

# SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

**School number: 1048**  
**Preschool: 1609**  
**School name: Para Vista Primary School**



## 1. General information

### Part A

Postal Address: 351 Montague Road, Para Vista 5093  
Location Address: 351 Montague Road, Para Vista 5093  
Partnership: Montague  
Distance from GPO: 16 kms  
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Preschool attached : YES  
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### Part B

Principal: Sue Charleston  
Assistant Principals Chris Burdett: SIP focus: Reading / WHS / site management  
Melissa Mills SIP focus: Reading / Intervention

Student Counsellor: Matt Brumby SIP Focus: Student agency

Staffing numbers : 9 full time classroom teachers, 7 part time teachers and 10 SSOs

Preschool: 2 part time teachers and support staff

We have specialised staff who support the following students: EALD (0.6 teacher) Aboriginal Education Teacher (0.2 teacher position, ACEO and APAS tutor)

Our Counsellor allocation is 0.4. The role is increased to 0.6 through the use of Better Schools Funding.

Special Education/Intervention (combination of teacher time and SSO)

Ancillary including grounds: 187 hours per week plus 30 permanent hours in the Preschool.

#### Special arrangements

The Pre-School caters for three - five-year olds; the Early Years for Reception to year two; the Primary Years for years three to seven. The Middle Years Suite operates in a flexible learning space designed to meet the demands of Middle Years Pedagogies. Two reception classes operate in "The Hive" which is a learning space designed to support a play based curriculum and a team approach to learning. Other classes have established a team teaching approach. A range of intervention programs support students in Year 1 - 7 who are not on target to reach benchmark.

The school introduced Indonesian as our specialist language program in 2016 and continues to develop over the years. There is a strong focus on ICT with each classroom having easy access to Laptops and I pads. Our site works as a collaborative member of the Montague Partnership.

#### Year of opening

2001. Prior to amalgamation, the Primary School opened in 1968, the Junior Primary in 1969 and the Pre-School in 1975. The processes for amalgamation of the schools began in 1995. The school has been physically restructured with a number of refurbished areas. Significant refurbishment was completed as a result of the Building Revolution Funding (BER).

#### Public transport access

Bus stops are directly outside the school campus. The 506 bus on Nelson Road goes to the city and back. The 560 on Montague Road goes from Elizabeth to Tea Tree Plaza via the Modbury Interchange.

#### OSHC

Hours are from 6:45 am until 8.30am and from 3.00pm until 6:00 pm. OSHC caters for preschool aged children through to Year 7.

Vacation Care: commences at 7.00 am finishes at 6.00 pm.

#### Enrolment trends

Whilst the school attracts students from the local community, there are a number of families who travel to attend our school. As predicted, the same day start initiative initially impacted on student numbers. We are currently operating at capacity in the Preschool.

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

General characteristics

- Para Vista serves a diverse population of 223 school and 45 preschool students.
- 43% of students on School Card
- 33.62% of students come from non-English speaking backgrounds. 36 nationalities are represented and 30 language groups.
- 39.9% EALD students
- 7.62% of students are of Aboriginal descent
- 12.11% of students have One Plans
- 45 students are identified through the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data process as requiring adjusted programs.

(Pastoral) care programs

The class teacher is the main source of care. This is supported by the staff as a whole in collaboration with the school counsellor.

The use of "Play is the Way" as part of our Behaviour Education program is a whole school priority.

The school values of Respect, Honesty and Courage form part of our approach to restorative practices that support the development of Social and Emotional learning.

Student Support offered

Individual and small group support exists for our Aboriginal children, our EALD students, our students with disabilities or learning difficulties and other identified groups. Diagnostic and summative testing in literacy is used to identify students who access support programs.

Student management

Staff continue to develop our consistent and effective student behaviour education program and are very supportive of one another. We use a restorative approach which is supported by Play is the Way. Yard consequences includes a lunch reflection time where students have time out to reflect on their behaviour choices. We use the language of Play is the Way and Way to assist students in learning to make strong decisions. The Principal, Assistant Principals and Counsellor support classroom teachers with student behaviour as appropriate. The school structure is based on the normal education department procedures as well as using the strategies described above. Anti-harassment procedures are in place. Counselling is an important part of behaviour education and occurs during reflection times and in meetings with the Counsellor, Principal or Assistant Principals.

We focus on intrinsic rewards and students "doing the right thing because it is the right thing to do".

The school is welcoming to new families and visitors. One of our mantra's is Manners Matter.

Student government

The Para Vista Student Wellbeing Action Team (SWAT) is an active group. A formal selection process is used to determine our Student leaders. SWAT meets weekly and links with class meetings. Students are able to nominate to be on student led working groups. We have a continuing commitment to the development of Student Agency within the school.

Special programmes

The school choir has successfully performed at the Festival Theatre since 2001.

Play is the Way (described above) is a whole school program.

Harmony Day is celebrated as are a range of other special focus days/ weeks eg Book Week;

Reconciliation Week and other timely events fitting with our school priorities. Para Vista has a

commitment to learning so events are kept to a minimum, and only held on a Friday where possible.

There is a high investment in digital technology to support student learning and engagement. Smart

Boards provide support for students who are visual and kinaesthetic in their learning, as well as a

source of motivation for all. All students have access to computers, ipads and a wireless network.