

School number: 0894

School name: BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

1. General information

Part A

School name : Bordertown High School
School No. : 0894 Courier: Bordertown
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Location Address : South Terrace, Bordertown 5268
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February FTE Enrolment		2013	2014	2015	2016
Primary	Special, N.A.P. Ungraded etc.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Reception	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Year 1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Year 2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Year 3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Year 4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Year 5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Secondary	Year 6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Year 7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Special, N.A.P. Ungraded etc.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Year 8	77.0	56.0	66.0	59.0
	Year 9	81.0	79.0	55.0	64.0
	Year 10	73.0	69.0	68.0	42.0
	Year 11	69.0	65.0	60.0	64.0
Year 12	45.0	59.0	60.0	50.0	
	Year 12 plus	2	0	0	0
TOTAL		347	328	309	275
School Card percentage		12.7%	14.6%	13.6%	12.7%
NESB Enrolment		2.05%	2.62%	7.44%	9.82%
Aboriginal Enrolment		0.86%	0.61%	0.32%	0.36%

Part B

- Senior Leader Senior School
Markus Trnovsky
- Senior Leader Middle School
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- School website address
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- Staffing numbers
:18 Teachers
:4 Coordinators
:2 Pastoral Care Workers
:8 Ancillary Staff
- Enrolment trends
:There is approximately 275 students in 2016 and the numbers are expected to decline for the next two years before stabilising.
- Year of opening
:1959
- Public transport access
:Private bus companies offer a regular service to Adelaide, Mount Gambier and Melbourne.

2. Students (and their welfare)

- General characteristics
Bordertown High School has a long history with many established and valued traditions including student government through an active SRC, student house structure for sporting competitions, high academic and sporting success, a school uniform and an effective behaviour management policy.

Re-entry students are encouraged to enrol and there are a number of part-time students in the Senior School.

There is also an established tradition of hosting overseas exchange students from a range of countries.
- Pastoral Care programs
Home groups are currently organised in year levels from Year 8 to Year 12.

- Support offered

The Student Support Programme includes in class and small group support for identified students. Teaching and ancillary staff are involved in this programme.

The school is proud of the school/community integration programme which provides work placement opportunities for our students in the local community.

Students are encouraged to use facilities after school hours and a number of senior students take advantage of this.

The school has a well-established Student Support system whereby individual student progress is monitored and learning and other needs are established. From this, specific strategies can be introduced to address particular needs.

The school also has two Pastoral Care Workers, who are available to students for three days each week.

- Student management

A well-developed Behaviour Management Policy is in place which aims to provide an atmosphere in which students feel safe and secure and effective learning can take place.

- Student government

An active Student Representative Council (SRC) operates in the school and students serve on all Governing Council sub-committees, attending regular meetings and giving reports. SRC members are taken from all year levels and act as a conduit for information and opinion within the school and the wider community. The SRC also organises fundraising at a local, state, national and international level.

- Special programmes

Agricultural Studies students actively participate in field days and farm visits and The Royal Adelaide Show. The leasing of an extra 60 hectares by the school continues to enhance and expand agricultural programs. The school has an extensive Outdoor Education program that focuses particularly on caving, bushwalking and aquatics.

3. Key School Policies

- Site Improvement Plan and other key statements or policies

Site Improvement Plan

Annual and four year Site Improvement Plans (SIP) are developed reflecting school and state priorities. The 2016 SIP covers Literacy, Numeracy and Teacher Improvement.

Australian Curriculum

Programming and assessment practices for Year 8 to 10 are aligned with the Australian Curriculum and the grades used when reporting to parents.

NAPLAN

Analysed data from the 2015 Year 7 NAPLAN tests has been used to identify students at risk. These students have an individual Negotiated Education Plan (NEP) to support their learning.

Year 9 students participate in NAPLAN each year.

