NORTH COAST REGION
HOWARD STATE SCHOOL

Department of Education, Training and Employment


EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDING

Our 2015 Explicit School Improvement Agenda is;

2015 Annual Implementation Plan

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This Annual Implementation Plan, and associated budget, was developed in consultation with the school community and states the key priorities and strategies that meet school needs and departmental requirements.

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| **Successful Learners** | Know your Learners | **Analyse Student Data**  
- Implement and engage in regular data review cycles to inform improvement, guide teaching and prompt early intervention.  
- Further develop teacher expertise in data analysis to inform effective teaching and learning. |
| | Meet your learners’ needs | **Improve Student Attendance**  
- Analyse trends in student attendance and implement strategies to increase student attendance to 92.2% in primary years. |
| |  | **Cater for Student Needs**  
- Implement strategies to cater for students’ academic, social and emotional needs  
- Embed the Individualised Learning Strategy through the Demographic data capture |
| |  | **Upper 2 Bands Priority**  
- Ensure a variety of processes are in place for the identification of possible U2B students (process to begin in Prep)  
- Implement strategies and programs to cater for the ability levels and optimal learning for these students  
- Embed differentiation strategies across all year levels using diagnostic assessment processes and ACARA recommendations, and AVT Inclusive Curriculum |
| |  | **NAPLAN Strategy**  
- Complete a thorough interrogation of NAPLAN data - 2013 / 2014 in preparation for 2015 NAPLAN  
- Develop a NAPLAN action strategy with a focus on improving Reading, Numeracy and U2B |
| **Great People** | Develop Professional Knowledge | **ACARA Priorities**  
- Continue to align and embed Australian Curriculum in all settings.  
- Continue to embed North Coast Region: “A Guide to School Based Assessment Tools and Year Level Expectations” |
| Teaching Quality | Develop Professional Practice | **Literacy Priority**  
- **Continue to embed a balanced reading program**  
- Embed a shared understanding and pedagogical practice of the 5 reading procedures i.e.  
- Align reading framework to Pearson’s Gradual Release of Responsibility Model (Refer Framework for the Teaching of Reading)  
- Ensure the 5 aspects of reading are explicitly addressed ie:  
- Continue the use of a variety of quality teaching processes and resources to support the development of the literacy skill of *Inference*  
- Embed *comprehension strategies* into the reading procedures  
- Use the reading procedures as a focus for Instructional Leadership to build teacher capacity through *observation and feedback* |
| |  | **Develop and embed a balanced writing program**  
- Develop a shared understanding and pedagogical practice of the 4 writing procedures:  
  1. Modelled Writing; 2. Shared Writing; 3. Guided Writing; 4. Independent Writing  
- Embed Sheena Cameron writing strategies into the writing procedures  
- Align writing pedagogy to Pearson’s Gradual Release of Responsibility Model  
- Continue the use of a variety of teaching processes and resources e.g. 7 Steps to Writing |
| |  | **Numeracy Priority**  
- Embed *Numeracy Rich Routines* that address key aspects of number as identified through NAPLAN and internal data sources ie PAT M.  
- With PEAAC support and cluster opportunities (*Best Practice Networks*), develop best practice pedagogy and greater teacher knowledge in the teaching of Mathematics |
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| **Develop Professional Engagement** | • Ensure a range and balance of assessment tools are being used (Diagnostic, formative and summative) to support quality teaching and reporting.  
• Build teacher capacity to recognize and remediate key misconceptions through the Numeracy Rich Routines that align with the National Curriculum  
• Practice and deepen number facts  
  **Master Teachers**  
• Develop opportunities for Master Teachers to work alongside teachers to improve teaching practices.  
  **ASOT**  
• Continue to develop and embed an overarching Curriculum Framework based on ASOT  
• Investigate and implement locally selected Design Questions - (What will I do to?) and (What will I do to?) of the ASOT framework  
  **Moderation**  
• Develop opportunity for inter and intra-school moderation processes ensuring sound assessment practice  
  **BPN (Best Practice Network) Priority**  
• Engage in quality professional development and professional sharing via BPNs. Foster participation of whole of leadership team in improvement via discussions and participation.  
  **Developing Performance Framework**  
• Embed the DPF with all staff (teaching and non-teaching) ensuring alignment to school improvement priorities and individual needs.  
• Teaching staff Performance Plans align with AITSL: Australian Professional Standards for Teachers  
• Consultation and feedback structures are in place and occur in a timely manner (Once a term)  
• Use peer observations, feedback, differentiated coaching and learning communities to improve teaching practices.  
• Implement processes to monitor staff and personal wellbeing |
| **Great People** | **Lead Teaching and Learning**  
**Develop self and others**  
**Lead improvement, innovation and change** | **Learning Communities**  
• Principal Performance Development Plan in place with ARD with clearly identified leadership focus.  
• Lead and model learning to develop a shared belief that all students can learn and all teachers can teach.  
• Develop localized structures that enable teachers to engage in discussion and analysis of effective teaching and learning.  
• Enable teachers to engage in effective coaching opportunities to improve teaching practices.  
• Develop capacity amongst potential future leaders and provide opportunities for aspirants as they arise. |
| **High Standards** | **Know your data** | **Explicit Improvement Agenda**  
• Analyse whole school trends to develop an explicit improvement agenda  
• Articulate a whole school improvement agenda that is shared and known by all in the school community and overtly and rigorously enacted.  
  **Internal Audit**  
• Implement strategies to fulfil internal audit requirements and recommendations |
| **Engaged Partners** | **Know your strategies** | **Opinion Survey Priorities**  
• Use the opinion survey data to respond to concerns in order to ensure better outcomes for students. |
| **Regional Support** | **Maintain alignment** | **Alignment and Consistency**  
• Continue to develop opportunities to work with regional support staff and services.  
• Develop opportunities for schools to work together to share knowledge and resources.  
• Implement the recommendations from the School Improvement Unit as required.  
  **Flying Start initiative**  
• Develop mutually satisfying partnerships with Secondary Schools |
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| **Engaged Partners** | **Embrace autonomy** | • Maintain opportunities to ensure the Junior secondary initiative is successful.  
• Develop a range of locally pertinent communication strategies that enable the sharing of information.  
• Continue the fostering of strategies concerning staffing and resource allocations |
| **Local decision making** | **Create partnerships** | **Partnerships**  
• Continue to work with regional support services to support and sustain school improvement  
• Develop partnerships within and beyond the school that support student learning.  
• Embrace opportunities to collaborate with local communities.  
• Explore opportunities, develop partnerships and develop a transition plan with local Early Childhood Education Centers. |
| **Parent and Community Engagement Strategy** | | • Promote parent participation in school events and provide opportunities for families to observe student learning and celebrate student achievement  
• Use multiple communication channels to communicate with parents eg email, SMS, telephone, web portal and letter  
• Provide programs and opportunities for parents to build their capacity to support their child’s learning  
• Actively seek and develop a wide range of community partnerships |

**CRITICAL REFERENCE:**  
• P-12 Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Framework  
• State Schools Strategy 2014-2018