

Public Schools NSW





School Vision

The Ponds High School will develop a community where students have the opportunity and the desire to achieve their personal best in a range of academic, sporting, cultural and social pursuits. All students are encouraged to be confident learners, willing to face challenges in a range of contexts, including a dynamic future. To achieve this, staff will be trained and given development opportunities to allow them to best support students.

School Context:

The Ponds High School is situated in The Ponds, a new suburb in Sydney's North-West. The school opened in 2015 with 187 Year 7 students, including a support class. The teaching staff includes a range of teachers from experienced teachers, right through to beginning teachers. Forty- two per cent of students are from a languages background other than English and currently there are approximately 25 languages represented. The gender representation is even and only a small percentage identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders. The school opened with a program for Gifted and Talented students and has developed strong systems to support students requiring emotional and academic support.

The school has strong positive links with the parent community, enthusiastic to build this into a school recognised for excellence in sporting, academic cultural pursuits and one where students are supportive of others and the wider community. Pastoral care is built around a strong house system and an environment that rewards contribution effort and excellence. The 5 P's; Be positive, prepared, productive, prompt and polite reinforce values of successful learners that we feel are important at The Ponds High School. The Bring your Own Device is designed to assist student learning and connect them with information and skills needed in their future.

The Ponds High School has established links and relationships with local primary schools and high schools, reinforcing the commitment to being a positive learning community, embracing the values of public education and the opportunities it affords. Academic, sporting cultural and transitional links have been established with educational institutions cultural bodies and the wider community. These include professional learning links with the neighbouring schools, STEM and STEAM (Science Technology, Engineering (Art) and Mathematics programs within the DofE and Industry, Links with university and cultural links with an overseas school have also been initiated.

The plan is initially devised with the theme of building effective products and practices which are essential in a new environment.

Strategic Direction 1	Strategic Direction 2	Strategic Direction 3 Building Positive Partnerships which establish, nurture and sustain ongoing positive values and a culture of success which inspires a culture of collaboration.		
Building excellent teaching and learning practices where all students can be engaged, creative, innovative and develop their skills and ability.	Building leadership capacity of students and staff to build positive relationships enabling growth and commitment and an active contribution to the school community and society in which they live.			
 PURPOSE: Building excellent teaching and learning practices across a school that are engaging, challenging and inclusive and build upon students' previous skills, knowledge and understandings which is underpinned by a positive learning culture within the school. Parents and teachers working collaboratively to support students in their development is also essential. The implementation of the Australian Curriculum affords teachers to modify programs and learning experiences that develop engagement, creativity and innovation. Supporting teachers to be able to: diagnose entry points; effectively use data; develop scope and sequences; plan and regularly review effective programs and assessment strategies; develop effective remedial and enrichment programs for all students, will ensure effective teaching and learning. A commitment to innovative programs eg STEM, Flipped classroom approach, genius hour and crosscurricula projects afford opportunities for engagement, innovation and development of creative thinking and problem-solving ability 	 PURPOSE: To build leadership capacity of students and staff to enable them to be confident and reflective learners prepared for a range of academic and social situations. Programs include student mentoring a genius hour program, the school leadership structure and assemblies program where all students have a school responsibility, opportunities in social justice teams and transition programs, the school welfare program and sporting opportunities. Development of a middle-years program and forging links with Riverbank Public School and our other local feeder primary schools will offer more opportunities for student and teacher leadership and contribution to the school and wider community. Building teacher capacity to develop and lead staff or student initiatives linked to the school plan and vision, through the home group structure, house competitions activities, assembly program, beginning and new staff induction, staff meetings, teams and the professional development plans will enable a school wide commitment to continued growth, expectations and improvement. 	PURPOSE: Building strong links with our communities enables a collaborative approach and contribute to the planning process and the development of practices within our school. This will be done through: middle years programs with partner public schools, GATS programs, sharing professional learning opportunities, cross curricula projects, links with other high school- esp in preparation for senior students, participation in local creative and performing arts, developing sporting links through competitions and coaching programs. This also includes community links: a strong P&C program the school website, newsletter, workshops and parent portal, school facebook page and developing parent workshops. This also includes partnerships: developing cultural and social justice links in the community and abroad. Partnerships with industry and university programs will also contribute to school excellence in terms of building a wider and more successful community partnership.		

