SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

School number: 0128
School name: Elliston Area School

1. General information

Part A
Principal: Mrs Cynthia O'Neil
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Part B
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- Staffing numbers
  7.2 FTE
  There are currently 9 teachers (6 permanent teachers and 3 contracts), there are 7 part time SSO’s (3 of whom are permanent) and 2 grounds people.

- OSHC
  No

- Enrolment trends (based on Term 4)
  Enrolments fluctuate between 60 – 65 students from Reception to Year 11.
6% of student population are identified as Students with Disabilities with A, D and I levels of support
6% of students are Aboriginal
2% EALD

- Student management
  The school operates a clearly defined Behaviour Development Policy and
code of success with corresponding structures and procedures.
Student dress is informed by a uniform policy ratified by Governing Council
and supported by the school community.
The school has a strong focus on student engagement and wellbeing.

- Student government
  Student Representative Council (SRC) is inclusive of all year levels R-11.
SRC student voice is evident throughout the school. SRC is involved with
Eyre Voice activities.

- Special programmes
  Extensive Special Education support by teachers and School Service
Officers.
The school has a strong environmental focus.
Students Years 6 – 9 have access to BYOD laptops for use at school and
home.
Sporting Schools program.
Aquatics program – snorkelling, kayaking, surfing, swimming, SUP.

3. **Key School Policies**

- **Statement of Purpose**
  Elliston Area School strives for educational excellence and the vocational
needs of the school community by working in partnership with staff,
students and parents - caregivers.
The core business is:
  - To maintain and continue to develop the teaching and learning
    environment for staff, students and parents - caregivers which is
    collaborative, supportive, safe and reflective of current education
    trends.
  - The development of a positive sense of self-worth and pride in
    achievements, caring and responsibility toward others, the environment
    and ourselves are principles underlying the school's practices.
  - The Australian Curriculum.
  - To improve reading skills for all students.
  - To focus on Literacy Numeracy in all learning areas.
  - To promote and monitor positive attendance.
• Teaching methodology
  We integrate Digital Technologies across the curriculum. All students have access to the latest technology including wireless network.
  - There is a continual emphasis on collaborative integrated approaches
  - Staff maintains an awareness of learning design through professional Development opportunities. Staff are encouraged to share methodologies both formally and informally.
  - We currently run composite classes in the following format. R/1, 2/3, 4/5, 6/7, 8/9 and Year 11.

• Assessment procedures and reporting
  - Secondary students receive written reports at the end of each term
  - Primary students receive a written report at the end of Term 2, and Term 4
  - Parent – caregiver / teacher interviews are conducted in Term 1 and Term 3 by request
  - Primary students receive a portfolio at the end of Term 1 and 3

• Joint programmes
  - CAP Bus shared with four other hub schools
  - CAP Performing Arts program
  - CAP Video / DVD Scheme
  - Central Eyre Partnership with Lock Area School, Tumby Bay Area School, Port Neill Primary School, Ungarra Primary School, Cowell Area School, Cleve Area School, Kimba Area School, Wudinna Area School, Cummins Area School and 8 associated preschool sites including Elliston RSL Memorial Children’s Centre.

5. Sporting Activities
• Students in Year 5, 6 and 7 have access to SAPSASA competitions in tennis, cricket, netball, football and surfing with secondary students having access to SASSA.
• Annual interschool surfing, athletics and cross-country competitions
• We run a participation Sports Day and then the school compete at an interschool sports day against Streaky Bay, Miltaburra, Karcultaby, Ceduna, and Ceduna Crossways (WCIAC). If the students are successful at this day then they have the opportunity to compete in the Far West team at WASSAC.

6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

The students at Elliston Area School have the opportunity to be involved in a vast range of activities within the school and the community, some of these activities include music lessons, fundraising activities within their class groups or with SRC, class involvement in school assemblies, whole school involvement in special dress up and events like Walk to School, Canteen and others.
• Shorter terms
  Term 4 finishes one day early
• Travelling time
  1 day per year
• Housing assistance
  Rental subsidised through Real Estate Management
• Medical and dental treatment expenses
  DECDS Sick leave conditions apply
• Locality allowances and Country incentives
  Entitlements as per EB Award
• Relocation assistance
  Yes

9. **School Facilities**

• Buildings and grounds
  Excellent grounds include a playground, a small oval and a nature walk.
  There was a new brick administration building opened in 1987.
  All classrooms are hardiplank and in good condition
  4 Primary classrooms built from BER initiative opened in 2011
• Cooling
  All rooms have reverse cycle air conditioning
• Specialist facilities
  Comprehensive School Library
  Technical Studies facilities
  Food and Hospitality facilities
  Art Room
  Science Lab
  New computers, purchased through Investing in Our Schools Program and DER, including wireless network, running on latest Windows program. A class set of mini ipads are available for all students and staff. Interactive whiteboards are installed in 5 classrooms. BYOD is a 2016 initiative.
• Nature Trail
  School garden including chooks, and Wild Mint – endangered species propagation programme in conjunction with Natural Resource Management
  Access to Community Sports Centre, Oval, Netball / Tennis Courts, Community Hall and Children’s Playground
  Easy access to the front beach
  The school has an aquaculture tank.
Other communication
UHF radio links with community and school bus
School phones have all families numbers in case of catastrophic or fire emergency

11. Local Community

- General characteristics
  The town and surrounding areas is predominantly Australian with a current population of approximately 300. There are very few EALD families within the community.
  Families within the community form five major groups:
  1. Traditional farming families
  2. Fishing families
  3. Surfing population
  4. Alternative lifestyles
  5. Town business and service providers
  Aquaculture has become a major contributor to the town.
  Apart from farming and fishing, the major employers are the District Council, the Hospital, the School and Ocean Abalone Australia.
  The township looks out upon the sea with breathtaking views of waves breaking on a reef, island and spectacular cliffs.

- Parent – caregiver and community involvement
  Parent - caregiver involvement through various levels of classroom involvement, electives, excursions, assemblies
  Good community involvement in the performing arts programme.
  Community includes local garage bands and talented artists.

- Other local care and educational facilities
  The Elliston Memorial RSL Children’s Centre is separated from the school and runs three sessions - all day Tuesday and Thursday, partial day Wednesday.
  There is also Playgroup at the Children’s Centre facilities on a Friday morning from 10am until 12noon.
  Family Day Care facilities exist within the town with experienced providers.

- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities
  Garage including RAA
  Hotel (Eftpos facilities)
  Supermarket (Eftpos facilities) with meat
  Roadhouse (Eftpos facilities) with selected frozen seafoods
  Waterloo Bay Café
  Bakery No 9