

SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 08/20

School Name: Settlers Farm Campus R-7

School Number: 1851

1. General Information

Part A

Schoolname : SETTLERS FARM CAMPUS R-7
 School No. : 1851 Courier :Northern Adelaide
 Principal : Ms Leanne Trewartha
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 Location Address : 23 Barassi Street, Paralowie 5108
 District : Northern Adelaide
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 Kindergarten on Campus: YES Fax No. : 08 82806403
 Director : Paula Mulholland

	2017	2018	2019	2020
February FTE Enrolment				
Primary				
Special, N.A.P. Ungraded etc.				
Reception	110	95	105	90
Year 1	86	110	93	105
Year 2	101	94	105	88
Year 3	97	101	86	110
Year 4	103	99	103	90
Year 5	95	103	98	103
Year 6	110	87	97	93
Year 7	78	108	85	73
Secondary				
Special, N.A.P. Ungraded etc.				
Year 8				
Year 9				
Year 10				
Year 11				
Year 12				
Year 12 plus				
TOTAL	780	797	772	752
Mar total FTE Enrolment	780	814	770	752
Male FTE	396	411	407	386
Female FTE	384	403	363	366
School Card Approvals (Persons)	260	304		259
NESB Total (Persons)			252	268
Aboriginal FTE Enrolment			30	34

Part B

- **Leadership**

There is 1 Principal, 1 Deputy Principal, 4 Assistant Principals.

All positions are R-7. Some positions have a particular focus:

- Deputy Principal - Students with Special Needs.
- 2 Assistant Principals – Literacy & Numeracy Improvement (3 Year Tenures)
- Assistant Principal – Wellbeing (3 Year Tenure)
- Assistant Principal – Wellbeing (1 Year Tenure)

- **Staffing Numbers**

Tier 1	49	FTE Teachers
	976	SSO hrs (including IT tech)
	37.3	GSE hrs (grounds/WHS)
Tier 2	1.7	EALD (English as a second language or dialect)
	.3	FLMD (First language maintenance and development)
	.4	AET (Aboriginal Education Teacher)
	18.3	ACEO hours (Aboriginal Community Education Officer)
	18%	Special Education

Male/Female Ratio: 19/80

- **OSHC**

A before school (6.30am – 8.30am) and after school (3.05pm – 6.00pm) program and vacation care operates on the site.

Director: Jan Hutchison

- **Settlers Farm Campus Kindergarten**

Independant kindergarten with their own budget, operates on the site.

Director: Paula Mulholland

- **Enrolment Trends**

Settlers Farm Campus R-7 has a steady enrolment of students with numbers slightly changing up or down each year.

- **Special Arrangements**

The Junior Primary and Primary school amalgamated in 2013 and the school is now named Settlers Farm Campus R-7. The campus is located in the Northern Adelaide district and provides integrated learning K – 7.

Strong links have always existed between the Settlers Farm Campus School and Kindergarten, evidenced through quality transition programs shared training and leadership team meetings. The Kindergarten is called Settlers Farm Campus Kindergarten.

The focus of strengthening the links and working towards our vision is paramount. The leadership team is structured to support the vision. Leaders are working collaboratively across the campus to further develop the full service site, catering for the care and learning needs of students 0-13 years and families.

Services on the campus are Reception to Year 7 schooling, Kindergarten, Playgroup, OSHC and Vacation Care.

Settlers Farm Campus has been a locally managed site since 2001.

The school is currently zoned.

- **Year Of Opening**

Settlers Farm Campus was established in October 1987 and was known for a few years as Settlers Farm Schools.

- **Public Transport Access**

A bus service provides access via Settlers Farm Estate to the centre of Salisbury and to the Mawson Lakes Interchange.

2. Students (and their welfare)

- **General characteristics**

The student profile of Settlers Farm Campus (R-7) includes:

Girls	49%
Boys	51%
NESB	36%
School Card	34%
Aboriginal	5%
Students with Disabilities	18%
School Index of Disadvantage:	4

110 students are enrolled at the Kindergarten, attending 15 hours / week. Attendance consists of full and half day sessions.

The students come from culturally diverse backgrounds. Students vary broadly in academic ability and special needs.

- **Student Management**

Settlers Farm Campus places a priority on providing a supportive learning environment.

A code of behaviour has been developed with students, staff and parents. The behaviour policy is available on the school website.

Two Assistant Principals in Wellbeing support the implementation of Supportive Learning Practices in social learning programs such as Bounce Back, Conflict Resolution and Protective Behaviours.

Grievance procedures & anti-bullying strategies are in place and are explicitly taught.