Strategic direction 1: Building excellent teaching and learning practices where all students can be engaged, creative, innovative and develop their skills and ability

Purpose: To build excellent teaching and learning practices across a school that are engaging, challenging and inclusive, and build upon student's previous skills and knowledge to promote a positive learning culture within a school.

To increase teacher capacity to diagnose entry points, effectively analyse data, develop scope and sequences; plan and regularly review effective programs and assessment strategies, develop effective remedial and enrichment programs for all students to ensure effective teaching.

Improvement measures:

- Positive evaluation of the beginning and new staff induction program
- Increase in cross KLA creative and STEM projects
- Student evaluation of genius hour and BYOD skills
- Parent surveys on assessment practices show increased understanding and satisfaction of them
- Value added data for reading and comprehension testing results and NAPLAN (in 2017-)

Products and practices	Processes	People		
Product Beginning and new teachers have the capacity to produce and evaluate teaching and learning experiences that are engaging, challenging innovative and effectively differentiate. Practice Beginning and new teachers are supported to develop skills to meet the school purpose.	A beginning and new teacher program is developed and refined that aligns with school directions and whole school professional learning. All staff engage in developing goals in PDP reflecting SD1 (Strategic direction 1)	Staff and leaders Executive team and all staff through PDPs		
		Beginning teacher supervision program		
		Learning Support Team and GATS (GERRIC trained) professionally		
		develop staff (programs and IEPs) Students		
develop skills to meet the school purpose.				
		Actively participate in a range of programs and activities provided		
Product Teachers produce effective programs in line with Australian Curriculum implementation and documenting examples of engaging creative and	A plan for Staff Professional learning, sharing and collaboration is devised to allow joint development of programs and activities.	Staff and leaders Develop shared professional understanding of excellent Teaching and learning practices, pre and post testing, effective assessment strategies etc		
innovative practice Literacy and Numeracy added Practice Teachers actively explore and research differing methodologies and strategies to creatively engage students to cater for a wide range of abilities.	Devise and develop a range of strategies and feedback models to measure feedback, engagement and creativity.	Cross KLA, STEM and PEEL teams working together to increase opportunities for creative, innovative and real world activities		
		Students Actively participate and contribute to learning evaluation and opportunities to share their learning and findings with peers, other students, parents and the wider community.		
Product Students effectively use the BYOD devise in a	Needs a plan now in Milestones	Staff and leaders Model and share existing and new technology practices		
range of ways; effectively organising work, including developing skills to present learning experiences in innovative ways, to develop technology strategies that assist them to learn and develop.	Evaluate the use of technology and BYOD in specific subjects and share effective	to develop skills of their peers in creative methodologies, ways to differentiate using technology effectively to support teaching and learnin		
	practices at staff and KLA meetings.	Celebrate creativity and Innovation with the wider community		
Practice Teachers and teachers experiment with	Provide breakfast or afterschool workshop opportunities for learning new skills	Model organisational and study skills using the BYOD device.		
technology and different ways of creating, organising and presenting work to maximise learning out comes and engagement		Students Learn and practise technology techniques including experimenting.		
		Parents Assist students with organisation through P&C workshop attendance, use of the parent portal and accessing information supplied on the school website and facebook.		

Strategic Direction 2 Building leadership capacity of students and staff to build positive relationships enabling growth and commitment and an active contribution to the school community and society in which they live.

Purpose: To build leadership capacity of students and staff to enable them to be confident and reflective learners prepared for a range of academic and social situations. A confident and inclusive team is established when people are given the capacity to share and contribute to the community they are in.

