

School plan 2018-2020

Tomaree Public School 2723



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School background 2018–2020

School vision statement

At Tomaree Public School we develop meaningful partnerships with students, staff and the school community to inspire the development of active and engaged lifelong learners.

School context

Tomaree Public School is located in Port Stephens at Salamander Bay. Tomaree Public School is an integral part of the Tomaree Education Centre, with Tomaree High School and the Hunter Institute of TAFE. The three entities work in a unique partnership to enhance learning opportunities for students across the Tomaree Peninsula, utilising shared resources and facilities to be an effective provider of high quality education in the 21st Century.

Our school has a non – teaching principal, four assistant principals, 13 mainstream classroom teachers, 3 special education classes, a full time learning and support teacher, a full time Teacher Librarian and two support teachers who specialise in music, drama and art. We are heavily supported by a SAM, a SAO, a GA and a number of SLSOs who all work tirelessly to support our vision.

The school population of 352 includes 25 Aboriginal students, 38 students of Defence force families and a small number of students with language backgrounds other than English. Our population is transient and we have regular deployment of Defence families, so we have a mobility rate which is high. Tomaree Public School caters for a wide range of student needs and interests, including performing arts, sporting, cultural, leadership, environmental, enrichment and academic pursuits, ensuring our students have a rich and varied education.

Tomaree Public School has a percentage of students not reaching expected growth in all areas of NAPLAN. Improving this result will be a strong focus for programs of improvement during the next three years.

Tomaree Public School is supported by an active P&C and has strong community links and developing partnerships. We work together to maintain a school environment that is safe, pleasant, well maintained and rich in learning opportunities.

School planning process

In 2017, a comprehensive process was undertaken across the school community to review current practices and collect evidence, including student achievement results, behaviour, participation and effectiveness.

A series of activities were held with staff, students and parents to review the strengths, opportunities and areas for future developments across the school. During the process it was recognised that consultation with the local AECG, throughout the school planning process, needs to be strengthened and this has been addressed in the body of the plan.

Activities included:

- · whole staff, executive and small group workshops
- evaluations
- · staff and student surveys
- parent discussion groups (including ATSI)
- P&C Consultation

As a result, 3 strategic directions were identified as a basis for future development. The Tomaree Public School Improvement Plan forms the basis for the school's improvement and development efforts for the next three years.

School strategic directions 2018–2020



Purpose:

To promote a student centred learning environment that supports student progress and achievement, using data and reflective processes to inform practice in order to meet individual needs.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2 Teaching – Commitment, collaboration and reflection for continued improvement and excellence.

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To provide a stimulating and engaging learning environment based on best practice in wellbeing and quality teaching.



Purpose:

To develop a school wide culture which maximises leadership opportunities, engagement and family partnerships to support student success.

Strategic Direction 1: Learning - Thriving, succeeding, connecting and learning

Purpose

To promote a student centred learning environment that supports student progress and achievement, using data and reflective processes to inform practice in order to meet individual needs.

Improvement Measures

At least 80% of students (including ATSI) demonstrate expected growth in Literacy and Numeracy.

100% of teaching and learning programs use data to differentiate and track student achievement.

People

Students

Students are active participants in their own learning and can track and gain feedback around their performance.

Staff

Staff deliver differentiated Literacy and Numeracy programs which are responsive to the needs of students and provide effective, reciprocal feedback.

Parents/Carers

Parents and carers work in partnership with the school to support learning.

Leaders

Leaders support high quality data analysis and literacy/numeracy pedagogies.

Processes

Research Informed Pedagogy

Teachers implement high quality professional learning and understanding in literacy and numeracy teaching practices.

Informed Data Use

Teachers plan for and implement quality teaching programs using a consistent and whole school integrated approach to programming, data collection and analysis to drive future directions.

Evaluation Plan

- · Program analysis
- Student Reports
- · Lesson observations
- · Learning Progressions
- · NAPLAN and school based data
- · Baseline data rubric
- PLAN

Practices and Products

Practices

Teachers identify growth targets for individual students in Literacy and Numeracy and consistently use and analyse external and internal assessments.

