ATTENDANCE RATE* (%) FOR EACH YEAR LEVEL													
Year Level	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2015	89%	89%	85%	91%	89%	91%	92%						
2016	91%	90%	90%	91%	92%	92%	92%						
2017	91%	90%	91%	92%	91%	93%	92%						

\*Attendance rates effectively count attendance for every student for every day of attendance in Semester 1. The student attendance rate is generated by dividing the total of full-days and part-days that students attended, and comparing this to the total of all possible days for students to attend, expressed as a percentage.

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### Student Attendance Distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range:



### Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the DET procedures, *Managing Student Absences and Enforcing Enrolment and Attendance at State Schools* and *Roll Marking in State Schools*, which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

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Rolls are marked by teachers twice a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

Unexplained absences are followed up by the Office staff in consultation with teachers.

Office staff follow up the consecutive absences and record reason.

If an unsatisfactory reason is given, pattern of behavior or attendance percentage low student is referred to Attendance and Engagement team.

Attendance and Engagement Team make decisions regarding follow up which may involve, but not limited to:

- Phone call from DP
- Phone call from P
- Follow up support from GO
- Tracking and support by Attendance and Engagement team
- Support from Chaplain
- Supportive letter from the Principal
- Official Legal letter

During 2017 the school implemented an automated same day SMS notification system. This system allows the school to interact with families in a timely manner to track absences.

## NAPLAN

Our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are available via the My School website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.

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## Conclusion

2017 was a successful year for Burrowes State School. The highlights for the year included:

- Improved Naplan results two years in a row.
- Increased attendance across the school
- Continued success in Interschool sport, the Junior basketball team won their competition.
- Introduction of Sports Excellence Parade
- Implementation of an Indigenous CEC.
- Further roll out of signature learning programs in numeracy and guided reading

Burrowes State School is well placed for further improvement with a consistent leadership team, teaching team and support staff to implement the schools ongoing improvement agenda.