



Stanthorpe State High School

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School Overview

Stanthorpe State High School is a school of approximately 670 students from Years 7-12. At Stanthorpe State High School we have a moral purpose to make a positive difference to students' lives. We have a vision for improved student achievement through learning. Excellence is aspired towards in a framework of high expectations of self and others where your best will always do. Our school provides students with high quality relevant and real life opportunities to engage and excel in academic and vocational pathways to their chosen careers. Stanthorpe State High School's Junior Secondary School provides students with an extensive range of curriculum offerings and experiences through the Australian Curriculum and elective offerings. This provides the foundations for and articulates directly with our Senior Secondary School curriculum. Our senior curriculum offers a broad range of Authority Subjects, a diverse suite of nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training Certificates complimented by our strong School-based Apprenticeship and Traineeship Program and Authority Registered subjects. In turn our School-based Apprenticeship and Traineeship Program is underpinned by a very strong Work Education Program. The percentage of our students achieving an OP 1-5 over an extended period of time exceeds the state average. Our school has distinctive curriculum offerings including: Our Italian Immersion Program in Years 7-9 where students immerse themselves in the Italian language and culture through their studies of a variety of subjects at times including Mathematics, Science, Health and Physical Education, and Humanities and includes International Study Tour exchanges to and from Italy. Our Banca Ridge Wine Tourism Industry Links Program works in a co-provider, co-delivery partnership with the Queensland College of Wine Tourism, The University of Southern Queensland, and Industry and includes International Study Tours to California.

Principal's Foreword

Introduction

Our School Annual Report outlines the achievements, and provides information, in relation to the students and staff of Stanthorpe State High School for the 2016 academic year. Stanthorpe State High School values all people and strives to benefit our students and our community. We have a vision for learning and success and provide a framework for this within a positive, safe, supportive and inclusive environment. This is achieved in an environment of high expectations of self and others where "If it is your best - it will always do". Our school provides students with high quality relevant opportunities to engage and excel in academic and vocational pathways towards their chosen careers. Stanthorpe State High School provides the opportunity for every student to achieve a positive outcome from their education.

School Progress towards its goals in 2016

Stanthorpe State High School maintains a clear and consistent improvement agenda based on a set of agreed key priorities. In 2016 we had four Key Priorities that underpinned our moral purpose to make a positive difference to students' lives.

#1 Key Priority – Improved student achievement through learning.

A number of performance measures are used to measure student learning and improved student achievement:

- A-E data – Years 7, 8, 9, 10 students receiving A, B or C in English, Maths and Science – Target $\geq 85\%$ - Achieved 91.3%.
- A-E data – students receiving A or B in subjects across the school – Target $\geq 60\%$ - Achieved 61.5%.
- NAPLAN data
 - \geq National Minimum Standards - Target 100% - Year 7 achieved: Reading 89.3%, Writing 76.3%, Spelling 88.3%, Grammar & Punctuation 85.1%, Numeracy 92.7%. Year 9 achieved: Reading 84.6%, Writing 73.9%, Spelling 83%, Grammar and Punctuation 90.4%, Numeracy 94.6%.
 - % in Upper 2 Bands – Target $\geq 15\%$ - across all measures Year 7 achieved 19.1%, Year 9 9.3%.
 - Gap between indigenous and non-indigenous achievement in Reading, Writing and Numeracy – Target 0% – across all measures in Year 7 the gap was 17% and in Year 9 the gap was 33%.
- Year 12 Outcomes data:
 - QCE attainment - Target 100% – Achieved – 100%
 - OP 1-10 – Target $>60\%$ - Achieved 50%
 - OP 1-15 – Target $>80\%$ - Achieved 85.7%
 - Complete/Attain a SAT/QCE/Vet Qualification – Target 100% - Achieved 100%

Performance measures are used to measure staff learning and improved pedagogy that assists student learning and achievement. All targets in this area are set at 100% and although not reached yet are trending upwards:

- % of teachers with active Annual Performance Development Plans – 100%
- There was a 7.5% improvement the of school workforce satisfied they receive helpful feedback on their work to 86.4%.