Every teacher uses data to inform and differentiate teaching and learning by tracking student progress on the continuums/learning progressions.

Teachers collaboratively assess students to drive future learning.

Teachers and students collaboratively establish and consistently track goals and monitor progress.

Products

All students meet expected growth in Literacy and Numeracy.

Staff demonstrate increased consistency of programming, assessment, data collection, analysis and reflective use of information.

Student goals drive teaching, learning and assessment.

Strategic Direction 2: Teaching – Commitment, collaboration and reflection for continued improvement and excellence.

Purpose

To provide a stimulating and engaging learning environment based on best practice in wellbeing and quality teaching.

Improvement Measures

All teachers demonstrate a high level of quality teaching practice.

Student engagement is improved by 20%.

Decrease behavioural incidents by 20%.

People

Students

Students understand and participate in learning intentions and feedback, demonstrating school expectations.

Staff

Staff demonstrate explicit teaching skills, data informed processes and a shared language of expectations.

Leaders

Leaders provide opportunities and feedback to support all staff with learning and behaviour.

Parents/Carers

Parents have a shared understanding of school expectations to support learning and behaviour.

Processes

Quality Teaching

Develop and implement high quality professional learning based on quality teaching and the Wellbeing Framework.

Systems for Teacher Feedback

Collaborative professional feedback to improve teaching and learning. This includes observations of classroom teaching practice, with feedback, to improve professional knowledge and practice.

Evaluation Plan

- Teacher Observations
- · QT assessment tool
- · Regular data collection and analysis
- Evaluation of planned activities.
- · Program development
- TTFM
- · Analysis of Sentral data
- PDP's
- Teacher self-reflection

Practices and Products

Practices

All teachers have a shared understanding of the Quality Teaching Framework through professional learning, collaboration, observation and feedback.

Teachers give and receive feedback to improve teaching practice and student engagement.

All teachers deliver explicit wellbeing strategies using shared expectations.

All teachers use data around behaviour to improve practice.

Products

The school has high performing teaching staff whose capacities are continually developed to ensure students experience high quality teaching.

All teachers can identify areas for their professional development as indicated through teacher collaboration, observation and PDP processes.

Staff, students and the school community have a shared and demonstrated understanding of school expectations.

Data informs practice.

Strategic Direction 3: Leading – Effective and sustained communication and connections

Purpose

To develop a school wide culture which maximises leadership opportunities, engagement and family partnerships to support student success.

Improvement Measures

Increase in parent/community engagement in school based activities and initiatives.

Increase effective two way communication systems by 20%.

Staff and students demonstrate an increased level of authentic leadership across the school.

People

Students

Students actively engage their parents and carers in school processes and are provided with opportunities to take on leadership roles.

Staff

Staff actively engage in effective home/school communication and take on authentic leadership opportunities.

Leaders

Leaders and aspiring leaders promote and demonstrate a culture of high expectations and performance.

Parents/Carers

Parents actively engage in school practices and processes.

Community Partners

Community members actively engage in school practices and processes.

Processes

Leadership Opportunities.

Leadership opportunities provided and supported through mentoring and feedback.

Communication Systems

Communication systems will be revised, evaluated and trialled.

Parental Support

Upskilling of parents/community members in KLAs in order to support students in school and at home.

Evaluation Plan

- Parent/teacher communication meetings and contact.
- Leadership opportunities promoted to staff.
- · Dojo data
- · Parent /teacher meeting attendance
- School project/activity attendance
- Increased 'hits' on Facebook page
- Skoolbag data.
- · School website.
- PDP analysis
- Staff roles and responsibilities

Practices and Products

Practices

Parent and community members are invited to attend and participate in a range of school related activities.

Use data to adjust and adapt communication systems.

Staff and students engage in leadership opportunities throughout the school.

Products

High levels of community engagement within the school.

Outstanding communication systems to support student learning.

All staff accredited at proficient level or higher.