Improvement measures:

- Mentoring program for staff results in staff accepting new positions of responsibility. Evaluated and reviewed.
- Increased opportunities for student project leadership and management
- More staff leading professional learning in the community of schools
- Evaluate assemblies program and open night program in relation to student leadership
- Collection of initial well-being data through 'Tell them from me' survey and Mindmatters surveys (for later comparisons)

Products and practices	Processes	People		
Product Beginning and new teachers have a plan to develop their knowledge and skills in effective classroom practice, using data and collaborating to meet professional standards and to give them purposeful leadership roles based on professional expertise.	A beginning and new teacher program is developed and refined that aligns with school directions and whole school professional learning takes place around the teaching elements	Staff and leaders Executive team and all staff through PDP's Beginning teacher supervision program Learning Support Team and GATS (GERRIC trained) professionally develop staff (programs and IEPs)		
PDPs are used to develop capacity of whole staff. Leadership opportunities for staff in higher duties. Practice Beginning and new teachers are supported to develop their capacity.	All staff engage in developing goals in PDPs reflecting SD1 (Strategic direction 1) Observation protocols developed, implemented and evaluated	Professional learning team		
Peer teacher observations to increase dialogue				
Product Plans and structures are developed to build student capacity and resilience eg wellbeing, social justice, assemblies program, leadership rewards program, school service program	Increased assembly opportunities for student participation. Introduction of supportive structures for student success eg scaffolds, FAIL	Homeroom teachers work with students on leadership opportunities and pastoral care program Welfare team write pastoral care program and provide support on website, Facebook and in P&C meetings for parents. Using Mindmatters framework.		
Practice Students are self-aware and have positive relationships with others and contribute actively to the school and the community	language; first attempt in learning Student involvement in literacy, numeracy and social skills programs Collection of school and community service hours.	Tell them from me team analyse data to inform future programs Club leaders elect students with responsibility within clubs eg social justice, band, Environment Merit system and House points - monitor to encourage participation		

Strategic direction 3: Building Positive Partnerships which establish, nurture and sustain ongoing positive values and inspires a culture of success and collaboration.

Purpose:

> Building strong links with our communities enables a collaborative approach and contributes to the planning process and the development of responsive practices within our school. The partnerships are between primary and high schools, with parents, between teachers, with external agencies, with Universities, with cultural and charitable organisations. This also includes community links: a strong P&C program, the school website, newsletter, workshops and parent portal, developing parent workshops. This also includes partnerships: developing cultural and social justice links in the community and abroad. Partnerships with industry and university programs will also contribute to school excellence in terms of building a wider and more successful community partnership In schools that excel there is a strategic use of community input and resources to achieve improved student outcomes.

Improvement measures:

- Establishment of a website and social network sites that are updated regularly
- Tell Them from Me survey and Mindmatters survey results are fed back into Well Being plans and reflect positive and successful partnerships
- Students mapped on Literacy continuum
- Evaluation of cross KLA projects
- External agency contributions are evaluated in the Annual Report

Products and practices	Processes	People		
Product A strong and informative website, newsletter that showcases achievement, effective communication	ation devise a timeline for implementation and dissemination of information. Welfare feedback and learning support	Website development team led by DP. Learning support officer posts parent information packs for all parents.		
with parents. Practice the school is recognised as responsive and		Newsletter team and plan of reporting clubs and KLA's to parents led by principal.		
supportive. Parents feel they can effectively contribute feedback is delivered. and know what happens in the school.		P&C meetings showcase school activities and systems, business of P& kept to P&C executive.		
		Welfare team.		
Product Middle school's literacy mapping across the 2 schools. Cross KLA projects devised, implemented and	hools. Cross KLA projects devised, implemented and aluated. STEM project established and extended from Stage 3 crossover, including cooperative	Literacy team and senior Executive develop literacy links with Riverbank Public school and roll out to other partner primary schools		
evaluated. STEM project established and extended from Stage 4 to Stage 5.		Teachers develop, implement and evaluate cross -KLA projects in STEAM and other areas		
Practice Teachers collaborate within and across KLAs and schools to develop effective programs, continuums and practices.	Curriculum map the cross KLA projects and devise a team to evaluate.	GATS team develop GATS activities for feeder primary schools.		
Product Projects designed with Universities, local organisations and businesses	Establish links with Universities, sister school in Japan, Business links for STEM, Social	Staff and leaders establish links and devise benchmarks for progress eg Permaculture partnership.		
Practice The school makes deliberate use of external partnerships to enrich the educational environment	justice links, Multicultural communities, Environmental groups			

