SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated 02/11

School number: 1201

School name: GULFVIEW HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

1. General information

Part A

School name: Gulfview Heights Primary School
School No.: 1201
Principal: Chris Zunis
Postal Address: 39 Kiekebusch Road, Gulfview Heights 5096
Location Address: 39 Kiekebusch Road, Gulfview Heights 5096
District: 02 Northern Adelaide Region
Distance from GPO: 20 kilometres
CPC attached: No
Phone No.: 08 8 258 9959
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February FTE Enrolment

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School Card percentage [August census] 20% 21% 22% 22%
NESB Enrolment [February census] 12.0 11.0 46.0 43.0
Aboriginal Enrolment [February census] 0.0 3.0 9.0 10.0
Part B

- Deputy Principal’s name, if applicable
  : Tobias O’Connor
- School website address
  : www.ghps.sa.edu.au
- School e-mail address
  : info@ghps.sa.edu.au
- Staffing numbers
  Total Teacher Entitlement = 11.5 made up of 10.5 Females & 1 male.
  Teacher Librarian = 0.6. LOTE [Chinese] = 0.4.
  Co-ordinator Level 2 Entitlement = 1
  Tier 2 Special Education = 0.73
  ESL = 0.23
  Total Ancillary Allocation = 94.5 hours per week.
  School Services Officers = Secretary / Finance Officer = 65 hpw
  Groundsperson 11.5 hours per week.
- OSHC
  OSHC was established in 2010 and offers a before and after school care program.
- Enrolment trends
  : Significant increase after a recent decline due to transfers out at middle / upper primary level to non DECS schools.
- Year of opening
  : 1976
- Public transport access
  : Bus service only along Bridge Road approximately 1 kilometre from the school.

2. Students (and their welfare)

- General characteristics
  : Students are co-operative and willing to learn. Our school values are reinforced regularly in students to instil a sense of pride, ownership, respect and responsibility. Our teaching practices and relationships are underpinned by our 5 guiding values of Respect, Collaboration, Excellence, Empathy and Integrity.
• (Pastoral) care programs
  : Pastoral care programs are provided by classroom teachers and by our Christian Pastoral Care Worker, appointed in 2008 for 3 years.

• Support offered
  : Well established intervention and special education support programs are provided to cater for students with additional / special needs.

• Student management
  : Recently our School Discipline Policy underwent a significant review. Processes and procedures are in place to promote effective teaching and learning programs and high levels of student engagement.
  : The policy is framed around our school values of respect, excellence, empathy, integrity and collaboration and is based on restorative practice principles.

• Student government
  : Student representatives are elected by their peers annually to represent the views of their class at weekly SRC meetings. The SRC meet weekly to discuss issues raised through class meetings, participate in whole-school decision making processes and plan activities.

  The Deputy Principal has responsibility for coordinating the SRC and assisting the executive in organising SRC meetings and events.

  The SRC executive, consisting of the student representatives from our senior classes take an active role in managing school events including, whole school assemblies, the end of year community concert and the tabulation of house points towards an annual house shield which is presented at the end of year concert.

• Special programmes
  : A DECS instrumental music teacher visits the school once a week and offers tuition in violin, viola & cello. Approximately 14 students are involved from year 4-7.
  : The school choir drawing students from years 2-7 performs at school events under the direction of a specialist music teacher/choir trainer.
3. **Key School Priorities / Policies**

- Current school priorities are set in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy, Information Communication Technologies, Student Wellbeing and Science.
- Recent key outcomes:

**Student Wellbeing**
- The development, review and implementation of key policies including: Junior Sports, School Discipline and Anti-Bullying policies.
- The implementation of the Child Protection Curriculum across the school.
- The promotion of healthy lifestyles through daily fitness activities, participation in a specialist PE program, participation in SAPSASA events and the promotion of healthy food choices through our school canteen.

**Numeracy**
- The establishment and resourcing of numeracy resource rooms in the junior primary and primary units.
- Increased access to quality training and development programs in numeracy aligned to staff needs and other school priorities.
- Access to numeracy incursions.
- An increased profile of numeracy within the community through parent information sessions, workshops and through regular newsletter articles.

**Literacy**
- Implementation of a whole school literacy focus on Comprehension.
- The purchase of new readers and guided reading packs, and establishment of Literacy resource rooms in each unit.
- Quality training & development programs aligned to staff needs.
- Annual Literacy & Numeracy Expo showcasing student learning experiences and samples.
- The collection of school wide learning data (eg. running records, SACSA standards) to inform teaching and learning programs.

