

# SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

**School number:** 0670

**School name:** Hendon Primary School

## School Profile:

Hendon Primary School (Preschool to 7) is located 9 kilometres west of the city with 357 students R-7 including two Special options class for years F-2 and 3-7. The preschool currently has 50 students.

Hendon is a complex school with 60% School Card Holders. There are 7% of students identified with a disability. There is a high level of cultural diversity with 14% Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander students enrolled and 10% of students who were born overseas with a total of 19% EALD students.

The surrounding suburbs are currently experiencing high levels of housing development, and comprise a mix of new, established, rental and public accommodation.

Hendon has a very stable teaching staff and has been able to maintain relatively small class sizes. Classroom teachers and their students are supported by classroom SSOs, Aboriginal Community Education Officer, Special Education and AET Leader and Student Wellbeing Leader.

Staff are also supported by an Arts co-ordinator, a Numeracy co-ordinator, and an Early years senior leader in our Preschool. In 2020 specialist teachers have delivered The Arts, PE, Science and Japanese lessons.

## Vision

The Hendon School Community empowers all students to embrace learning, achieve their personal best and build their emotional, social and physical well-being. We are all life-long learners who contribute to the global world while practising kindness, respect and trust.

## Values

*Kindness    Respect    Trust*

# 1. General information

- School Principal name: Sue Mittiga
- Deputy Principal's name: Troy Pathon
- Year of opening: 1952
- Postal Address:  
  
Hendon Primary School  
Lot 17, Cedar Ave  
Royal Park  
South Australia 5014
- Location Address:  
  
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Lot 17, Cedar Ave  
Royal Park  
South Australia 5014
- DECD Region:  
  
Western Adelaide Shores
- Geographical location:  
  
9km from GPO
- Telephone number:  
  
08 8345 3190
- Fax Number:  
  
08 8445 1493
- School website address:  
  
[www.hendonps.sa.edu.au](http://www.hendonps.sa.edu.au)
- School e-mail address:  
  
[dl:0670.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl:0670.info@schools.sa.edu.au)
- Child Parent Centre (CPC) attached:  
  
Yes
- Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) service:

Yes

- February FTE student enrolment:

Hendon Primary School R-7	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Primary Special class	12	11	11	12	11
Reception	51	41	39	46	52
Year 1	47	46	45	36	45
Year 2	48	49	40	40	39
Year 3	53	48	49	43	34
Year 4	52	51	51	43	40
Year 5	48	59	52	48	45
Year 6	33	47	60	53	42
Year 7	60	55	45	54	49
<b>Total</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>357</b>
School Card Percentage	53%	51%	53%	60%	60%
NESB Enrolment	30%	22%	29%	26%	18%
Aboriginal Enrolment	10%	10%	13%	12%	14%

- Student enrolment trends:

Enrolments have been trending down

- Staffing numbers (as at February census):

A-5 Principal	1.0 FTE
B-3 Deputy Principal	1.0 FTE
B-1 Leaders	3.0 FTE
B-2 Leaders	1.0 FTE
Teachers	18.2 FTE
ACEO Level 3	30Hrs
SSO Level 1	256.5Hrs
SSO Level 2	69.25Hrs
SSO Level 3	37.50Hrs

- Public transport access: Public transport is available by bus.
- Special site arrangements:  
n/a

## 2. Students (and their welfare)

- General characteristics

Approximately 60% of students are School Card Holders. There are 7% of students identified with a disability. There is a high level of cultural diversity with 14% Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander students enrolled and 10% of students who were born overseas with a total of 19% NESB students.

- Student well-being programs

Hendon Primary School has many student well-being programs and staff have undertake training in trauma informed practice, the child protection curriculum and smart training.

The Child Protection Curriculum is delivered to all students.

Other wellbeing programs include access to the Educator toolkit, What's the Buzz and You Can Do It.

- Student support offered

Students have access to a Student Wellbeing Leader, pastoral care worker, breakfast club, homework club, foodbank food parcels and Smith Family Scholarships. .

- Student management

Student behaviour is effectively supported through the behaviour management and bullying policies (See school website)

- Student government

Students are strongly engaged in school governance through Student Action Teams. There are 6 student action teams including; grounds, ICT, library, sport, community awareness.

Peer mediators are also selected through an application process and used to support students in the yard during break times.

## 3. Key School Policies

- Site Improvement Plan and other key statements or policies:

The Site Improvement Plan is available for viewing on the school website.

## 4. Curriculum

- Subject offerings:  
Music, Physical Education, Science, Japanese
- Open Access/Distance Education provision:  
n/a
- Special needs:  
Students with special needs are supported by a Special Education Leader. Intervention programs are delivered by trained SSOs.
- Special curriculum features:  
Hendon is a Music Focus School  
Science and STEM  
Numeracy extension program
- Student assessment procedures and reporting  
Teachers provide students with regular and ongoing formative and summative assessment. This is reported to parents via written format twice yearly and during face to face 3 way parent/teacher/student interviews once per year.
- Joint programmes:  
Hendon PS has strong links with Seaton HS and students in years 5-7 engage in specialist programs offered by Seaton including emerging technologies, Maths and English enrichment, sports science, diamond sports softball and baseball and visual arts.