A Literacy programme is in place to support some students. All Year 8 and 9 students enter the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Student Wellbeing

The Principles of Restorative Justice and the approaches advocated have been incorporated into the school's Behaviour Management strategies. A Grievance Policy provides a process to be used to resolve issues.

Student Support Meetings with Year level Coordinators are used effectively to provide student support. The Pastoral Care Workers provide support for students three days per school week.

Staff Wellbeing

The staff Psychological Health Survey has been used to identify training needs. Performance Management Meetings, with identified Line Managers, are used to provide support and to improve performance. A Grievance Policy provides a process to be used to resolve issues. The Personnel Advisory Committee (PAC) meets regularly and reports back to staff.

Vocational Pathways Programs

Vocational Pathways Programs continue to be developed at Bordertown High School. Personal Learning Plans are developed for all students through the Year 8 – 10 Health programmes, a compulsory part of the new SACE curriculum. Work Experience is offered to all Year 10 and 11 students and a Careers Trip to Adelaide is held for Year 11's in Term 2, incorporating the Advertiser Careers Expo at Wayville. All Year 10 students have the opportunity to attend the Rotary Careers Expo at Mt Gambier Term 3 and the local Careers Expo is attended by all Year 10 to 12 students. Year 11 students participate in Mock Interviews as part of their preparation for transition to work.

There has been a significant growth in Vocational Pathways courses within the Bordertown High School curriculum, with 155 students currently participating in VET courses, including School Based Apprenticeships, in areas including Agriculture, Horticulture, Automotive, Building and Construction, Hospitality, Retail, Sport and Recreation, Community Services, Hair and Beauty, Rural Operations, Electrotechnology, Christian Theology, Panel beating, Aged Care, Baking, Meat Processing, Small Engines, Police Studies and Racing.

Bordertown High School coordinates the Limestone Coast Automotive Skills

Centre which is situated at Tatiara Truck and Trailers and is used by a cluster of schools including Naracoorte, Keith, Lucindale, Kingston and Bordertown. The Doorways to Construction program began in the school in 2011 with Certificate I and II being offered. This course is also available to students from Keith and Tintinara.

ICT

Our students, particularly in Years 9 -12 are quite competent users of the computing equipment and pleasingly use computers for schoolwork only. Due to correct management of students we have very little trouble with vandalism of equipment and this has meant systems are reliable and students are trusted to use computers appropriately. Our school community certainly gets value for money from its computers. The school currently has three computing suites with a planned replacement programme. Laptop computers are provided to all Year 10 to 12 students through a combination of those from the federal government DER funding budget or through the BYOD program introduced this year.

Development of staff skills has directly impacted on student use of ICT and all faculties use ICT in their general teaching programmes. By the end of the year the school will have a data display screen in all teaching class rooms.

Mission statement

Our purpose is to develop students' potential and capacities in striving for excellence in all areas, so that they can make a positive contribution within the local community and beyond.

To fulfil our responsibilities, we anticipate and respond to the educational needs of the students as well as the local and wider community. We maintain an effective and well-managed school that maintains high quality education for all students, equipping them to continue learning throughout life. We foster effective communication throughout the school community. We promote a work environment that supports, develops and acknowledges high standards of performance and self-esteem. We support and provide opportunities for staff professional development to enhance student learning.

Our actions are based on a commitment to excellence, justice, achievement, efficiency and self-discipline, creativity, developing an enthusiasm for learning and teaching, and providing a safe and caring learning environment.

The values of the school community are RESPECT, INTEGRITY and EXCELLENCE.