- 93.2% of teachers are satisfied they have access to quality professional development.
- 88% of staff feel that staff morale is positive.

#2 Key Priority – Improved Student Attendance

The strong correlation between attendance and achievement makes improved student attendance an imperative if our #1 Key Priority is to be maximised.

Our community culture and belief around the importance of attendance at school continues to develop. In 2016 there was a 91% attendance rate across the school. Non-indigenous students had an attendance rate 4% below that of indigenous students. Our SMS service provides daily feedback to parents on their students' absence from school. This service continues to be a valuable tool in supporting parents in their endeavours to track their students' attendance.

Apparent retention rates of indigenous students in Years 10 – 12 was 7.4% greater than that of non-indigenous students.

#3 Key Priority – Improved parent engagement and community confidence

Improving parent engagement in their students' education is a key strategy in achieving Key Priorities #1 and #2. Stanthorpe State High School enjoys the confidence of parents in our key performance measures with 92.4% believing this is a good school, 94% believing their child gets a good education at this school and 95.4% of students believing they are getting a good education at Stanthorpe State High School. The school's aspirational targets in these areas are all set at 100%.

#4 Key Priority – Implementation of Australian Curriculum

In 2016 the Australian Curriculum has been fully and successfully implemented across Years 7-10 in English, Mathematics, Science, History, Geography and Physical Education. Staff continue to develop work programs and related units of work to ensure the roll out of the Australian Curriculum continues to be successful as more subjects are introduced over time.

Future Outlook

Our 2017 explicit improvement agenda continues with a strong emphasis on strategies to improve student achievement in line with our 2017-2020 Strategic Plan.

2017 #1 Key Priority – Improved student achievement through explicit instruction as a school-wide pedagogy. The impact of strategies relating to this will be measured through progress towards targets including:

- The observation of explicit teaching being used by 100% of teachers.
- Relative gain in Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN – reading and numeracy achievement being > the national cohort.
- 100% of students achieving NMS or better in NAPLAN
- The percentage of students in the NAPLAN U2B being > the national cohort

2017 #2 Key Priority – Development of and Implementation of new senior syllabus requirements. Progress towards this priority will be measured by:

- Professional learning and training in new syllabus requirements being undertaken by all relevant staff members.
- Units of work being developed as new senior syllabus in specific subjects are completed.
- Having resources aligned with and budgeted for the implementation of new senior requirements in 2019.

2017 #3 Key Priority – Improved communication and consistency of opinion across the school community. This will be measured by the progress towards the alignment of parent, student and staff responses in key areas of the school opinion surveys as per our 2017-2020 Strategic Plan.

Our School at a Glance

School Profile

Coeducational or single sex:	Coeducational
Independent Public School:	No
Year levels offered in 2016:	Year 7 - Year 12
Student enrolments for this school:	

	Total	Girls	Boys	Indigenous	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2014	555	279	276	50	92%
2015*	648	318	330	50	93%
2016	672	312	360	57	92%

Student counts are based on the Census (August) enrolment collection.

*From 2015, data for all state high schools include Year 7 students. Prior to 2015, only state high schools offering Year 7 had these students included in their counts.

Characteristics of the Student Body

Overview

The student body at Stanthorpe State High School consists of a diverse range of cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. Approximately 60% of students travel by bus to school from surrounding rural villages and family farms. Students travel daily from areas stretching as far away as Texas 100km to the west, Tenterfield (NSW) 57km to the south, Liston and surrounding areas within NSW 40km to the east and 30km north to Dalveen and surrounding areas. Other students reside in the town of Stanthorpe. Indigenous students account for approximately 8% of student enrolments. Family employment includes a mix of those employed in professional service organisations and public sector organisations, self-employed business owners, tradespersons, orchardists, small crops specialists, graziers and wine and tourism ventures.

