

Charters Towers Central State School

Queensland State School Reporting

2015 School Annual Report



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Principal's foreword

Introduction

Charters Towers Central State School is a quality, progressive school situated in the centre of town. We cater for students from Prep to Year 6, with a Special Education Program integrated into our daily school operations. Central State School is comprised of dedicated staff, wonderful students, committed parents and community members, and a very enthusiastic P&C.

The Annual School Report for Charters Towers Central State School presents information about the 2015 school year. It examines in detail our achievements throughout the year, including all of our commitments to varied community, artistic and sporting events; the unique areas of curriculum including the wonderful school choirs and Adventure Based Learning Program accessed and our consistently high levels in the School Survey data. The report also presents important school data including enrolment, student and staff attendance, NAPLAN results and class sizes.

School progress towards its goals in 2015

- Fully Implement the Australian Curriculum.
 - Achieved
- Alignment of school's literacy practices
 - Achieved
- Explicit curriculum planning focus throughout school.
 - Achieved
- Whole School Reading focus
 - Alignment to whole school reading plan and expectations as directed by Reading Placemat. Class reading targets established. Dedicated reading times established for each class each day. Fontass and Pinell Levelled Literacy Intervention program for at risk children.
- Home Reading Program
 - P to 6 engaged in Home Readers.
- Short Cycle Data Collection realignment across whole school
 - Achieved through using Five Week Cycle process focusing on three areas targeted across school.
- Build effective collaborative teaching practices with a focus on clarity.
 - Achieved
- Great Results Guarantee
 - Purchase coach to support and upskill teaching staff. Use of LLI program for at risk students.
- Build on parent/community partnerships
 - Increase parent engagement in P&C, Tuckshop, classroom support)

Future outlook

In 2016 we aim to;

- Ongoing planning meetings with all teachers, including curriculum audits at key junctures. Meetings to focus on Australian Curriculum clarity and targeted teaching.
- Review of Whole School Writing plans, aligned with all subject areas, inc AC.
- Teachers use regularly updated triangulated data to inform ICP's in all areas, and support plans, differentiation and extension in Maths and English.
- Teachers complete How To Teach Writing PD (24 hr commitment)
- Embed Pedagogical Framework and related specific pedagogical practices throughout all areas of school curriculum, with regular review for quality assurance with a sharp focus on reading and writing.
- Enact and expand classroom pedagogical feedback aligned with explicit improvement agenda. Conduct twice per term peer observations. Peer teachers to provide strategies to improve teacher clarity and student outcomes.
- Reading and Writing best pedagogical practice strategies identified and enacted through good first teaching. Literacy promoted through the school with regular competitions and school magazine. Literacy blocks trialled and then expanded.
- Purchase relief teacher to enable peer feedback, co-planning and co-teaching, and HOC/Coach support. Use of Levelled Literacy Intervention program for at risk students.
- Build greater presence in community, staff community relations team formed to use local media and social media. Celebrate success at every opportunity.
- Implement Report Card Meetings
- SMS/Text absence system implemented. OneSchool attendance reports generated and sent home for parental review. Teachers to phone/visit families if student is away for two or more concurrent days without notification. Elders to conduct home visits and liaise with school/community when appropriate.

Currently, at the close of Semester One, 2016, all of the above goals have either been achieved or are on track to be achieved by the end of the year.

Our school at a glance

School Profile

Coeducational or single sex: Coeducational

Independent Public School: No

Year levels offered in 2015: Early Childhood - Year 6

Student enrolments for this school:

	Total	Girls	Boys	Indigenous	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2013	144	65	79	52	88%
2014	192	90	102	70	89%
2015	193	93	100	73	90%

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

*From 2015, data for all state high schools include Year 7 students. Prior to 2015, only state high schools offering Year 7 had these students included in their counts.

In 2015, there were no students enrolled in a Pre-Prep program.*

*Pre-Prep is a kindergarten program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, living across 35 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, in the year before school (<http://deta.qld.gov.au/earlychildhood/families/pre-prep-indigenous.html>).

Characteristics of the student body:

In 2014, there were 185 students enrolled at Charters Towers Central State School. Presently, as at the end of Semester 1, 2016, we have 205 children enrolled. Effectively, our school has been growing in enrolments by around 10% each year for the last 3 years.