4. Curriculum

Subject offerings

Year 8

English
Mathematics

History/Geography
Science
Physical Education
Career Education
Health

Art
French
Technology Studies

Home Economics
Textiles

Year 9

English
Mathematics

History/Geography
Science
Physical Education
Career Education
Health

Agricultural Studies
Art

French
Technology Studies
Metal
Wood

Home Economics
Textiles
Drama
Multi Media

Year 10

English
Mathematics
Mathematical Applications

History/Geography
Science
Physical Education
Personal Learning Plan
Health

Agricultural Studies
Art

French
Technology Studies
Metal
Wood

Home Economics
Textiles
Drama
Word Processing (Stage 1)

Year 11 SACE Stage 1

Accounting
Agricultural Studies
Biology
Business Studies
Chemistry
Design & Technology (Wood)
English
Essential English
Food and Hospitality
French
Geography
History

Legal Studies
Mathematics
Mathematics - General
Mathematics - Essential
Numeracy
Physical Education
Physics
Research Project (Stage 2)
Visual Art

Year 12 SACE Stage 2

Agriculture and Horticulture
Biology
Chemistry
Design & Technology (Wood)
English
Essential English
Food and Hospitality 1 & 2
Geography

Information Processing and Publishing

Mathematical Studies
Mathematical Applications

Physical Education
Physics

Visual Art

- Open Access

In addition, students are able to select subjects offered through the Open Access College Senior Secondary School. In 2016, 12 students are studying by this mode.

- Teaching methodology
Focuses strongly on success orientation of students with very explicit learning and behavioural expectations.
- Assessment procedures and reporting
Detailed reports are provided to parents and students 4 times per year. Parent Teacher interview evenings take place twice a year. Parents are encouraged to contact the school if they have any individual concerns.
- Joint programmes
The school has links with a number of schools in the South East, which allows our students to access VET programmes which we are unable to offer.
- Vocational Pathways
The school offers vocational pathways programs in Automotive, Doorways to Construction, Agrifoods and Hospitality in addition to a variety of School Based Apprenticeships and VET in Schools programs.

5. Sporting Activities

The school competes most successfully in the Swimming, Athletics and Cross-Country Carnivals of both the South East Secondary Schools Sports Association (SESSSA) and the Secondary Schools Sports of South Australia (SSSSA). The school also participates in a range of sports in the SESSSA knockout competitions.

Triathlons, both locally at Kingston and through SSSSA has attracted increasing numbers of students.

Interhouse sporting competitions are conducted in athletics, swimming and cross country and lunchtime activities such as volleyball are also run along house and home group lines.

6. Other Co-Curricular Activities

- General
The academic program is complemented by a variety of activities which include:
 - Numerous excursions to complement classroom learning.
 - A range visits from individuals and groups associated with the arts.
 - A strong outdoor education program in Years 8 to 10

7. Staff (and their welfare)

- Staff profile
Bordertown High School has a highly competent and committed staff. Each faculty has teachers with a wide range of skills and abilities that ensure positive learning outcomes for students. Non-teaching staff play a vital role in the functioning of the school. Many staff enjoy the lifestyle of the town and their teaching at the school and have chosen to extend their tenure.
- Leadership structure
The school has a management team of Principal, 2 Senior Leaders and 4 Coordinators. The Principal and Senior Leaders convene or are proactive members of all school committees and groups.
- Staff support systems
Professional Development is actively encouraged within the Performance Management Structure. Relief for school time training is dependent on the availability of TRTs. Travel and course fees are subsidised.
- Performance Management
The school has a well-defined Performance Management structure and process to support all staff. This is seen as a positive developmental process.
- Staff utilisation policies
Teaching staff generally teach in 2 or more curriculum areas. SSO's work in specialist areas including Administration, Library, Science, Student Support, Finance and Computer Management. The GSE's work in Grounds and Maintenance
- Access to special staff
Instrumental music is offered by a visiting teacher or by DUCT delivery. Interagency support is available when necessary through the South East Team.

8. Incentives, support and award conditions for Staff

- Complexity placement points
0.0
- Isolation placement points
4.0
- Housing assistance
This may be accessed by teachers moving into the town. Contact the Housing Officer in the first instance.
- Cash in lieu of removal allowance
A Country Incentives allowance is payable annually to staff appointed to Bordertown High from the 7th to the 10th year of that appointment. The allowance is equivalent to the allowance paid to teachers when removing back to the metropolitan area and is a part of the 1996 Industrial Agreement (Clause 5).