The school community espouses conservative values and these are reflected in the traditions, values and expectations of the school. The school has a well-developed Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students that supports these values and expectations including a strong emphasis on the wearing of school uniform.

Stanthorpe and the Granite Belt area has a large well-integrated Italian population steeped in the history of the region. Adding to the cultural diversity of the area is a broad range of cultural groups along with a transient backpacker population that provides much needed seasonal workers for the local farmers.

Average Class Sizes

The following table shows the average class size information for each phase of schooling.

AVERAGE CLASS SIZES			
Phase	2014	2015*	2016
Year 7 – Year 10	21	20	20
Year 11 – Year 12	16	16	15

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Curriculum Delivery

Our Approach to Curriculum Delivery

Stanthorpe State High School is a member of two Gateway School Programs that provide students with unique opportunities and experiences in the industries they represent:

- Gateway School to Food and Wine Tourism.
- Gateway School to Agribusiness.

Our distinctive curriculum offerings include two Showcase Awards for Excellence in Schools award winning programs, a Queensland Training Award winning program and a diverse range of nationally recognised certificates and course offerings including:



- Italian Immersion Program in Years 7, 8 and 9.
- Wine Tourism Industry Links Program.
- A suite of 19 nationally recognised Vocational Education and Training Certificates at Certificate I, II and III levels.
- A Work Education Program incorporating:
 - School-based Traineeships and Apprenticeships.
 - Work Experience.
 - Structured Workplace Learning.
- 22 Senior Authority subjects contributing to students Overall Positions (OPs) for university entrance.
- An extensive Junior Secondary Curriculum that sets the foundations for students' senior studies.

These distinctive program offerings are evidence of Stanthorpe State High School's:

- Capacity to develop, offer and sustain quality programs supporting and meeting individual student needs.
- Strong support of the importance of academic excellence as preparation for tertiary entrance.
- Provision of access to a wide range of nationally accredited vocational education and training courses.
- Strong individually tailored school-based traineeship and apprenticeship program.

This diversity of offerings of quality programs caters for each students' needs, interests and job/career aspirations. Stanthorpe State High School continues to develop closer and stronger links as a major Educational Partner with the Queensland College of Wine Tourism and its other educational partners being the University of Southern Queensland and the Granite Belt and Border College of Trades located on our site.

Co-curricular Activities

Co-curricular activities offered at Stanthorpe State High School consistently engage students in a comprehensive range of academic enrichment, cultural, sporting and community activities. These include:

- International Study Tours and exchanges that hold an important place in our co-curricular and enhancement programs:
 - Italian Immersion International Study Tour to Italy every second year, including two weeks stay with a host family whilst attending an Italian high school and reciprocal visits by students from Italy to Stanthorpe, involving school attendance and host family accommodation.
 - Wine Tourism and Agriculture International Study Tour to California every second year with an itinerary that allows students to experience and investigate related industries from Los Angeles through Bakersfield, Tulare, Fowler, Hilmar, Yosemite National Park, Sonara, Galt, St Helena, Napa Valley and San Francisco.
- Hosting of Japanese students and staff from our sister city, Shiwa in conjunction with Southern Downs Regional Council.
- Instrumental Music Program – Jazz Ensemble, String Ensemble, Concert Band, School Choir, Eisteddfod and other public performances.
- Young Chefs and Young Hosts courses.
- Junior and Senior Culinary Challenge.
- Year 12 Senior Outdoor Education 7 day Camp incorporating 5 days Snow Riding and life skills.
- Year 7, 8, 9, 11 Personal Development and Leadership camps
- Year 10 Career Development camp
- Youth Leadership courses including Toastmasters
- Year 12 Leadership Conference Day.
- Senior Agriculture Camp
- StanHigh Limousin Stud Show Team and Cattle Club works closely with local industry based people and studs to provide exposure to industry standards and opportunities. The Show Team attends, and is successful at Agricultural Shows participating in Junior Judging, Paraders and Herdsmanship competitions whilst exhibiting Stud Cattle and Led Steers/Heifers.
- Stanthorpe Highlanders school sporting and representative teams – including but not limited to Track & Field, Basketball, Cricket, Cross Country, Football, Futsal, Netball, Orienteering, Rugby League.
- International Competitions and Assessments (ICAS) Competitions.
- Year 11/12 Safe Drive Day
- Road Awareness and Accident Prevention Day.
- Year 7 & 8 Inter-Class sporting competitions.
- Interhouse Readers Cup competition.
- Community volunteer programs including Meals on Wheels and Red Shield Doorknock Appeal.
- First Aid Courses.
- Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) and Gambling (RSG) courses.