Approximately 15% of our students have a disability which has led to a greatly reduced number of incidents of bullying and a high level of acceptance of people who may appear different in our school. 30% of our cohort of students have Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander backgrounds which gives us access to many people in the local community that can help us celebrate and understand indigenous culture.

There were also some students with low attendance rates and this was a focus area in the 2015 period. Most students at Charters Towers Central State School are from urban backgrounds, however 10% are from rural locations.

Average class sizes

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2013	2014	2015
Prep – Year 3	12	18	19
Year 4 – Year 7 Primary	18	20	21
Year 7 Secondary – Year 10			
Year 11 – Year 12			

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School Disciplinary Absences

Disciplinary Absences	Count of Incidents		
	2013	2014*	2015**
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	46	26	25
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	9	1	0
Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

* Caution should be used when comparing post 2013 SDA data as amendments to EGPA disciplinary provisions and changes in methodology created time series breaks in 2014 and 2015.

**From 2015, Exclusion represents principal decisions to exclude rather than recommendations for exclusion. From 2015 where a principal decided not to exclude, a small number of recommendations for exclusions have been counted as a long suspension. Exclusions, Cancellations and Long & Charge Suspensions may be upheld or set aside through an appeals process.

Curriculum delivery

Our approach to curriculum delivery

- Full implementation of the current Australian Curriculum, Charters Towers Central SS has invested heavily in training and support for our school staff to ensure all teachers and assistants are confident with the new curriculum and delivery.
- A pedagogical approach that creates assessment literate learners through the work of Hattie – Visual Learning.
- A whole school approach to reading and writing.
- A heavy emphasis on Number and mental calculation in Mathematics and expanding into real world problem solving.
- All classes are encouraged to ensure their curriculum involves hands on learning.
- Full support for individual student needs through quality first teaching, targeted class based interventions and extension, if required.

Extra curricula activities

- Adventure Based Learning – All students in years 4, 5 & 6 participate in archery, canoeing and high ropes at minimal or no cost with an instructor in each area on staff.
- ANZAC Day Parade – over 60% of our students participated in the ANZAC Day parade and the school leaders, accompanied by the Principal attended the Dawn Service.
- NAIDOC Day Celebrations – 100% of students participated in organised NAIDOC Day activities, as well as local community groups.
- Country Music Festival – Students participated in the Country Music Parade.
- Charters Towers Eisteddfod – A number of students performed at the Eisteddfod, with the school choir and visual artists doing extremely well.
- Charters Towers Show – A school display is entered into the show, along with a number of individual student items.

- Sport – Students in Years 4,5 & 6 participated in local and regional teams for Rugby League, Touch Football, Netball, Cricket, Soccer, and Softball.
- Year 4, 5 & 6 Camp – These grades participate in a one or two night camp.
- Year 6 Brisbane trip – Year 6 students have the opportunity to attend the week-long Year 6 Brisbane trip.

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to improve learning

Digital technologies are an integral component of modern living and education and as such are embedded in all that we do at Central State School. Every classroom has interactive whiteboards installed, ensuring teachers use ICTs regularly in their teaching and giving students the most up to date information while helping them stay engaged. Our Year 6 class is a laptop based classroom with laptops available and used daily by each student. A class set of digital cameras has been established, 40 Ipads and Surface tablets are available for use along with a computer lab and class sets of laptops. Wireless internet access is available throughout the school to assist learning. Students are able to access iPads and laptops freely to assist with research, projects and school work when needed.

Social Climate

Here at Charters Towers Central State School, we believe that if students feel safe and happy at school they are going to be more successful. We pride ourselves in the caring nature of our staff and expressly encourage open communication between home and school.

Charters Towers Central State School became a School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS) school in 2011. SWPBS teaches children how to behave appropriately at school and the in community, and rewards students who are continually abiding by the school's expectations. There are clear and firm expectations that all students are expected and supported to meet. SWPBS at Charters Towers Central State School involves three clear rules – I am Safe, I am a Learner, and I am Respectful.

We have a large number of students who have a disability at our school. These students, like all other students at our school, are given the support they require to access the Australian Curriculum. Our staff and students are supportive of our whole school and we regularly celebrate our individual achievements and differences in our happy, inclusive school.

In 2015, the Chaplain program continued and we also nominated to increase our Guidance Officer time to assist in student support.