**ICT**
- Installation of smartboard technologies in each and every class.
- Upgrade of all hardware, admin and curriculum networks.
- Training and development in line with staff needs and promoting integration of ICT across the curriculum.

**Science**
- Implementation of the Primary Science Strategy (Primary Connections Curriculum).

4. **Curriculum**

- Subject offerings
  - SACSA Framework Learning Areas.
LOTE = Chinese 2 days a week.
Resource Based Learning.
Specialist Physical Education (NIT Program) R-7 for all classes weekly
Specialist Music/Drama (NIT Program) R-7 for all classes weekly

- Open Access
  Not applicable

- Students with Additional needs
  This is an area of significant focus for Gulfview Heights and as a result, significant SSO time is directed towards implementing NEP and IEP programs from R-7.

- Special curriculum features
  An Active After School Communities program is offered twice a week for students from R-7. This program is funded through a Commonwealth Government grant and is coordinated by the Deputy Principal with assistance and supervision provided by SSO and teaching staff members.

- Teaching methodology
  Smart boards were initially introduced in 2005 and are now in all classroom teaching areas and in the resource centre. They promote the integration of ICT skills across the curriculum.

- Assessment procedures and reporting
  The school reporting policy was revised in 2008. Currently our school reports to parents through an acquaintance night early in term 1, written mid year progress report at the end of term 2, an end of year summative report at the end of term 4. Parent teacher interviews are held in term 1 and again in term 3 as ‘teacher requested.’

- Joint programmes
  In recent years Gulfview Heights has established a close working relationship with one of our local high schools – Salisbury East High. Extensive transition programs are in place to support year 6 & 7 students in their transition to high school.

5. Sporting Activities
Gulfview Heights actively participates in SAPSASA carnivals and knockout competitions. These include swimming, cross country, athletics, girls & boys football, girls and boys soccer, girls & boys netball, girls & boys basketball.
The school also accesses a range of specialist coaching clinics throughout the year in a wide range of sports.
A sports day is held annually, twilight event in even years and tri skills in odd years.

6. Other Co-Curricular Activities
- General
  No teams represent the school in competitions outside school hours.
7. **Staff (and their welfare)**

- **Staff profile**
  - A committed group of professionals who work as a team to provide the best possible educational program for the students.
  - All staff are expected to work collaboratively in their learning teams and priority team structure to implement programs and policies. There are 2 learning teams – Early Years & Primary, and 4 Priority teams in each of the school priority areas – Literacy, Numeracy, ICT, Science and Student Well Being.

- **Leadership structure**
  - Principal
  - Deputy Principal
  - Student Learning Coordinator

- **Staff support systems**
  - 12 hours per work SSO time is allocated specifically to support IT infrastructure and computer maintenance.

- **Performance Management**
  - Performance management structures are in place with the Principal and Deputy Principal, sharing responsibility for performance development of all staff. Meetings are held twice each year with feedback provided at the conclusion of these meetings.

- **Staff utilisation policies**
  - There is greater flexibility in the provision of programs and service delivery since 2006, the first year the school was involved in local management. In 2007 the school adopted a new Governing Council model and constitution of governance.

- **Access to special staff**
  - Social Workers, Guidance Officers, Speech Pathologists, Hearing Impairment Services & Disability Services are accessed to provide assistance and support to students and families, and provide training as required for staff.

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

- **Complexity placement points**
  - Not Applicable

- **Isolation placement points**
  - Not Applicable

- **Shorter terms**
  - Not Applicable
9. School Facilities

- **Buildings and grounds**
  
  The school buildings are of solid construction and are over 30 years old (built in 1976). They nestle into the hills face zone on the eastern edge of the City of Salisbury.

  The grounds are a feature of the school. All lawned areas, including the oval, now have automatic watering systems installed. The grounds are extremely attractive with fully grown Australian native trees surrounding the grassed areas. A turfed oval, asphalt netball and basketball courts and well maintained playground and obstacle style fitness track provide ample outside play areas.

  The school consists of the following linked areas – administration, canteen, gymnasium, resource centre, two five teacher open space units. Partitions have been installed to partially separate the individual teaching spaces. A separate computer room has been established by re-developing
a teacher preparation area adjacent to the resource centre. Both units have withdrawal room areas used for a range of special programs eg. Instrumental music program. The Early Years unit houses the intervention room, a teacher preparation area, a reader resource room.