How Information and Communication Technologies are used to Assist Learning

Information and Communication Technologies are embedded in all curriculum areas and used extensively by students and staff. Staff have embraced the integration and use of ICTs in the delivery of all curriculum areas at Stanthorpe State High School to enhance their classroom pedagogy. This assists student learning and enhances opportunities for all students. Students have wireless connectivity with the school network across our entire campus. This connectivity along with a broader shift in the school to mobile devices has provided the capacity for teachers to fully integrate the use of ICTs into their daily classroom pedagogy. All students and teachers enjoy the benefits of the diversity of activities available through the access they have to computer devices including whole-class activities, small group activities and individual access through classrooms, dedicated computer rooms, pods of computers, the Literacy Centre and the Resource Centre. Computer hardware and software is upgraded on an ongoing basis to maintain currency of programs and equipment accessed.

Students in our Senior Secondary School (Years 10-12) have the opportunity to access a 'take home' laptop program providing them with greater access to this technology 24 hours per day. Along with this program students have the option of accessing our 'BYO laptop' program that allows students to bring their own laptop to school and access the school's network whilst on campus. Our 'BYO laptop' program continues to increase in popularity across these year levels.



Staff professional learning opportunities are offered to develop the pedagogical skills required to embrace the ever changing technologies available in the classroom. All teachers at Stanthorpe State High School utilise their own laptop for the purposes of developing their own skills and preparing and delivering enhanced teaching and learning in their classrooms. Significant portions of the school and faculty budgets continue to be allocated to providing facilities, equipment and the human resources required to maintain quality access to Information and Communication Technologies in the classrooms.

Students enjoy a technological environment designed to assist them in improving their individual achievements and the attainment of their personal educational aspirations.

Social Climate

Overview

Stanthorpe State High School provides an ordered and disciplined environment with a strong student support program. The welfare and support team includes the Guidance Officer, Youth Support Coordinator, Work Education Officer, School-Based Youth Health Nurse, Chaplain, Year Level Coordinators, Heads of Department and Deputy Principals.

Pastoral Care programs include but are not limited to:

- Student leadership programs including a full range of Year Level Camps
- Anti-bullying workshops and programs
- Cyber-safety programs
- 'Brekky Club'
- 'Homework Club'
- Study Skills programs
- Decision making programs
- Engagement of parents/carers in a variety of evening programs
- Our Indigenous students comprise 8% of our total school population and these students are achieving well with respect to the key criteria of attendance, literacy achievement, retention across key junctures, and completion to Year 12.
- Stanthorpe State High School's close connection with parents/carers and the community continues to be strong.
- The school enjoys a community with a strong sense of pride and ownership of the school seeing it as an integral and valuable asset to the town and its young people.
- Parents/carers, through School Opinion Survey Results, consistently indicate high levels of satisfaction in the areas of:
 - Student outcomes
 - Curriculum offerings
 - The learning environment
 - Resourcing
 - General satisfaction

