



Narrabundah Early Childhood School

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Principal's Message

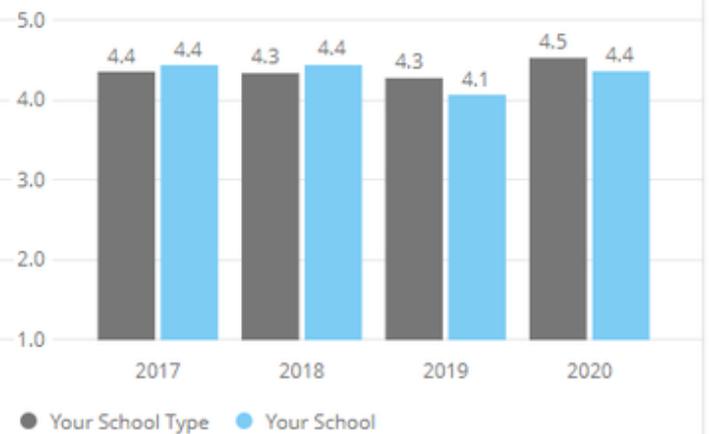
Principal's Message

Last term families were asked to complete the 2020 School Satisfaction Survey. Staff have analysed the results and the information will be discussed in detail at the next NECS School Board meeting. The leadership team use information gathered from the survey to inform future decision making. I am pleased to share some of the results from the survey with the NECS community.

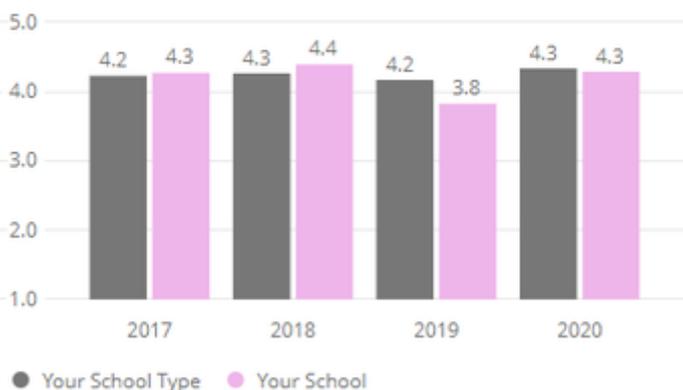
The Academic Emphasis domain measures parents' and carers' perceptions of the extent to which teachers encourage independent thinking, give extra help, set high standards and want every student to work hard and to do their best. It also includes the provision of useful feedback to students and belief by teachers that every student can be a success.

The Relations domain reflects the extent to which parents and carers perceive relationships at the school to be characterised by respect, cooperation and collaboration.

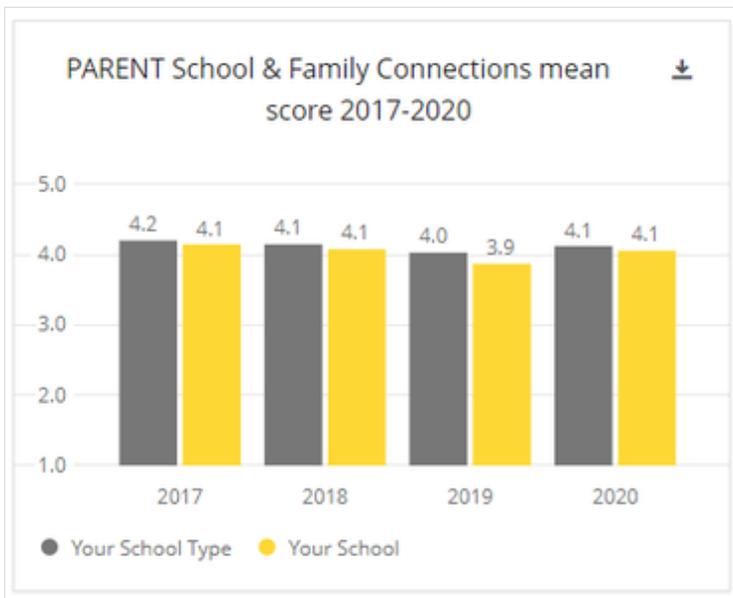
PARENT Relations mean score 2017-2020



PARENT Academic Emphasis mean score 2017-2020



In the School and Family Connections domain parents and carers are asked to agree or disagree with statements about the school's effectiveness in building good communication between school and home, and their inclusion in decision-making.