New Reception students are supported with their transition through a cross age buddy program. Students transferring into our campus are supported by class buddies.

Preventative and developmental practices for student behaviour management include:

- Programs in classrooms focussing on supporting students to be successful in managing and taking responsibility for their behaviour in the yard and the classroom.
- Leadership support students who are removed from the yard for extreme inappropriate behaviour. Students are counselled and plan for future success in the yard.

- **Be You**

We promote the Be You initiative to enhance the mental health and wellbeing of students and their families. Headspace is working with Beyond Blue to deliver this new national mental health initiative. "Be You" is available to all Australian schools and is fully funded by the Commonwealth Government (Department of Health). The well-being team will be driving this journey. We aim to improve our existing positive school environment further and to support our student wellbeing focus. This is paramount to ensure improved learning outcomes for our students.

- **Student Government**

Student participation in decision-making is promoted through class meetings, SVC (Student Voice Committee), & Student Action/Leadership Teams.

- **Special Programmes**

Students are encouraged to take active roles in leadership on the campus eg Library Tribe, Campus Café, SVC, Road Crossing Monitors, grounds, canteen, lunch time activities and hosting/presenting at assemblies.

Extensive efforts are made to support students as they transition from Kindergarten into Reception through a program of weekly visits to the Resource Centre, participation in early years' assemblies and campus events. Currently the Deputy Principal supports the transition for Reception students. A parent information meeting is part of the process.

3. Key School Policies

- **Statement of Purpose**

The core business of Settlers Farm Campus K-7 is to provide all students with a broad and balanced curriculum across the areas of learning. Students are supported to achieve their potential within a supportive teaching and learning environment. The continued development of literacy and numeracy skills is a high priority.

The campus priorities are:

Literacy & Numeracy: Two Assistant Principals lead curriculum improvement R-7, focussing on our common expectations and agreed practices re: teaching and assessing literacy and numeracy. We have Literacy and Numeracy coaches to support staff and ensure quality teaching and learning across the campus. In addition, Curriculum Leaders and lead teachers for each year level, support teachers to embed evidence based practices in literacy and numeracy to improve student outcomes.

Wellbeing: is a focus across the school as we develop effective strategies to support students in the development of responsible behaviour. This year we are implementing “Be You”. (Headspace is working with Beyond Blue to deliver this new national mental health initiative). In 2018, we established an Interoception Room and introduced Interoception across the site. In 2020, we are continuing to build on this whole school program. Attendance and lateness continues to be focus areas for improvement.

- **Key outcomes**

The whole school community has an agreed set of values and a vision statement. As part of this process staff consulted with parents and students to identify the values and what they mean for staff, parents and students.

Campus Values are:

Respect
Responsibility
Personal Best

The values are promoted across the site and form the basis of discussions around the code of behaviour.

Campus Vision:

Settlers Farm Campus as a community works together to inspire our students to develop respectful relationships, be resilient and maximise their potential.

4. Curriculum

• Subject Offerings

- Students access a balanced curriculum in eight areas of learning. These areas are English, Mathematics, The Arts, Health & Physical Education, Humanities and the Social Sciences, Science, Digital Technology/Design and Technology and Language and LOTE.
- There are specialist programs in Health and PE, STEM, and Expressive Arts.

• Special Needs

- Students with disabilities are supported through SSO targeted support and personalised learning plans (Oneplans).
- NESB (Non English Speaking Background) students are support by an EALD (English as an additional language or dialect) teacher.
- First Language maintenance is offered in Vietnamese and Dari/Farsi.
- Early Years Funding supports the implementation of the Phonological Awareness and Jolly Phonics programs, and intervention in all JP classes.
- Students with speech difficulties receive SSO support.
- Currently the Deputy Principal, Students with Special Needs in conjunction with an SSO3, coordinates the support for students with special needs across the campus.
- Teams of staff across the school implement, manage and review, support programs for targeted students within their teams.

• Special Curriculum Features

- Agreed literacy strategies are used R-7.
- Phonological Awareness and Jolly Phonics is part of our reading program R-2. Jolly Phonics and Jolly Grammar have been implemented R-5. This continued growth of the program is being facilitated by Curriculum Assistant Principals and the Literacy Coach.
- Classes are organised in year level hubs to promote collaborative teaching and team work.
- Peer and cross age tutoring programs are shared across year levels. Classes buddy for support re learning and behaviour management.
- There is PE/Fitness/Healthy Lifestyle focus initiatives, daily fitness, PE NIT, sports clinics, SAPSASA and special events.
- A range of supportive learning environment programs. For example “Bounce Back” is implemented R-7.
- Environmental awareness programs include recycling and composting.
- Year 7 students attend a camp each year.
- All classes are participants in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.
- We have an Interoception Room where students participate in targeted programs. This was established in 2018. Interoception is implemented in all classes R-7.