Parent, Student and Staff Satisfaction

Parent opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree# that:	2014	2015	2016
their child is getting a good education at school (S2016)	90%	93%	94%
this is a good school (S2035)	95%	90%	91%
their child likes being at this school* (S2001)	96%	99%	92%
their child feels safe at this school* (S2002)	96%	99%	91%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school* (S2003)	86%	93%	91%
their child is making good progress at this school* (S2004)	85%	94%	91%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best* (S2005)	95%	97%	96%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work* (S2006)	90%	88%	90%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn* (S2007)	90%	82%	91%
teachers at this school treat students fairly* (S2008)	85%	85%	82%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns* (S2009)	96%	94%	95%
this school works with them to support their child's learning* (S2010)	93%	90%	88%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously* (S2011)	90%	81%	84%
student behaviour is well managed at this school* (S2012)	81%	75%	78%

Performance measure			
Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree# that:	2014	2015	2016
this school looks for ways to improve* (S2013)	92%	89%	91%
this school is well maintained* (S2014)	92%	92%	96%

Student opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of students who agree# that:	2014	2015	2016
they are getting a good education at school (S2048)	94%	97%	95%
they like being at their school* (S2036)	87%	96%	89%
they feel safe at their school* (S2037)	90%	98%	92%
their teachers motivate them to learn* (S2038)	91%	96%	91%
their teachers expect them to do their best* (S2039)	96%	98%	95%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work* (S2040)	93%	94%	91%
teachers treat students fairly at their school* (S2041)	80%	91%	75%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns* (S2042)	79%	90%	71%
their school takes students' opinions seriously* (S2043)	85%	89%	75%
student behaviour is well managed at their school* (S2044)	76%	84%	73%
their school looks for ways to improve* (S2045)	93%	93%	92%
their school is well maintained* (S2046)	91%	96%	90%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things* (S2047)	93%	94%	85%

Staff opinion survey

Performance measure			
Percentage of school staff who agree# that:	2014	2015	2016
they enjoy working at their school (S2069)	98%	94%	99%
they feel that their school is a safe place in which to work (S2070)	93%	90%	99%
they receive useful feedback about their work at their school (S2071)	86%	79%	87%
they feel confident embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander perspectives across the learning areas (S2114)	87%	82%	82%
students are encouraged to do their best at their school (S2072)	98%	98%	100%
students are treated fairly at their school (S2073)	97%	98%	96%
student behaviour is well managed at their school (S2074)	81%	72%	80%
staff are well supported at their school (S2075)	86%	83%	93%
their school takes staff opinions seriously (S2076)	91%	87%	88%
their school looks for ways to improve (S2077)	98%	98%	97%
their school is well maintained (S2078)	98%	94%	96%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things (S2079)	88%	85%	91%

* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items

'Agree' represents the percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

Parent and community engagement

Strategies to actively involve parents in their children's education during 2016 included:

- Weekly articles in the local media highlighting school activities and student achievements.
- P&C meetings held in the Granite Belt Community Learning Centre.
- Information evenings for parents, each with a particular theme and year level catered for.
- Principal and Administration visits to Year 5&6 students in all feeder schools during the year.
- Advertising of activities and events in the local media.
- Interim progress reports completed on students' academic, effort and behaviour progress after Term 1.
- Formal End of Semester Reports completed and distributed to parents at the completion of Semester 1&2.
- Formal parent-teacher interviews twice yearly and the availability of parent-teacher interviews at any time on request.
- Parent representation standing committees such as Buildings and Grounds, Student Resource Scheme, Canteen, Uniform and Fundraising for International Exchange Programs.
- Indigenous Parent/Carer working group supporting programs for students.
- Involvement of parents as host families for student visitors from Cividale del Friuli in Italy and Shiwa in Japan.

Respectful relationships programs

The school has developed and implemented a program or programs that focus on appropriate, respectful and healthy relationships. The school has aspects of respectful relationships programs embedded in its school-wide curriculum. Specific aspects of respectful relationships is delivered through the Health and Physical Education curriculum in line with the Australian Curriculum.

