

School plan 2018-2020

Sylvania High School 8463



School background 2018–2020

School vision statement

The Sylvania High School Community value education as a fundamental right for everyone. Our overall aim is to support and develop students to achieve their full potential as learners and build a society where its members are resilient, highly socialised, highly productive and highly skilled.

School context

Sylvania High School is the northern most school in the Sutherland Shire and is currently in a period of stability and high student demand. The school provides a dynamic, caring and positive learning environment. There is a delivery of diverse educational programs from Year 7 to 12 that engage students by connecting their learning to the real world. The curriculum encourages students to develop essential skills, knowledge and understanding and promotes both personal and interpersonal skill development. Extra-curricular opportunities complement the curriculum and play a significant role in the development of all students. Students are encouraged to participate in the corporate life of the school and strive for excellence in all aspects of their learning, including authentic student leadership opportunities. The school community shares the core values of respect and responsibility and a belief that the most productive learning occurs when students are safe and happy. To achieve this, wellbeing programs are designed and implemented to support individual student needs and foster respectful relationships between staff, students and parents. The school is staffed by a highly committed, talented and experienced team of teachers and support personnel. Strong support from the parent body in the form of the school P&C has been enjoyed for many decades. The P&C has a strong tradition of supporting learning programs and working with teachers to develop quality learning environments

School planning process

Sylvania High School believes that school planning is both a collaborative and consultative process that should involve all key stakeholders. Initial consultation regarding the scope and development of the 2018–2020 school plan involved the Student Representative Council, all school staff and parents in the form of the School P&C. It was agreed by all stakeholder groups that the executive staff in consultation with key school personnel would initiate the first stages of each iteration of the school plan in terms of the School's Strategic Direction based on data that was collected from a range of sources and from the full range of stakeholders. The Principal has been responsible for leading the executive staff in this process and has communicated the staged development of the plan to all stakeholders. The parent, staff and student representatives have progressively consulted with the groups they represent with regard to the development of the plan. These representatives have provided continuous feedback to the Principal and the executive staff in the development of each stage of the plan.

School strategic directions 2018–2020

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 1 Learning

Purpose:

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STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2 Teaching

Purpose:

Our staff aspire to align their practice to the Australian Professional Teaching Standards and understand the critical link between high quality student outcomes and their level of professional development. In particular, teaching staff are focussed on producing quality programs, assessment tasks and resources to support student learning. Sylvania High School supports the staff in these learning endeavours through an ongoing commitment to continuing professional development.

STRATEGIC DIRECTION 3 Leading

Purpose:

School leading is important in developing a highly effective school structure using evidence informed practices that facilitate the achievement of high quality student outcomes. A school with highly effective leadership will produce students who are collaborative, confident, communicative and creative citizens of a 21st century world.

Strategic Direction 1: Learning

Purpose

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Improvement Measures

A school culture is developed that increases student success and wellbeing.

Year 7 students will undertake a learning program which increases their ability in: Growth Mind Sets, the '4Cs', Information Literacy and Study Skills.

The upper bands for Literacy (Reading and Writing) and Numeracy are increased based on annual NAPLAN data progressing towards designated targets.

People

Students

Students will increase their skills in aspects of literacy, numeracy and cross curricular perspectives including an understanding of how learning at school connects to the real world.

Staff

Cross faculty teams will:

- * lead the school in developing strategies and policies with regard to improving literacy and numeracy skills for students.
- * develop strategies to develop a higher level of success for students.

Parents/Carers

Parents will have their awareness raised of a range of study skills (ELES) and techniques for improving reading (Super 6), writing (Education Perfect, ALARM and TEEL) and numeracy (Growth Mindset and SmarterMaths).

Community Partners

External organisations will partner selected KLAs when appropriate opportunities occur in the delivery of curricular and extra-curricular programs,

Leaders

Executive staff and Subject Co-ordinators will lead the development of teaching and learning programs and policy to cater for the individual needs of students 7-12.

Processes

The Resilient School plan is developed in terms of the Wellbeing Framework to improve the dimension of student success.

A range of cross curricular perspectives, including a focus on literacy, numeracy and study skills are developed and embedded into teaching programs 7-10.

Specific reading (Super 6), writing (Education Perfect, ALARM and TEEL) and numeracy strategies (Growth Mindset and SmarterMaths) are developed and implemented through Years 7-12.

A range of internal and external data sources are analysed to support the learning growth of students particularly in relation to literacy and numeracy skills.

Evaluation Plan

Monitoring of all improvement measure milestones, with a particular emphasis on, reading, writing and numeracy will be achieved by ongoing analysis and triangulation of the full range of data sources available including: the Tell Them From Me Survey; School Self Assessment Survey; Results Analysis Package; NAPLAN (reading and numeracy targets); SCOUT and internally developed sources.

Practices and Products

Practices

A school culture is developed which reflects high levels of:

- * success;
- * self efficacy;
- * well being; and
- * attendance

The analysis of a range of internal and external data sources are used to inform teaching practice in all years.