- **Teaching Methodology**
 - Staff work in teams across the school and are encouraged and supported to team teach across the campus.
 - Quality teaching and learning initiatives and TfEL practices are implemented and shared across campus staff through R-7 Professional Learning Community structures.
 - The importance of play for student learning is recognised in the early years.
- **Assessment Procedures and Reporting**
 - Teachers follow an agreed upon assessment schedule and analyse relevant data sets to inform the teaching and learning program.
 - Parent/student/teacher interviews are encouraged.
 - Ongoing communication occurs through class and school newsletters, communication books, email, student diaries and class Dojo.

5. Sporting Activities

- Physical Education is a R-7 specialist subject area provided by NIT staffing.
- Daily fitness programs are provided. Some units team teach to provide this program.
- The school participates in swimming, athletics and other sporting carnivals with SAPSASA to provide students with a variety of experiences.
- R-5 swimming classes are undertaken annually and year 6/7 students attend aquatics sessions.
- Sports equipment is available for class use at play times.
- Sports Day is held annually R-7.
- Community Sports are coached and managed by parents. The ethos of these teams is to promote participation and self-development

6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

- **General**
 - Whole campus celebrations occur throughout the year.
 - The diversity of cultures in our community is celebrated.
 - Special performances & arts events involve K-7 students.
 - Assemblies are held as either K-7, Early Years, Primary Years or Middle Years and are hosted by students.
 - Students and staff support processes of composting and recycling.

7. Staff (and their welfare)

- **Staff Profile**

There is very little turnover of staff each year. Many staff have worked at Settlers for over 10 years. We have a mix of very experienced to new graduate teachers.

- **Leadership Structure**

All leadership positions operate across the campus as a collaborative leadership team. Weekly meetings of the leadership team involve the Principal, Deputy Principal, Assistant Principals and Senior Administration Officers.

The Curriculum Leadership Team includes: Principal, Deputy Principal, 2 Assistant Principals Literacy & Numeracy Improvement, Literacy Coach R-7 and Numeracy Coach R-7. This team meets weekly to drive learning improvement.

The Well-Being team includes: Principal, Deputy Principal, 2 Well-Being Assistant Principals and the Special Education Coordinator. This team meets weekly to drive student well-being, behaviour support and attendance.

- **Staff Support Systems**

Ongoing professional development for all staff members is encouraged to foster a professional learning community. On-site professional development opportunities are offered. Staff work collaboratively as a whole, and in Professional Learning Communities with colleagues who teach the same year level..

Professional Learning Communities across the whole campus and within the staff meeting structure facilitate the professional learning program with one hour of staff meeting time dedicated to professional development. The staff meeting structure also includes opportunities for administration and year level meeting time.

PAC (Personnel Advisory Committee) meetings are held twice per term, and as necessary.

Support staff positions are arranged R-7. These include EALD, Special Education, First Language Maintenance, Resource Centre and Aboriginal Education.

The SSO team of permanent staff provide service to the campus in specialist programs, in class support and administration. Temporary SSOs are appointed on limited tenure for student support and administrative roles.

- **Performance Development**

The Principal, Deputy Principal, Assistant Principals and Senior Administration Officers share line management R-7 to support, encourage and develop performance.

8. Incentives, support and award conditions for Staff

- **Complexity placement points**

The transfer placement points for Settlers Farm Schools is 1.

9. School Facilities

- **Buildings and grounds**

All facilities are shared K-7. Most of the permanent brick buildings were built in 1990 with 3 new 4 teacher general learning area buildings completed in 2011, funded through the BER initiative. All buildings are carpeted and air-conditioned. A hall was opened on the campus in 1994.

A space capacity study conducted in 1999 identified that we were inadequately resourced with permanent buildings. This resulted in major capital works to provide a new Kindergarten, more general learning areas and extended staffroom/admin and extended resource centre.

The development of an aesthetic school environment has a strong commitment, providing shaded play and seating areas and a range of playground equipment and surfaces.

The interior of the Resource Centre and all student & teacher resources were destroyed by fire in December 2003. Refurbishment & restocking has occurred.

Our site was part of the STEM Works Project which commenced in 2017 and was completed in 2018.

Our Site has been identified to receive a \$5,000,000 grant in round 3 of the Building Better Schools funding. A commencement date is yet to be confirmed though preliminary discussions have begun.