Parent Satisfaction National Items	2019	2020
I can talk to my child's teachers about my concerns.	78.1%	93.5%
My child feels safe at this school.	82.8%	93.5%
My child is making good progress at this school.	76.6%	93.5%
Teachers at this school expect my child to do his or her best.	78.1%	96.8%
This school looks for ways to improve.	79.7%	93.5%
This school takes parents' opinions seriously.	70.3%	87.1%
This school works with me to support my child's learning.	71.9%	90.3%
Parent Satisfaction ACT Items	2019	2020
Digital technologies are an integral part of learning and teaching at my child's school.	79.7%	48.4%
Diversity is recognised and celebrated at this school.	89.1%	93.5%
I am regularly informed about my child's progress.	64.1%	74.2%
Overall, I am satisfied with my child's education at this school.	76.6%	90.3%

The [First Nations Bedtime Stories Challenge](#) will take place from 16 to 20 November 2020. It is a unique way for all people to learn from and celebrate First Nations cultures. Join schools and communities from across Australia for a week of learning and sharing. Watch five Dreaming stories over five days, told to you by First Nations elders and knowledge custodians from

Central Australia. Children will be listening to First Nations stories at school and we offer families the opportunity to join in too. It's all online and it is free.

<https://www.firstnationsbedtimestories.com/>

NECS has a second-hand clothing pool managed by the P&C. The P&C welcomes donations of clean, quality NECS school clothes. If your child has outgrown their NECS uniform or your child is transitioning to a new school in 2021 we would encourage you to consider donating your child's NECS school clothing to the clothing pool. Donations can be made via the front office.

Please continue to keep the front office informed of your intentions for 2021. Staff are currently working hard to create class groups that will maximise learning opportunities and enhance wellbeing for children. Preschool children remaining at NECS are currently participating in visits to K-2 classrooms. It is important to note that the children are not visiting their 2021 Kindergarten teacher. Our teaching staff will not be allocated to classes until we have more information regarding our 2021 enrolments. Please speak to a member of the leadership team if you have any questions.

Warm Regards

Julie

The Kangaroos

The Kangaroos have been very busy during the beginning of term 4.

As we approach the end of the preschool year, many new and exciting things have been happening. We have begun our kindergarten orientation visits at various schools. At Narrabundah, the children have visited the kindergarten rooms once and will have another two visits in the coming weeks. The children have been very excited to learn about where they will be going next year and the things that will be the same and different to preschool. We have been spending more time exploring the play areas that the children will use next year and going to different parts of the school we don't normally see. We have attended some whole school assemblies and participated in whole school events such as the children's fun day and book week parade.

In the classroom, we have been watching our silkworms and tadpoles grow. We have been observing their behaviour and have started to notice some changes in their bodies. From reading books and observing other animals' life cycles, we have learned that in the coming weeks we will see big developments in their growth and development. The children have been interested to learn about and predict what might happen and when.



Communities at Work

Dear families,

If you have not returned your 2021 Booking Request form for long day, these are now overdue and required asap. 2021 OSHC Bookings will commence being accepted from Monday November 16th and booking forms will be emailed to families. The summer school holiday program will be open for bookings as of this afternoon, Friday November 6th. Families will be emailed the booking forms this afternoon which can then be returned to the Communities@Work office or via email to necs@commsatwork.org. Just a reminder that hats and drink bottles need to be provided each day and be clearly labelled to ensure the correct items are returned to families.

Today is my last day in my role, I would like to thank all of you for your support and collaboration over the years. Although it is certainly exciting to be embarking on a new career, I am going through a mix of emotions as you made me feel as part of your family.

I wish you all the best with your little ones.

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The Brave Program

Dear NECS families, as part of our BeYou mental health initiative and PBL (positive behaviour for learning) program we will be including articles and websites relating to children's health and wellbeing in the newsletter that families may find useful and helpful. The following website is about The Brave Program which provides information on dealing with anxiety in children. It is free. We hope you have the time to have a look at it.

<https://brave4you.psy.uq.edu.au/>

https://necs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/848/anxiety_program.pdf

Move and Groove

https://necs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/847/move_and_groove_newsletter_2020.pdf

Winnunga Newsletter

https://necs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/841/winnunga_ahcs_newsletter_october_2020.pdf

Growing Health Kids

https://necs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/858/_garden_cook_and_grow_together_v_3.pdf

eSafety Resources for Families

https://necs.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/845/online_esafety_resources_for_families_oct_2020.pdf