- Cooling
  - Central heating and air conditioning to all parts of the school.
- Specialist facilities
  - No extra facilities
- Student facilities
  - No extra facilities
- Staff facilities
  - No extra facilities
- Access for students and staff with disabilities
  - No ramp access to the school.
- Access to bus transport
  - On Bridge Road.
- Other
  - The school changed its name from Salisbury South East Primary School to Gulfview Heights when the City of Salisbury changed the name of the suburb. We adopted the new name from the start of the 2003 school year.

10. School Operations

- Decision making structures
  - Staff meetings and Governing Council meetings are the major arenas for all decision making. The school operates on a democratic decision making model. Learning Team and Priority Team meetings are held as a subset of staff meetings. A range of other sub committees also operate including assessment & reporting committee, social committee and sports committee. The Governing Council has a range of subcommittees which report back to Council regularly including Finance, Canteen, School Pride, Fundraising, Curriculum and OSHC.
- Regular publications
  - The fortnightly newsletter is a high priority and is well received by school community.
- Other communication
  - Parent Information Folders are given out to new parents as part of their induction to the school.
  - Other policies / brochures include Attendance Policy, Information for Volunteers, Discipline Policy, Nut Awareness & Allergy Policy, Homework Policy, Sunsmart Policy, Student Computer Network Acceptable Use Policy, OHS&W Policy, Assessment & Reporting Policy, TRT Information Book, Administration Handbook, Uniform Policy, Wet Weather Policy,
Mobile Phone Policy. In 2005 we updated / developed our ICT and Outdoor Education Policies. All school policies are accepted by staff and endorsed by Governing Council.

- School financial position
  - 2005 was the first year the school was involved in local management.
  - The management of school finances, budget is managed annually by Finance Committee and overseen by Governing Council. The financial position of the school is sound and in recent years has built up funds to support the delivery of programs and maintain assets.
  - The school has been a successful recipient of several grants in recent times, notably the ‘Investing in Schools Grants’ which has lead to the construction of a hard cover outdoor learning area over the amphitheatre, installation of smartboard technology in each class and an obstacle style fitness track.

- Special funding
  - As a general rule the Governing Council does not hire out the school facilities.

11. Local Community

- General characteristics
  - Gulfview Heights Primary School is located 20 kilometres north of Adelaide on the hills face that separates the northern and north eastern suburbs. It services the suburb of Manor Heights, the “half-acre block” section of Para Hills, the sub-divisions of Buckingham Close and Hedgerow Estate, and the new sub-division on the hills face south east of the school between Para Hills & Gulfview Heights. The supportive local community is predominantly of European background. A high percentage of children who attend the school live outside the school’s catchment area. There are a significant number of two income families and approximately 25% of children are on School Card.

- Parent and community involvement
  - Parental support and involvement in the school is extremely positive and significant in the delivery of programs, and hosting of school community events.
  - The Annual Parent Opinion Survey consistently shows that support is well above the state average.
  - The canteen operates daily and is supported by volunteers / parent support. This is a sound indication of the support the school receives from the local community.
  - Parent assistance is often requested in transporting students to and from excursions and events. Traditionally we have had wonderful support in this area.
  - The school does not have a pre school / kindergarten located on site or specific feeder preschool which links to it. Most students come from either
Manor Farm or Madison Park preschools. We also enrol individual students from a range of other kindergartens / preschools including Salisbury Heights, Keithcott Farm, Libermann Rd and Para Hills.

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  : None within walking distance.

- Other local facilities
  : None that are used on a regular basis.

- Availability of staff housing
  : None.

- Accessibility
  : Limited public transport access in the district. Disabled access within the school and grounds is limited.

- Local Government body
  : City of Salisbury.
  : Over the last few years we have developed an Environmental Education tree planting project on City of Salisbury land that adjoins the school.

12. Further Comments

- Gulfview Heights Primary School is a close knit community school which prides itself on the unique relationship it shares with its students and families. This partnership contributes to high levels of student participation in all areas of the curriculum and extra curricula activities including Sports and Performing Arts. Subsequently whole school events and extra curricular activities are supported enormously by parents and families.

The school recently experienced a significant turnover of teaching staff, coinciding with a newly appointed Deputy Principal and Co-ordinator. This has impacted significantly on the future vision and direction setting of the school. The school will continue to build on a culture of success and continuous improvement through collaboration and a commitment to working closely with Governing Council and local school community.