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Principal's foreword

Introduction

Golden Beach State School is located at 34 Gregory St Golden Beach. Golden Beach State school is committed to the delivery of a high performing co-educational state school where students and families are very proud to be part of a culture of success. As a learning organization we have a strong commitment to

excellence in academic achievement

emphasis on sport and the arts

high standards in student behaviour and presentation

strong curriculum implementation

integration of information and communication technologies

Golden Beach State School caters for students aged between Prep and Yr7. The total number of students enrolled at our school for 2008 was 575

Future outlook

2008 was a very exciting year for Golden Beach State School, not only did the school turn 25 years old but we continued with our success in many different aspects of teaching and learning.

It was extremely rewarding to see our students achieve continued levels of excellence in academic, sporting and musical pursuits and to have our parent community indicate an overwhelming level of satisfaction.

A selection of these highlights include

Excellent academic achievement in the Year 3, 5 & 7 Nation wide testing program demonstrated in this report

An average of 90% of students in Year 3, 5, 7 achieved the national benchmark in writing

An average of 93% of students in Year 3, 5, 7 achieved the national benchmark in numeracy

An average of 88% of students in Year 3, 5, 7 achieved the national benchmark in reading

State Champions in Rugby League

Continued high achievements in sport especially athletics with student representation in District, Regional and State teams

Strong performances in the arts ranging from local success in choir competitions to performances at the Carols at Kings Christmas Carols night for the city of Caloundra.

Continued strong parent participation and support.

Our school at a glance

School Profile

Golden Beach State School was opened in 1983. In this time we have gained an excellent reputation attributed to many things but in particular to the genuine commitment by staff, students and parents to the pursuit of educational excellence.

With its attractive setting our school has around five hundred and seventy five students. A learning, caring and sharing environment has been forged through a partnership of teacher effort, parent support and student application.

We consider that it is the right of every child who attends our school to fully enjoy the wide range of facilities provided and to be accepted for what they are, no matter what race, creed, academic level or physical capability the child may possess. Through our behaviour education program we aim to have all children treating others with consideration and respect. We strongly encourage quality educational outcomes and real effort.

Currently Golden Beach State School has 575 students. We offer coeducational opportunities from Prep to Year 7 and have a Special Education Program attached.

Curriculum offerings

Golden Beach has a strong tradition of academic excellence. As our students move from Prep through to Year 7, they are increasingly challenged to perform to the best of their intellectual ability. Whether in the classroom, on the playing field, or on stage, opportunities for personal growth abound.

We teach skills, understandings, and knowledge across all key learning areas in ways that help our students become successful communicators who contribute positively to their school community now and to the wider community in the future, encouraging lifelong learners who can take responsibility for their own learning.

Personal attention and a developmentally appropriate curriculum foster intellectual growth, from our early childhood education program which stimulates the imagination and makes full use of young children's spontaneous curiosity through to upper school programs which promote intellectual and social growth in an atmosphere that respects the needs of early adolescent development.

Our lively classroom atmosphere stimulates student initiative, and a high level of academic performance is promoted. Golden Beach operates specific programs to extend children and consolidate their strengths as well as to assist with learning difficulties through a range of specially designed programs with specialist staff.

Our school at a glance

- Extra curricula offerings include: Kids Club, ICAS Maths, English and Science Academic Competitions, AFL Aus kick, Rugby League and Rugby competitions, Interschool Sport, Surfing and Surf Skills, Swimming, After School Sports, Student Council, Yr 4, 5, 6 & 7 Camps, Choirs, Dance, Brass and Woodwind Instrumental Program

How computers are used to assist learning

Information Communication Technologies (ICTs) play a major role in teaching and learning process at Golden Beach State School. Over the last years it has continued to be a focus learning and development area for staff. We have also continued to update our software and hardware devices to maximise the integration of ICTs into our students' curriculum.

In 2008 our school opinion survey data indicated:

61% of students were satisfied to very satisfied with the computer technology skills they had learnt at school

53% of parents were satisfied to very satisfied with that the school is developing their child's computer technology skills.

For more detailed information on the way in which computers are used for learning at Golden Beach State School please visit the Technology link on our website.

Social climate

At Golden Beach State School significant emphasis is placed on providing a learning environment where all students feel safe and supported. We maintain a strong sense of family through our shared commitment to ownership of all student outcomes across our school.

In 2008 our school opinion survey data indicated:

77% of students were satisfied to very satisfied that they are happy to go to this school.

79% of students were satisfied to very satisfied that they are safe at this school.

89% of parents were satisfied to very satisfied that their child was happy to go to this school.

83% of parents were satisfied to very satisfied with student discipline in the school.

During 2008 some highlights included:

25th Anniversary celebrations

Open days and nights

Involving parents in their child's education.

Throughout 2008 the school worked closely with parents involving them in the celebration of 25yrs of education at Golden Beach. Parents helped organise the celebration activities as well as compiling memorabilia.