Products

The upper bands for Literacy (Reading and Writing) and Numeracy are increased based on annual NAPLAN data progressing towards designated targets.

Literacy, numeracy and study skills strategies are further embedded into teaching programs.

Strategic Direction 2: Teaching

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Improvement Measures

Teachers increase their understanding and skills in the development of the Australian Professional Teaching Standards related to Professional Practice.

All teachers maintain and achieve accreditation at the level of Proficient or beyond with an increase of PDPs that are aligned to both individual professional needs and the strategic directions of the school.

Staff engage in needs based professional learning with an increased proportion of professional learning developed at the school level that is registered.

People

Students

Students are aware of the relationship between their learning and that of the staff. This is promoted through the shared belief that all stakeholders within the school are lifelong learners.

Staff

Staff maintain and develop their teaching skills commensurate with the Australian Professional Teaching Standards for their professional level using the PDP process.

Parents/Carers

Parents are provided with opportunities in which they can provide feedback to the school on the effectiveness of teaching and learning practices.

Community Partners

The community has the opportunity to both understand the role of teachers in supporting quality learning outcomes and participate in the life of the school to give learning an authentic real world context.

Leaders

Executive staff ensure that teachers within their line supervision engage with needs based professional learning to maintain and achieve accreditation in terms of their PDPs and the strategic directions of the school.

Processes

Staff engage in professional learning experiences and implement evidenced informed practices to improve their capacity to meet the Australian Professional Teaching Standards connected to Professional Practice.

Executive staff support teachers in relation to achieving and maintaining accreditation and the engagement with needs based professional learning and PDPs aligned to the School Plan.

The professional learning team will develop registered professional learning courses as required linked to the specific needs of the school.

Evaluation Plan

Executive teachers will meet twice per term to assess the development and effectiveness of all local professional learning activities in relation to the School Plan milestones.

Head Teachers will report to senior executive once per term as part of the Performance Development Framework process and on milestones achieved linked to staff professional learning.

Practices and Products

Practices

Effective professional practice in classrooms leads to improved student outcomes and contributes to a positive school culture.

Products

All teachers maintain and achieve accreditation at the level of Proficient or beyond.

Teaching Staff produce PDPs aligned to individual needs and school priorities to facilitate maintenance and achievement of accreditation at the relevant level.

The professional learning of staff comprises both non-teaching and registered learning at the school level.

Strategic Direction 3: Leading

Purpose

School leading is important in developing a highly effective school structure using evidence informed practices that facilitate the achievement of high quality student outcomes. A school with highly effective leadership will produce students who are collaborative, confident, communicative and creative citizens of a 21st century world.

Improvement Measures

The Community of Schools Across the Waters (CoSAW) program is strengthened with authentic joint projects between partner schools.

There is an increased alignment of syllabuses and associated documents with both NESA and Department of Education requirements.

Key staff increase their knowledge and skills in relation to integrating school planning with the use of SAP finance, including the eFPT.

A comprehensive range of policies are evaluated and documented in relation to the operation of the school.

People

Students

Students are partners in the leadership of the school and provide mentoring for students within the CoSAW.

Staff

Staff develop teaching programs and associated syllabus documents which meet the requirements of NESA and the Department of Education.

Targeted staff support and develop their understanding and use of SAP Finance software including the eFPT.

Parents/Carers

Parents work cohesively with students and staff within their various roles including the P&C and School Finance Committee to achieve the school's strategic directions.

Leaders

Leaders review local policies to ensure compliance with Department of Education requirements and local effectiveness.

Community Partners

Community partners are committed to supporting the school to achieve the educational priorities within each strategic direction of the school plan.

Processes

The CoSAW develops learning opportunities for students which focus on both curricular and extra-curricular areas.

The school undertakes a systematic audit of all courses 7–12 to ensure that documents reflect best practice with meeting the requirements of NESA and the Department of Education.

Targeted staff undertake professional learning in SAP Finance and the eFPT.

Local policy documents are systematically evaluated for currency and effectiveness within the school context.

Evaluation Plan

Executive staff evaluate the effectiveness of joint learning initiatives within the CoSAW.

A matrix of syllabus related documents for all courses 7–12 are progressively completed to confirm NESA and Departmental requirements are being met.

Key staff analyse the extent to which an improved understanding of SAP finance, eFPT procedures and policy review impacts on the process of school planning, resource allocation and school operation.

Practices and Products

Practices

The school develops a culture which recognises and increases its role within the CoSAW to foster improved learning outcomes for all students.

Teachers continually develop and evaluate key documents in relation to syllabus implementation for Years 7–12.

The use of SAP Finance, eFPT software and policy review is integrated into effective practice for the delivery of learning within the school.

Products

Teaching programs and all associated documents meet both NESA and Department of Education requirements.

SAP finance and the eFPT are integrated into the effective financial operation of the school to support teaching and learning.

School policies are evaluated to meet both Departmental requirements and local needs.