



# SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 15/04/2020

**School number:** 0389

**School name:** Saddleworth Primary School

## School Profile:

Saddleworth Primary School is part of the Lower Mid-North Partnership of Schools and the Gawler 2 Portfolio. The core values of the school are: Respect, Achievement and Kindness. There are currently 49 students enrolled. 3 classes; Junior Primary, Middle Primary and Upper Primary. 7 students. 7 Teachers, 6 SSOs and a Principal work with the children.

At Saddleworth Primary School we offer a range of Specialist subjects apart from the excellent teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms. At every year level our students have weekly lessons in Spanish language, Creative and Performing Arts and PE.

There are 3 buildings, The MP and JP classrooms stand-alone while the main building houses the UP classroom, a library an art room, a kitchen, front desk and Principal offices. Outside we have a large area of playground equipment, paved areas for tennis, handball and basketball and a beautiful green oval surrounded by Gum-trees for Athletics, Cricket, Softball and any other sport that requires it.

Saddleworth Primary has a proud sporting culture. We compete locally in the Gilbert Valley swimming and athletics carnivals with 4 other schools. Year 5-7 students have the opportunity to participate in a range of SAPSASA sporting events.

# 1. General information

- School Principal name: James Bryant
- Year of opening: 1966
- Postal Address: 7 Saddle Rd Saddleworth
- Location Address: 7 Saddle Rd Saddleworth
- DfE Region: Lower mid-north.
- Geographical location: road distance from Adelaide GPO (113 km)
- Telephone number: 08 88474227
- Fax Number: 08 88474003
- School website address: <http://www.saddleps.sa.edu.au/>
- School e-mail address: dl.0389.info@schools.sa.edu.au
- Child Parent Centre (CPC) attached: No
- Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service: Yes
- February FTE student enrolment:

YEAR	STUDENTENROLMENT	SCHOOL CARD %	Non ENGLISH	ATSI
2016	57	3.5%		
2017	57	3.5%	0	2
2018	54	7.4%	0	2
2019	55	18.2%	0	1
2020	49	24.5%	0	7

- Public transport access: NIL
- Special site arrangements: The R-7 School sits beside our Early Learning Centre Pre-school and playgroup. This allows a smooth transition from Pre-school to Primary school for the students.

## 2. Students (and their welfare)

- General characteristics

A large proportion of Saddleworth primary students are from families that have lived here for a long time. They are rural folk with strong family, community and school ties. Socio-economic factors range from families on welfare to those who travel to work in regional centres and those that work farms locally. Saddleworth Primary is a Category 4 School on the Index of Educational Disadvantage.

2019 Students reaching Standard of Educational Achievement (SEA) & Higher bands (HB)		
Literacy	57% reached SEA	13% reached HB
Numeracy	65% reached SEA	13% reached HB

A significant number of students require support in Literacy, Numeracy and Social Skills. 16% of the student population are identified as needing learning support. These students receive IESP funding and have One-plans in place. The school invests IESP funding and more into employing Classroom SSOs to support the teacher planned differentiated learning for these students.

- Student well-being programs
  - A Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) supports students for 10 hours per week. Interception breaks occur daily in all classrooms.
  - Learning that focusses on our School Values of Respect, Achievement and Kindness are ongoing.
- Student support offered
  - Teachers differentiate learning for all students and SSO classroom support is available for the learning needs of students.
- Student management
  - Student Wellbeing, positive staff/student relationships and increasing the levels of student engagement for learning is a school wide focus. Emphasis is on a positive and supportive learning environment.
- Student government
  - SRC are active in the school and are elected term by term.
- Special programmes
  - MacqLit

## 3. Key School Policies

- Site Improvement Plan and other key statements or policies:
  - The SIP is focussed on improving the way we Teach using an Oral language focus to improve all Literacy outcomes. We are using Literacy Circles student lead

discussions to improve reading comprehension and build a strong vocabulary base. With a stronger vocabulary base and better understanding of word use, reading and writing should improve.

- Recent key outcomes:

NAPLAN data has generally fluctuated over time in all year levels – nevertheless in 2019, 58% of Saddleworth students have maintained their NAPLAN levels, 22% decreased in NAPLAN but that is 14% points better than 2018, and 19% increased NAPLAN levels which is also 10% points up on 2018.

## 4. Curriculum

Staff at Saddleworth Primary School differentiate the curriculum to cater for individual needs, allowing your child to progress at his / her own rate. Every effort is made to provide consistency across the school. We offer a range of specialist subjects apart from the excellent teaching and learning that takes place in our classrooms. At every year level our students have weekly lessons in Spanish language, Creative and Performing Arts and PE.

All students are learning to play a musical instrument. Our JP students are playing Ocarinas, MP recorders and our UP are playing Ukuleles.

Physical Education and sport is a strength in our school and wider community.