In 2015, we received regular feedback from parents and visitors regarding the relaxed and happy atmosphere that the school radiates. Students were better behaved, children were more polite and inclusion for all students was positively encouraged. Charters Towers Central SS became a Tier 2 SWPBS school in 2014 reflecting our significant achievements developing a positive learning culture at our school and we are heading towards becoming the final Tier 3 level, this year.

All of these factors are reflected in our School Opinion Survey data below.

Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school

Performance measure	2013	2014	2015
Percentage of parent/caregivers who agree# that:			
their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	100%	100%	100%
this is a good school (S2035)	100%	100%	100%

Performance measure			
Percentage of parent/caregivers who agree# that:	2013	2014	2015
their child likes being at this school (S2001)	100%	100%	100%
their child feels safe at this school (S2002)	100%	100%	100%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school (S2003)	100%	100%	100%
their child is making good progress at this school (S2004)	91%	100%	100%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best (S2005)	100%	100%	100%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work (S2006)	95%	100%	100%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn (S2007)	95%	100%	100%
teachers at this school treat students fairly (S2008)	100%	100%	100%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns (S2009)	100%	100%	100%
this school works with them to support their child's learning (S2010)	95%	100%	100%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously (S2011)	100%	100%	100%
student behaviour is well managed at this school (S2012)	100%	100%	100%
this school looks for ways to improve (S2013)	100%	100%	100%
this school is well maintained (S2014)	100%	100%	100%

Performance measure			
Percentage of students who agree# that:	2013	2014	2015
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	87%	92%	90%
they like being at their school (S2036)	83%	98%	90%
they feel safe at their school (S2037)	85%	88%	98%
their teachers motivate them to learn (S2038)	93%	94%	96%
their teachers expect them to do their best (S2039)	94%	100%	98%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work (S2040)	85%	92%	92%
teachers treat students fairly at their school (S2041)	92%	88%	92%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns (S2042)	85%	88%	90%
their school takes students' opinions seriously (S2043)	81%	88%	88%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2044)	79%	84%	82%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2045)	87%	96%	96%
their school is well maintained (S2046)	87%	96%	94%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2047)	87%	87%	94%

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree# that:	2013	2014	2015
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	94%	100%	100%
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	88%	100%	100%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	82%	87%	94%

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree [#] that:	2013	2014	2015
they feel confident embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the learning areas (S2114)	100%	100%	100%
students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	100%	100%	100%
students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	88%	100%	100%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	82%	100%	100%
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	82%	100%	94%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	82%	100%	94%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	94%	100%	100%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	100%	100%	94%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	76%	87%	94%

[#] 'Agree' represents the percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement.
DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

Parent and Community Engagement

Here at Central SS, we believe that parental involvement is critical if students are to reach their potential with regards to their education. In 2015, a range of strategies were used to attempt to increase parental involvement in the school. Firstly, and most importantly, everyone in the school was encouraged to make parents feel welcome. This meant that if a parent came into the school, they were smiled at, personally greeted if possible and asked if someone could be of assistance.

The Principal is actively involved in working with parents on a daily basis with a focus on student achievement and engagement. The Principal calls the family of each child who is receiving an award on assembly to let them know so they can attend, if they wish. He regularly asks parents for help with specific activities if they have skill sets that could be shared with the students. Each term, the principal calls to discuss attendance with students who have unexplained absences and he is always available for parents to come and discuss any issues that parents may have.

Every five weeks, a list of Know and Able To Do charts that set out the information and skills about to be taught in English, Maths and Science are sent home to parents. These can be used by parents to reinforce knowledge at home or simply start discussions about school and the child's progress.

At a classroom level, we invite parents to classroom events; to assist in classes; to attend information sessions and to attend parent-teacher interviews. At a school level, parents were actively encouraged to come and see us as early as possible, if ever they had any concerns. They are invited to school events and encouraged to be part of school activities.

We believe that these techniques were successful in increasing parental involvement at school and in their child's education. This was evident by our increasing P&C membership and engagement, NAIDOC events run by parents, and our excellent school opinion survey data.

Reducing the school's environmental footprint

Charters Towers Central SS has recently completed our Environmental Management Plan, outlining our school's commitment to the environment. This includes energy efficient targets for reducing our water consumption by 9% and investigating possible recycling options for our school waste.

