

## SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: August 2024

**School number:** 1848

**School name:** Golden Grove Primary School

Golden Grove Primary School provides a safe and supportive environment where students are consistently challenged to achieve their best.

The school community aims to ‘Open Doors to Unlimited Opportunities’ and the values of R.E.S.P.E.C.T. underpin all aspects of teaching and learning.

### 1. General information

#### Part A

School Name : GOLDEN GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
School No. : 1848 Courier : TTG  
Principal : Mr. Graeme Fenton  
Postal Address : 140 Bicentennial Drive, Golden Grove 5125  
Location Address : 140 Bicentennial Drive, Golden Grove 5125  
District : North East  
Distance from GPO :20 kms Phone No.08 8289 3137  
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	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
February FTE Enrolment					
Reception	70	83	56	79	68+24
Year 1	69	80	72	60	77
Year 2	94	65	76	69	62
Year 3	86	98	70	71	70
Year 4	90	90	103	75	67
Year 5	100	94	89	102	76
Year 6	97	98	89	81	94
Year 7	86	96			
TOTAL	692	705	555	537	538

School Card 25%  
English as an additional language or dialect (EALD) 12%  
Aboriginal enrolment 22 students

## **Part B**

### **Leadership Team**

Graeme Fenton, Principal (Site Improvement)

Michelle Wright, Deputy Principal (Pedagogy / Curriculum)

Tegan Cox, Senior Leader (Inclusive Education)

Gerry Templeton, Student Wellbeing Leader

**School Website address** [www.goldengps@sa.edu.au](http://www.goldengps@sa.edu.au)

### **School e-mail address**

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### **Staffing numbers (February)**

32 teaching staff, 15 non-teaching staff

### **OSHC**

The Cobbler Creek OSHC and Vacation Care service provides 135 licensed places.

### **Enrolment trends**

Enrolments have seen a downward trend in recent years, due to a decrease in Reception enrolments and the Year 7 to High School move in 2022.

Year of opening: 1992

### **Public transport access**

The school is serviced by the 545 bus which connects with the Obahn.

## **2. Students (and their welfare)**

### **General characteristics**

The school population includes a small number of RAAF/Defence families and other families from interstate and overseas, predominantly from the Middle East, South Africa and the UK.

GGPS has a Commonwealth funded position (Defence School Transition Aide) to support the transition of Defence Force students.

Golden Grove offers beginning and mid-year intake for students in Reception. We have close ties with the Golden Grove Kindergarten to support students with a seamless transition to school.

### **Student management**

Students, parents and staff have been involved in the establishment and implementation of a consistent yard and classroom discipline policy. Teachers give

priority to programs that support students in countering harassment, anti-racism, grievance procedures and conflict resolution skills. An agreed set of values, school mantra and Site Plan lead our work with students. These are the focus of a beginning of the year program which is implemented in all classes.

Students are actively encouraged to be involved in decisions about their learning and behaviour.

### **Special programs**

A number of intervention programs cater for a range of student needs. Those children identified as not meeting either local or national benchmarks are given priority with respect to intervention strategies. Rich data is collected in respect to these children and individual learning plans are developed and implemented.

A range of learning experiences are available to students in the area of music including an instrumental program. Students can choose to participate in keyboard, guitar, drums and woodwind. There are opportunities available to join bands and choirs, as well as a variety of groups who audition for the Festival of Music each year.

Specialist teaching is provided through the current NITT structure: Science, PE; Japanese, and Performing Arts. Camps for students (3-6) are held in alternate years.

### **3. Site Improvement Plan**

Through the key strategies outlined in the Site Improvement Plan, the school aims to increase student achievement and growth in mathematics, reading and writing.

### **4. Other Co-Curricular Activities**

#### **Sport**

The school actively encourages participation in sport through regular participation in SAPSASA competitions, coaching clinics during school hours and special activities on non-camp years such as dance sport.

#### **Performing Arts**

A strong Performing Arts program offers opportunities to participate in a junior and senior choir, instrumental music, band, rock band and various performing groups. The school has a close association with the Festival of Music.

### **5. Staff support systems**

A collaborative team approach has been encouraged with emphasis on the establishment of clear communication and decision making structures. Staff meeting formats vary and include: whole school, year level and PLCs (Professional Learning Communities). Performance management processes are based on the Department for Education policy and the National Standards for Teachers.

Golden Grove Primary School is committed to parent/community relationships. Due to the size and complexity of the school, effective communication is important. A

variety of communication methods are used including staff bulletins, electronic staff daybook, term planners, community Facebook page, fortnightly school newsletter, class newsletters and diaries and communication books.

## **6. School Facilities**

### **Buildings and grounds**

There are 26 classroom spaces in solid construction buildings. There is an administration block, school hall, canteen and a multi-purpose area, which includes an art room and a fully integrated ICT suite and Resource Centre. BER funding was used to build a GLA (general learning area) consisting of 8 classroom spaces and a learning corridor. A COLA (covered outdoor learning area) has recently been built with site funds and is used for multiple purposes including school assemblies.

The school recently received Building Better Schools Funding of 6 million dollars. This capital works project included a state-of-the-art Library and Arts center.

The whole school is air-conditioned.

### **Access for students and staff with disabilities**

The main buildings provide access for students with disabilities. There are multiple staircases and a ramp providing access to the second tier of the grounds and stairs leading to the third tier (oval).

### **Access to bus transport**

Bus 545. This service connects with the O-Bahn.

### **Other**

The grounds are well developed, including playgrounds and hard play areas. The playground has recently been upgraded with new play equipment and rubber surfaces.

## **8. Local Community**

### **General characteristics**

Golden Grove Primary School is committed to forging and maintaining strong connections with families. Parents and the wider community have the opportunity to be involved in decision making and governance. The Governing body is the Golden Grove Primary School Governing Council. Active sub-committees include: Finance, Canteen, Fundraising, Uniform, Assets & OSHC Advisory.

### **Local Government body**

Tea Tree Gully City Council, Phone: 8397 744