9. School Facilities

- Buildings and grounds
The buildings on site are a combination of brick and weatherboard of various ages. In 2011 a new Language Centre and Trade Skills Centre were completed for classroom use. The Canteen has undergone a significant upgrade both internally and externally. Currently all buildings are being internally repainted and refurbished.
Extensive well-maintained grounds and playing fields are features of the school.
- Cooling and heating
All areas of the school are equipped with reverse cycle air-conditioning.
- Specialist facilities
These include a large Hall, Common Room, Drama suite, a well-equipped Resource Centre, Art room, Technology Studies workshop, Home Economics building, Textiles room, 3 Science Laboratories and a sports facility.
The Agriculture area is well established and has a shearing shed incorporated into the teaching area and also has access to a 64ha section of land for cropping and animal husbandry. A wine-making enterprise has been established and a new facility incorporating this was opened in 2007.
Students have easy access to computers and associated technology in the specialist computer rooms, Resource Centre and a number of faculty areas. The curriculum computer network is linked to a file server that substantially increases the service provided to students. The current student to computer ratio is close to 1:1.
- Student facilities
The school has an efficient canteen and a manageress who caters for the needs of both staff and students.
The SRC has developed a pergola area for the use of students.
- Staff facilities
All staff have their own work areas located near their teaching room.
A lap top computer is provided to all staff.
- Access for students and staff with disabilities
Some buildings have ramps for wheelchair access. There is a toilet, accessible to wheelchairs, in the main building.
- Other
A school dental clinic operates on the neighbouring campus of Bordertown Primary School.
TAFE has a Learning Centre on the school grounds.

10. School Operations

- Decision making structures
The school has a clearly defined Decision-Making Policy. Regular weekly/fortnightly meetings include senior management, staff, and faculty groups. Staff and students also have representatives on all the Governing Council sub-committees. All Governing Council sub-committees and school committees have clear defined role statements.
- Regular publications
Regular publications both inform the school and wider community and offer

opportunities for consultation and feedback in relation to change. A newsletter is published on a two weekly basis. Staff and student bulletins are used for daily communication. Comprehensive subject and student information booklets are published annually. Staff and students produce a school magazine.

- Other communication

We maintain regular and effective communication with parents/caregivers through subject reports, newsletters, personal letters, diary notes and information evenings. School activities and student achievements are regularly reported in the local newsletter and newspaper.

- School financial position

The school has a strong and active Finance Committee and finances are run according to budget allocations. The School Finance Officer manages school finances. Sound management and regular fundraising allows us to keep school fees comparatively low.

11. Local Community

- General characteristics

Bordertown has a population of 2600 and is surrounded by highly productive farming land that supports a wide range of enterprises. The main primary industries are sheep, cattle and cereal growing. Industries include an export abattoir, a milling company, small seed processors and viticulture activities

- Parent and community involvement

The school has strong parent and community involvement. The Governing Council consists of elected representatives of parents, staff and students who meet each month. The Governing Council has established sub committees, which provide guidance in Finance, Grounds, Bus, Canteen, Religious Education, Uniform and Verco's Farm.

- Feeder schools

Bordertown Primary and Mundulla Primary School are our two feeder schools and are actively involved in our Year 7-8 Transition Programme.

- Other local care and educational facilities

Bordertown has a Primary School, Kindergarten, Childcare Centre, Hospital, medical and dental surgeries and a Public Library.

- Other local facilities

Bordertown is well serviced with shops and places to eat.

There are also a wide range of sporting and recreational facilities and service clubs.

Community groups including callisthenics, karate, line dancing, TAFE and church groups are regular users of school facilities.

The local radio station, 5TCB, offers a varied program and welcomes volunteers.

- Local Government body

Tatiara District Council, Ph: 8752 144