Students have access to a range of sporting activities delivered by class teachers and our Specialist PE teacher. The school accesses the National Sporting Schools program giving our students the opportunity to develop their skills under qualified coaches.

Students in Year 5-7 have the opportunity to participate in a range of SAPSASA sporting events.

## 5. Sporting Activities

- Through the National Sporting Schools program we have professional tennis coaching for all students in term 1. In term 2 it will be the same for Orienteering.
- We are part of the Gilbert Valley region for sport and as such we participate in swimming and athletics carnivals each year against 4 other schools.
- Students in Years 5-7 have the opportunity to compete in SAPASA sporting events.

## 6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

## 7. Staff (and their welfare)

- Staff profile
  - Principal 1.0,
  - UP teacher 1.0
  - MP teacher .8 and another at

MP teacher and PE: .4  
JP teacher .6 and another at .4  
Arts/music teacher .2  
Spanish Language teacher .2  
SSO 2 finance .8, and another .2  
SSOs classroom support 1.0, .8, .6 and .4.  
Groundsman .2

- Leadership structure  
Principal – staff.
- Staff support systems  
Most Saddleworth staff members have been working here for a number of years and have an imbedded support network. We are a small school where all teachers, SSOs and students know each others' names. No-one is 'just a number'.
- Performance Management  
All Saddleworth staff do a Performance Development Plan with the Principal each year as required by the DfE. Pricipal also does PDP with line management.
- Staff utilisation policies  
Everyone here knows their job.
- Access to special staff  
We have specialised music, art, language and PE teachers. Also Pastoral care for those who need it.

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

- Complexity placement points  
NA
- Isolation placement points  
NA
- Shorter terms  
:No
- Travelling time  
:No
- Housing assistance  
:NA

## 9. School Facilities

- Buildings and grounds  
There are 3 buildings, The MP and JP classrooms stand-alone while the main building houses the UP classroom, a library an art room, a kitchen, front desk and Principal offices. Outside we have a large area of playground equipment, paved areas for tennis, handball and basketball and a beautiful green oval surrounded by Gum-trees for Athletics, Cricket, Softball and any other sport that requires it.
- Heating and cooling  
All Classrooms have airconditioning to provide warmth and cool.
- Specialist facilities and equipment  
All students have access to a laptop. The Library is well stocked with books and musical instruments. The Library also serves as classroom for music and Spanish.
- Student facilities  
No
- Staff facilities  
There is a staffroom with a computer. Teachers are allocated a Laptop computer to use for planning and admin work that can be used at home or at school.
- Access for students and staff with disabilities  
All classrooms have wheelchair access.
- Access to bus transport  
There is a bus run that picks up students and drops them off in front of the school daily. The school does not own a bus but we hire from a bus company when needed.

## 10. School Operations

- Decision making structures  
Principal is the decision maker for the school but also relies on advice from a Personel Advisory Committee (PAC), staff and student voice and finance officer. We have a strong and active Governing Council (GC). The GC employ the OSHC Director and oversee the running of the OSHC. Principal line-manages the OSHC director on behalf of the GC and reports to GC.
- Regular publications  
There is a fortnightly newsletter, our website and our Facebook page.

- Other communication  
Facebook page  
Schoolstream
- School financial position  
The school is in a strong financial position.

## 11. Local Community

- General characteristics  
Saddleworth is a small country town of less than 500 people. People working on established farms are usually family. There isn't much new employment available, however there are jobs in larger places nearby such as Gawler and Clare. Housing is cheap by comparison to larger centres. There are grain and livestock farms all around the town in every direction.
- Parent and community involvement  
Parents of current students have the main involvement with the school. These parents attend Governing Council meetings and working bees when required. Parents also help with Sports carnivals and fund raisers from time to time.
- Feeder or destination schools  
From Saddleworth Primary most students go to Riverton High School while others go to Faith High school in Tanunda.
- Other local care and educational facilities  
There is a Kindy next to the school for pre-school aged children.
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities  
Saddleworth is a small town where most businesses in the main street have left. The main business is quite a large one that sells all sorts of farm equipment and machinery. There is a service station (fuel) a café, a pub, a golf club, a bowls club, a post office and a town hall. A 10km drive gets you to groceries at Riverton (South) or Auburn (North). There is a police station at Riverton.
- Other local facilities  
There is a Cricket oval with a large pavilion that also doubles as a local gym.
- Availability of staff housing  
There is no government housing in Saddleworth. There are houses available to rent.
- Accessibility  
Saddleworth is easily accessible by sealed highway all the way to Adelaide via Barrier and Horrocks Highways.
- Local Government body  
Clare Valley Council.

## 12. Further Comments

Saddleworth Primary School is a proud little rural school with high expectations of everyone here. It would be a rewarding experience for any teacher looking to work and grow at their profession in a school where everyone knows your name. Provincial centres such Gawler and Clare are a 30 minute drive away and 90 minutes driving can have you in the heart of Adelaide.