## 5. Sporting Activities

The school has mixed Australian Rules Football teams from years 2-7 that compete in the SANFL Saturday football competition, with games are well attended by the school community.

Hendon regularly competes in SAPSASA knock out sporting competitions including AFL, soccer, cricket, netball, athletics and basketball.

## 6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

Hendon is a Music Focus School and students show a strong interest in Choir and Instrumental Music.

## 7. Staff (and their welfare)

- Leadership structure  
The school leadership structure consists of:  
Principal  
Deputy Principal  
Student Wellbeing Leader  
Special Education Leader

Senior Leader – Preschool

Co-ordinator – Maths

Co-ordinator – Music

- Staff support systems

Staff at Hendon Primary School operate in Professional Learning Teams (PLT). They are supported by a Coordinator to improve their teaching capacity through regular professional development. PLTs meet once per fortnight for 50min.

- Performance Management

Performance management meetings are held twice per year.

- Staff utilisation policies

School support staff are used to deliver intervention programs and support teachers in class.

- Access to special staff

Instrumental Music Staff are available

Numeracy co-ordinator – maths extension

- Other

n/a

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

- Complexity placement points

n/a

- Isolation placement points

n/a

- Shorter terms

n/a

- Travelling time

n/a

- Housing assistance

n/a

- Cash in lieu of removal allowance

n/a

- Additional increment allowance

n/a

- Designated schools benefits

n/a

- Aboriginal/Anangu schools

n/a

- Medical and dental treatment expenses  
n/a
- Locality allowances  
n/a
- Relocation assistance  
n/a
- Principal's telephone costs  
n/a

## 9. School Facilities

- Buildings and grounds

*Opened in 1952, the school consists of 4 major single story buildings*

1. *Junior Primary / Preschool*
2. *Middle Primary/ Specialists*
3. *Upper Primary ( 8 classroom block built under the BER )*
4. *Admin / Library / Gym*

*The school is modern and had significant refurbishment upgrades. The Preschool has undergone a major refurbishment worth \$1.8 million and a \$1mill STEM redevelopment has recently been completed.*

- Heating and cooling

*All rooms have heating and cooling*

- Specialist facilities and equipment
  - Resource Centre
  - Numeracy Library
  - Computer room
  - Music Room
  - Science/Maths/Languages room
  - Gymnasium
  - Learning Support rooms
  - Large variety of ICT equipment in each room (iPads, Netbooks, Computer Pods, Visualisers, IWBs, Chromebooks, laptops)
- Student facilities
  - Canteen
  - Dental Clinic
- Staff facilities
  - Staff Room
  - Resource Centre
  - Numeracy Library
- Access for students and staff with disabilities
  - Wheelchair access to all buildings and rooms
  - Disabled Toilets
- Access to bus transport
  - School owned 18 seater bus

## 10. School Operations

- Decision making structures
  - Governing council
  - School Planning Committee
  - Staff Meetings
  - Staff Learning Teams
  - Student Review Team
  - Student Action Teams
- Regular publications
  - School newsletter published 3 times per term
  - Termly class newsletters
- Other communication
  - One Note is used as an electronic day book for staff notices and as a repository for numerous timetables and calendars, enrolment information book, TRT information folders, email, mailing lists, skoolbag, SMS, Seesaw and social media.



- School financial position  
The school is in a sound financial position.
- Special funding  
n/a

## 11. Local Community

- General characteristics  
Hendon is a diverse school which includes 60% School Card Holders. Transience and absenteeism are impacting factors.  
The surrounding suburbs are currently experiencing high levels of housing development, and comprise a mix of new, established, rental and public accommodation.  
The school is a Level 3 Index of Disadvantage.  
63.8% of people living in Royal Park speak English only. The other top languages spoken are 7.6% Serbian, 5.4% Language spoken at home not stated, 5.1% Italian, 4.1% Other, 2.4% Polish, 2.2% Greek, 1.9% Russian, 1.0% Croatian, 0.9% German.
- Parent and community involvement  
Opportunities for involvement are encouraged through governing council and volunteering.
- Feeder or destination schools  
A large percentage of graduating students attend Seaton High School.  
Foundation students primarily arrive from the on-site pre-school.
- Other local care and educational facilities  
A child care centre is available within close proximity
- Commercial/industrial and shopping facilities  
West Lakes Shopping centre
- Other local facilities  
*Royal Park has a wide range of facilities with easy access available to residence*
- Availability of staff housing  
n/a
- Accessibility  
*Accessibility to the CBD is easy with a range of public transport options available*
- Local Government body  
*City of Charles Sturt Council*

## 12. Further Comments