School Disciplinary Absences

The following table shows the count of incidents for students recommended for each type of school disciplinary absence reported at the school.

SCHOOL DISCIPLINARY ABSENCES			
Type	2014*	2015**	2016
Short Suspensions – 1 to 5 days	116	112	120
Long Suspensions – 6 to 20 days	5	5	15
Exclusions	1	2	5
Cancellations of Enrolment	2	0	2

* Caution should be used when comparing post 2013 SDA data as amendments to EGPA disciplinary provisions and changes in methodology created time series breaks in 2014 and 2015.

**From 2015, Exclusion represents principal decisions to exclude rather than recommendations for exclusion. From 2015 where a principal decided not to exclude, a small number of recommendations for exclusions have been counted as a long suspension. Exclusions, Cancellations and Long & Charge Suspensions may be upheld or set aside through an appeals process.

Environmental Footprint

Reducing the school's environmental footprint

Electricity usage at Stanthorpe State High School continues to trend upwards. The impact of temperatures during any given winter period in Stanthorpe has a marked impact on electricity usage. The need to ensure our learning environment is conducive to quality teaching and learning is a priority and requires significant electricity usage to maintain appropriate temperature in classrooms during these months. All measures to ensure the energy efficiency, including insulation and installation of energy efficient systems and devices are considered when new facilities or maintenance is undertaken have been considered and is within required standards.

Water usage decreased in 2016 with Stanthorpe State High School continuing to utilise effluent water in contractual agreement with the Southern Downs Regional Council for allowable usage e.g. pasture production for sheep and cattle projects, stone fruit orchard and vineyard. All new facilities have the required water usage efficiency devices and rainwater tanks installed.

ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT INDICATORS		
Years	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2013-2014	221,502	1,420
2014-2015	369,511	1,996
2015-2016	427,403	1,281

The consumption data is compiled from sources including ERM, Ergon reports and utilities data entered into OneSchool by each school. The data provides an indication of the consumption trend in each of the utility categories which impact on the school's environmental footprint.

School Funding

School income broken down by funding source

School income, reported by financial year accounting cycle using standardized national methodologies and broken down by funding source is available via the *My School* website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.

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Our Staff Profile

Workforce Composition

Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2016 WORKFORCE COMPOSITION			
Description	Teaching Staff	Non-Teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	62	40	<5
Full-time Equivalents	56	30	<5

Qualification of all teachers

TEACHER* QUALIFICATIONS	
Highest level of qualification	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Masters	1
Graduate Diploma etc.**	13
Bachelor degree	46
Diploma	2

*Teaching staff includes School Leaders

**Graduate Diploma etc. includes Graduate Diploma, Bachelor Honours Degree, and Graduate Certificate.

Professional Development

Expenditure On and Teacher Participation in Professional Development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2016 were \$56 966

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

Pedagogical change in the classroom

- Australian Curriculum - review, development, preparation and implementation
- Explicit Instruction
- Classroom profiling
- Mentoring Beginning Teachers
- Peer observations
- Coaching and feedback
- Literacy support training
- Numeracy support training
- Queensland Studies Authority Panel Training and Verification.

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2016 was 100%.

Staff Attendance and Retention

Staff attendance

AVERAGE STAFF ATTENDANCE (%)			
Description	2014	2015	2016
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	97%	97%	97%

Proportion of Staff Retained from the Previous School Year

From the end of the previous school year, 96% of staff was retained by the school for the entire 2016.