- **Specialist and ICT Facilities**

One computer suite is situated on site for whole class use.

R-2 have 8 I pads per class. Year 3-4 have a class set of laptops/ipads per unit. Year 5 -7 have a ratio of 1:1 devices being either chromebooks or laptops. This ratio is audited annually.

The school has wifi and has just connected to DfE system's new high-speed internet connectivity solution which delivers 400Mbps/400Mbps uncontented connection.

A campus hall allows for a specialist PE program & has sport court marking.

- **Student Facilities**

On campus there is a Canteen, an Out of School Hours Care facility and Kindergarten.

Students access networked computers in all classrooms.

Play spaces are climbing equipment, grassed ovals, hard play areas, sandpits and courts.

Access by year levels to climbing equipment and courts is rostered.

A Junior Primary playspace exists, all other areas are R-7.

There are withdrawal rooms and activity spaces in some buildings.

- **Access For Students and Staff With Disabilities**

Disabled facilities include: ramps into buildings, wheelchair accessible playground, carparking and toilets.

- **Access To Bus Transport**
There are public buses, which provide transport to the Settlers Farm Estate. These are not generally used for student excursions. Private bus hire is more common.
- **Other**
Settlers Farm Kindergarten shares the school site and has its own play area.
Vacation Care is available on the Campus site.

10. School Operations

- **Decision Making Structures**
The schools' decision-making policy clearly articulates the processes that need to be adhered to for staff, students and parents.
A range of committees manage curriculum and school operations and all staff are encouraged to participate in the membership of these committees.
Governing Council is jointly responsible with the Principal for the governance of the school. Parents also participate in the membership of Council sub-committees Finance, Canteen, OSHC, Grounds, Community Sports & Fundraising.
- **Regular Publications**
Parents
A campus newsletter is available online twice per term, providing both curriculum and organisational information. Teachers prepare class newsletters at least once per term to detail class events and program details. The school uses the Qkr app and School Star for further communication to families and some classes use class Dojo to communicate with families.
A brochure has been produced with information for parents about the campus. It is distributed to services within the campus and other local preschool services.
There are two community notice boards within the campus grounds that are updated regularly.
The school website www.settlersr7.sa.edu.au provides up to date information for families.
- **Other Communication**
A variety of communication methods are used including both a daily and weekly bulletin on the intranet to be shared by staff & students, term and year planners and class/home Communication Books.
An electronic message board on Barassi Street side of the campus displays current events.
Staff can access on the intranet and One Note, policy/school information, timetables, meeting agendas and meeting minutes.
Staff are expected to check email regularly as DfE information and training and development opportunities are emailed on.

- **School Financial Position**
The schools operate a consolidated account and budgets support implementation of the Site Improvement Plan, R-7 activities and cross campus initiatives.

11. Local Community

- **General Characteristics**
Settlers Farm is an established community, situated 19 kms. north of Adelaide at Paralowie West, about two thirds of available land in the Settlers Farm Estate has been built on. A shopping/community centre close to the school has been built. The majority of housing is privately owned and owner occupied.
- **Parent and Community Involvement**
Parent involvement in the school includes Governing Council, and sub-committees, classroom support, resource centre, canteen volunteers, playgroup, excursions, community sports coaching.
- **Feeder Schools**
The majority of reception students are from Settlers Farm Campus Kindergarten. Students exiting for year 8 go to Paralowie R-12, Salisbury High, Parafield Gardens High School and local private schools.
- **Other Local Care and Educational Facilities**
Parent managed Playgroups are held Wednesday mornings.
The school Hall is hired by local community groups weekly eg karate.
OSHC and Vacation Care are provided.
- **Commercial/Industrial and Shopping Facilities**
A shopping centre is across the road from the school and includes a supermarket, post office and speciality shops. Banking facilities are at Hollywood Plaza, 4 kms from the school.
- **Other Local Facilities**
Other preschool and child care facilities are distributed throughout the Salisbury area.
- **Local Government Body**
Settlers Farm Campus is located in the Salisbury Council area.

12. Further Comments

- A high priority amongst staff is to maintain a supportive and friendly atmosphere in which to work.
- Most Staff are addressed by their first name. It is staff's personal choice as to how they would like to be addressed.
- Music is played over the PA system to signal end of play times.
- Bells and sirens are not used except to signal emergencies or to signal extreme weather conditions for play.

- Staff are committed to working together to ensure ongoing professional growth. Settlers Farm Campus has a strong history of curriculum innovation and reform, and participation in projects.

Leanne Trewartha
Principal