

# Mackay North State School

*Our school at a glance*

## **School Profile**

Total enrolments:	434.5
Year levels offered:	Pre-7
Structure:	Co-educational

## **Curriculum offerings**

### ***Our distinctive curriculum offerings and Extra Curricula Activities:***

Our distinctive Curriculum Offerings include the eight Key Learning Areas of English, Mathematics, Science, Studies of Society and Environment, The Arts, Technology, Language other than English (French) and Health and Physical Education.

The school has additional curriculum offerings of

- Gifted and Talented
- Special Education Unit – Cooking, Bowling, Fishing, Gymnastics
- Learning Support Programs, including Intensive Reading
- Integrated ICT in class programs
- Project Clubs including Robotics
- Library Monitors Program.
- Opti-Minds
- Northside Consortium Scholarship

The Arts:

- Instrumental Music (Strings; Woodwind, Brass and Percussion)
- Choir
- Recorder Band
- Wakakirri

Sporting:

- Club sports (Basketball, Hockey, Rugby League)
- Athletics (District, Regional and State Representation)
- Interschool Sport
- Swimming

Parents, in the Opinion Survey, reported a level of satisfaction with the variety of school activities at 100%

Students reported their level of satisfaction at 76.8%

### ***How computers are used to assist learning:***

During 2006, the school experienced a major virus affecting our curriculum network. Following support from the P & C and the use of school grants, a major upgrade in the Information Communication Technologies allowed full participation of ICT's in class programs. Computers are used in the school Computer Laboratory, Mini-Lab in the library, and in every classroom. Students in all year levels (from Preschool to year 7) use computers as part of the learning program. Students use computers for research, communication, publishing and robotics.

## **Social climate**

34.8% of students reported satisfaction with the behaviour of students at this school.

64% of students reported satisfaction with their safety at this school.

74.2% of parents reported satisfaction with the behaviour of students at this school.

87.1% of parents reported satisfaction with student discipline in this school.

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93.5% of parents reported satisfaction with the safety of their child at this school.

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

Our school enjoys strong support from our parent and local community. Our students are well supported through extensive volunteer contributions in all aspects of school programs and especially the Literacy and Numeracy programs, It is a feature of the school that community events are held regularly and are valued through high attendance. These include (amongst other events) the annual ATSI BBQ, Welcome-back Bush Dance, and Volunteers' Thankyou Morning Tea.

At school events, such as Sports Day, Under Eights Celebrations, community representatives such as our Adopt-A-Cop, Adopt-An-Ambo and Adopt-A-Firey all are regular participants.

Communication with parents and community are through the fortnightly newsletter, the weekly assembly and twice-yearly parent teacher interviews, which complement the issuing of the formal report card for each student at the end of each semester. Annual events, such as the Year Seven Graduation and the Awards Ceremony also provide opportunity for communication and celebration.

Mackay North State School is regarded by our community as a 'Great School'.

The School Opinion Surveys from August 2006 show that our 'School Climate' and 'School Community Relations' results are both above that of the State and Like schools' mean for parents. For students in years 5 and 7 last year, the 'School Climate' results were below State and Like Schools for parents.

The revision of the Behaviour Management Policy to incorporate the Code of School Behaviour, and the Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students was completed during 2006 by staff and community representatives. The school continues the successful "You Can Do It" Program which supports students in the focus areas of "Getting Along, Organisation, Persistence, and Confidence.

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

93.5% of parents expressed satisfaction that their child is getting a good education at school.

Students reported their level of satisfaction at 83%

Parent responses to the Opinion Survey question about this being a good school indicated a level of satisfaction at 100%

74% of staff members reported that they were satisfied with the morale in the school.

## **Value added**

Year 3 and Year 5 results for Writing improved in 2006 from previous achievement levels in 2005. This was as a result of a whole school focus on Literacy/Writing through professional development and staff workshops. The Year 7 results for Writing also showed an improvement as the school's mean for 2006 was comparable to the state and above like schools.

The 2006 Yr 3/5/7 Numeracy results were also above like schools and comparable to the state. This is also an improvement on previous year's performance.