Performance of Our Students

Key Student Outcomes

Student Attendance

Student attendance

The table below shows the attendance information for all students at this school:

STUDENT ATTENDANCE 2016			
Description	2014	2015	2016
The overall attendance rate* for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	88%	91%	91%
The attendance rate for Indigenous students at this school (shown as a percentage).	85%	87%	87%

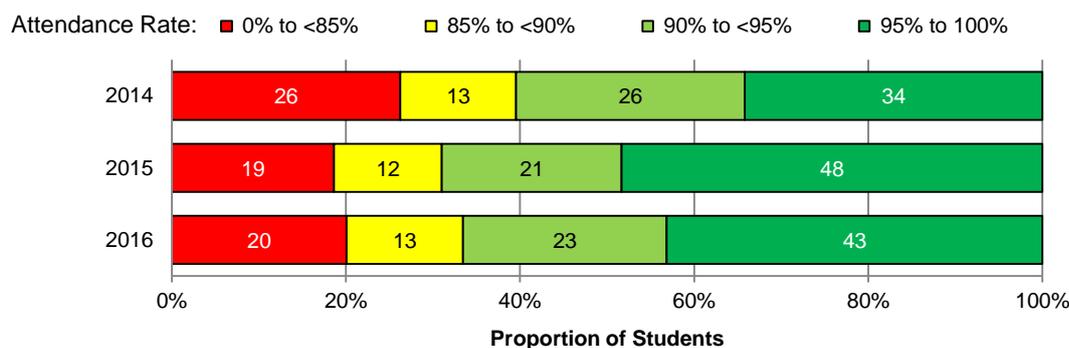
*The student attendance rate is generated by dividing the total of full-days and part-days that students attended, and comparing this to the total of all possible days for students to attend, expressed as a percentage.

The overall student attendance rate in 2016 for all Queensland Secondary schools was 90%.

Year Level	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2014		92%	88%	85%	84%	88%
2015	94%	93%	91%	88%	89%	90%
2016	94%	91%	90%	90%	88%	91%

Student Attendance Distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range:



Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the DET procedures, *Managing Student Absences and Enforcing Enrolment and Attendance at State Schools* and *Roll Marking in State Schools*, which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

Stanthorpe State High School completes electronic roll markings in each lesson of each day. The first roll marking is conducted prior to the first period of instruction each morning in what is known as "Form Class". This information is recorded and available to all teachers. Parents of students who are absent from this roll marking receive an SMS text informing them of their students' absence and provides the opportunity for parents to respond with the reason for the absence. Parents who believe their student should be at school will contact the school for further investigation. A record of known and authorised absences is kept on leave pass register, sick bay register and excursion register. Any anomalies between these registers and the official roll marking are investigated and where necessary parents/carers are contacted.

Parents/Carers are required to provide an explanation for student absences. If absences remain unexplained parents/carers are contacted by phone, letter or if necessary in person. Where student absences are in excess of a normal range parents/carers and the student are counselled on the clear relationship between achievement at school and attendance at school. Families are offered assistance with resolving any extenuating circumstances that may be related to the absences. Parents/carers and students are also clearly informed of the legislative requirements pertaining to the compulsory schooling phase and the compulsory participation phase and the possible ramifications of failing to meet these requirements. The school's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students has clear expectations in relation to attendance including a Good Standing Policy specifically relating to students in the compulsory phase of participation.

NAPLAN

Our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are available via the My School website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.

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Year 12 Outcomes

OUTCOMES FOR OUR YEAR 12 COHORTS			
Description	2014	2015	2016
Number of students receiving a Senior Statement	101	97	91
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Individual Achievement.	1	1	0
Number of students receiving an Overall Position (OP)	44	52	42
Percentage of Indigenous students receiving an Overall Position (OP)	22%	17%	14%
Number of students who are completing/continuing a School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship (SAT).	19	13	16
Number of students awarded one or more Vocational Educational Training (VET) qualifications (incl. SAT).	92	90	86
Number of students awarded an Australian Qualification Framework Certificate II or above.	56	45	58
Number of students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at the end of Year 12.	93	96	91
Percentage of Indigenous students awarded a Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) at the end of Year 12.	89%	100%	100%
Number of students awarded an International Baccalaureate Diploma (IBD).	0	0	0
Percentage of OP/IBD eligible students with OP 1-15 or an IBD.	80%	69%	86%
Percentage of Year 12 students who are completing or completed a SAT or were awarded one or more of the following: QCE, IBD, VET qualification.	99%	99%	100%
Percentage of Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) applicants receiving an offer.	95%	97%	97%

As at 3rd February 2017. The above values exclude VISA students.