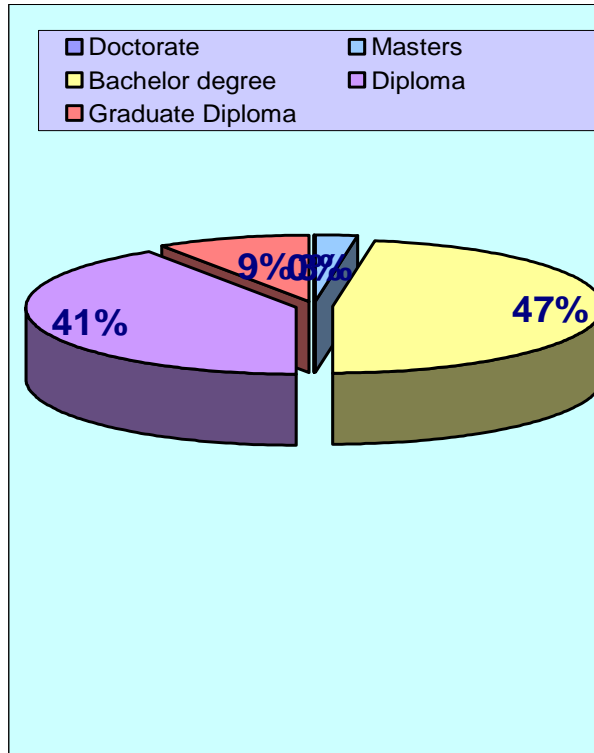
Teachers continually provided many opportunities for parents to be involved in classroom activities throughout the year. These included reading groups, excursions, camps etc.

Our P&C continually invited parents to help in activities throughout the year. Some of these activities included: tuckshop helpers, fundraising coordinators, events coordinators.

Our staff profile

Qualifications of all teachers

Highest level of attainment	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Doctorate	0
Masters	2
Bachelor degree	36
Diploma	31
Graduate Diploma	7



Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development.

- The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2008 was \$14 844 .
- The major professional development initiatives are as follows:
 - QCATS
 - Moderation across the coalition of schools
 - Literacy and numeracy
- The involvement of the teaching staff in professional development activities during 2008 was 100 %.

Average staff attendance

- For permanent and temporary staff and school leaders the staff attendance rate was 97% in 2008.

Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year.

- From the end of the 2007 school year, 97 % of staff were retained by the school for the entire 2008 school year.

Performance of our students

Student attendance

The average attendance rate as a percentage in 2008 was 93 %.

Key outcomes

National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results - our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

Domain	Measures	Yr 3	Yr 5	Yr 7
Reading	Average score for the school	376	468	535
	Average score for Queensland	371.1	466.1	528.1
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008 91 %	82 %	93 %
Writing	Average score for the school	411	475	532
	Average score for Queensland	391.8	468.9	522.7
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008 92 %	89 %	91 %
Spelling	Average score for the school	355	456	525
	Average score for Queensland	366.7	462.0	528.0
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008 91 %	83 %	89 %
Grammar and Punctuation	Average score for the school	379	463	527
	Average score for Queensland	370.4	476.6	518.0
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008 97 %	83 %	91 %
Numeracy	Average score for the school	390	463	552
	Average score for Queensland	367.9	458.2	539.0
	For the school the percentage of students at or above the national minimum standard.	2008 94 %	89 %	96 %

Results in the Year 2 Diagnostic Net

	Percentage of students not requiring additional support
Reading	72%
Writing	74%
Number	81%

Performance of our students

Value added

This year saw our school run very successful 25th anniversary celebrations.

Our school again won Music Fest

Junior Choir has 50 students from yrs 3 to 4

Senior Choir has 35 students from years 5 to 7

Gifted and talented music program

School sport has continued to be a strong focus of Golden Beach State School:

Many students represented sports at a regional and state level. Sports where students have gone onto representative levels include: Swimming, Athletics, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Netball, Soccer and Softball. Golden Beach continued to dominate the Coastal District athletics winning again for the 12th time.

Our school rugby league team went on to win the Sunshine Coast and State Development Cup series with over 150 schools across the state competing in this competition.

Parent, student and teacher satisfaction with the school

Results of Parent, student and teacher opinion surveys indicate that:

Parent satisfaction results show that we are higher than the state average in Curriculum and School Climate.

Parent satisfaction results show that we are similar to the state average in Student Outcomes, Pedagogy, Learning Climate and School-community relations.

Student satisfaction results show that students are satisfied with the level of support they are receiving from the school in student outcomes, curriculum, pedagogy, learning climate, school climate and resources.

Staff satisfaction results show that they strongly agree that the school provides and promotes a strong working relationship and staff morale.

Staff satisfaction results indicate that staff agree that the school provides a safe physical work environment, is well organised in its school operations, provides support, resources and training, has defined work roles and their work is valued and recognised.