Environmental footprint indicators

Years	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2012-2013	96,828	10,692
2013-2014	95,867	9,324
2014-2015	103,959	

*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.

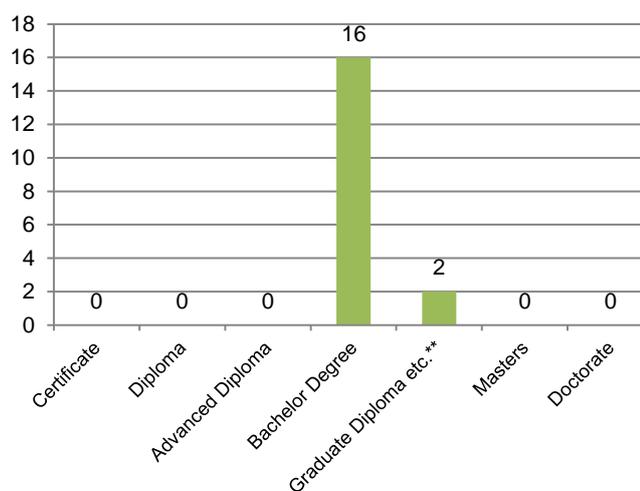
Our staff profile

Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2015 Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff*	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	18	19	<5
Full-time equivalents	15	11	<5

Qualification of all teachers

Highest level of attainment	Number of Teaching Staff *
Certificate	0
Diploma	0
Advanced Diploma	0
Bachelor Degree	16
Graduate Diploma etc.**	2
Masters	0
Doctorate	0
Total	18



*Teaching staff includes School Leaders

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

Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2015 were \$12,000

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- Teacher Mentoring
- Leadership Development
- Student Reading Improvement
- Student Writing Improvement
- Assessment Moderation

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2015 was 100%

Average staff attendance	2013	2014	2015

Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.

98%

97%

97%

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 91% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2015 school year.

School income broken down by funding source

School income broken down by funding source is available via the *My School* website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.

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Performance of our students

Key student outcomes

Student attendance	2013	2014	2015
The overall attendance rate for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	87%	88%	87%
The attendance rate for Indigenous students at this school (shown as a percentage).	81%	87%	84%

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 attendance rate in 2015 for all Queensland Primary schools was 93%.

Student attendance rate for each year level (shown as a percentage)

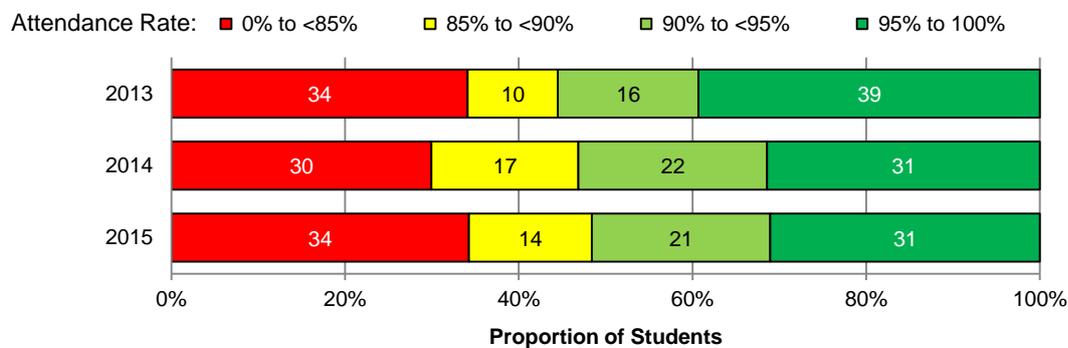
	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2013	90%	88%	82%	90%	90%	93%	80%	87%					
2014	91%	89%	91%	89%	89%	88%	89%	76%					
2015	90%	88%	88%	86%	86%	88%	85%						

*From 2013, the methodology used for calculating attendance rates effectively counts 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.

- Each day absences are checked by administration staff and any students who have an unexplained absence have a text message sent to parents to advise that their child is not at school and a request is made to explain the absence.
- Phone call or home visit is conducted by school staff member or principal whereby student attendance is a concern.
- If attendance is still a concern, Queensland Police are called to visit the family and offer support.
- If attendance is truant, the school follows Education Queensland policy and refers the family to Queensland Police and Department of Child Safety.

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.

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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Sector:

Government

Non-government

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