OVERALL POSITION BANDS (OP)					
Number of students in each band for OP 1 - 25					
Years	OP 1-5	OP 6-10	OP 11-15	OP 16-20	OP 21-25
2014	9	11	15	6	3
2015	11	15	10	11	5
2016	5	16	15	5	1

As at 3rd February 2017. The above values exclude VISA students.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATIONAL TRAINING QUALIFICATION (VET)			
Number of students awarded certificates under the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF)			
Years	Certificate I	Certificate II	Certificate III or above
2014	89	56	16
2015	88	45	11
2016	80	58	9

As at 3rd February 2017. The above values exclude VISA students.

Certificate I courses completed by students at Stanthorpe State High School include:

- Information Digital media and Technology
- Agrifood Operations
- Engineering
- Construction
- Furnishings
- Business

Certificate II courses completed by students at Stanthorpe State High School include:

- Information Digital Media and Technology
- Agriculture
- Horticulture
- Wine Industry Operations
- Business
- Hospitality
- Tourism
- Furniture Making
- Public Safety – Fire Fighting

Certificate III courses completed by students at Stanthorpe State High School include:

- Hospitality
- Tourism

In addition to these certificates students complete a variety of qualifications through their individualised School-based Apprenticeship or Traineeship programs.

Apparent Retention Rate – Year 10 to Year 12

APPARENT RETENTION RATES* YEAR 10 TO YEAR 12				
Description	2014	2015	2016	
Year 12 student enrolment as a percentage of the Year 10 student cohort.	84%	87%	93%	
Year 12 Indigenous student enrolment as a percentage of the Year 10 Indigenous student cohort.	100%	100%	100%	

* The Years 10 to 12 Apparent Retention Rate is defined as the number of full-time students in Year 12 in any given year expressed as the percentage of those students who were in Year 10 two years previously (this may be greater than 100%).

Student Destinations

Post-school destination information

The results of the 2016 post-school destinations survey, Next Step – Student Destination Report (2016 Year 12 cohort), will be uploaded to the school's website in September.

The report will be available at:

<http://www.stanthorshs.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Pages/Documents.aspx>

Early leavers information

The destinations of young people who left the school in Years 10 and 11 and prior to completing Year 12 at Stanthorpe State High School fall broadly into 3 categories:

- Students who depart the Stanthorpe area with their families to take up residence and/or employment in other regions. This trend continues due to the difficult economic times being felt by local small businesses and farming enterprises. Being in such close proximity to the Queensland – NSW border it is not uncommon for families to move interstate.
- Students who transition directly from a school program into full-time employment as a result of successful school-based apprenticeships or traineeships or structured work placement/experience programs in keeping with student Senior Education and Training Plans.
- Students who transition into alternative education/training programs more suited to the individuals' needs and their Senior Education and Training Plan.

Students and their families who decide to leave Stanthorpe State High School to undertake full-time employment or alternative education/training programs are given considerable assistance and counselling in this decision making process. Careful review of Senior Education and Training Plans by the Guidance Officer and Deputy Principal in charge of the senior school is undertaken and discussed in detail with the student and parents/carers. Stanthorpe State High School remains committed to providing any further support these students may need following their departure from school and this is clearly articulated to the student and his/her parents/carers. Support that is on continued offer includes access to:

- Youth Support Coordinator
- Work Education Officer
- Guidance Officer
- Programs at Queensland College of Wine Tourism and
- University of Southern Queensland Student Centre.