Strategic direction 1: Implementation and progress monitoring

Project leaders: [enter names of project leaders] Off track On track Implementation delayed TERM 1 TERM 2 2017 TERM 3 TERM 4 **PROCESS MID TERM END TERM MID TERM END TERM MID TERM END TERM MID TERM END TERM** 1. Beginning Teacher Amanda and Jenny to Revise program for Annual Milestone Induction program review program to see 2018 formalised weekly if modifications program for mentors and needed to program New scheme teachers 2. Staff Teaching and Develop student Devise PL mapping for Effective programs in Establish a weekly Staff meetings Mid-year review Professional Learning feedback form line with Aust professional learning showcasing teaching 2018 including establishing timeframe and teams and learning activities Curriculum and structure around school new Teams structure around engagement documented evidence of and cycle for recording priority areas. Lit/ creative and innovative /reporting Numeracy. practice. Staff and Engagement, growth, student can clearly teams articulate their engagement levels 3. BYOD Moodle TPL for staff Year 7 Orientation 2 hour session on Establish ongoing TPL Infrastructure Review Technology SDD Establishment of Online Platform Review Technology Team Evaluation Evaluate term 2 **Evaluation processes** Evaluate term 1 Survey students on use Evaluate team structure Generate Moodle Data and impact assessment of technology in classes. reports to review if there beginning teacher program is increased utilisation of program eLearning resources and Moodle usage Resources Monitoring efficient and Allocation for Amanda Connection with Aussip effective use of as mentor Coordinator for student leaders on resources work experience. Investment in TSO

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Strategic direction 2: Implementation and progress monitoring

Project leaders: [enter names of project leaders] Off track Implementation delayed On track TERM 3 2017 TERM 1 TERM 2 TERM 4 **END TERM PROCESS MID TERM END TERM MID TERM END TERM MID TERM END TERM MID TERM** 1. PDP Cycle Executive conference-Refine school focus for Initial PDP goal setting Teacher observations Second observations one PDP and meeting with discussion around process WOW buddies goal....Engagement? supervising HT established (Watching Others Work) 2. Student Leadership Welfare team Year Advisors' roles Regular welfare Year advisor academic Annual Mileston established in line with analysed meeting established reviews of students Learning and Support Year 7 to 9 Implement program for Implement program for Develop, maintain and Roll out of new "O" Deliver meaningful Peer support training of Year 8 at risk Year 8 students. at risk Year 9 students. week Year 7 Program wellbeing programs to students targeted and promote engagement for meaningful social / Use 'Tell them from me' Year 7 wellbeing programs to data to inform the promote engagement. revision of pastoral care program for Years 7-8. New Year 9 program Develop and promote Students and staff are Develop opportunities Students engage in Develop a support the leadership model for staff to engage in leadership and wellinformed of the leadership network for model. aspiring student Professional learning to being programs leaders to facilitate increase capacity targeting social responsibility. involvement in school resilience, confidence and community Social justice training initiatives Social Justice training and self-esteem program - Leadership Public Speaking Social Justice training -Training Social justice, student Event Planning led team Evaluation TTFM Evaluation processes and TTFM Data harvest of students Annual Milestone impact assessment involved in Social justice events? Resources Monitoring efficient and Annual Milestone effective use of resources

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Strategic direction 3: Building Positive Partnerships which establish, nurture and sustain ongoing positive values and a culture of success which inspires a culture of collaboration.

Project leaders: [enter names of project leaders] Off track Implementation delayed On track

2017	TERM 1		TERM 2		TERM 3		TERM 4	
PROCESS	MID TERM	END TERM	MID TERM	END TERM	MID TERM	END TERM	MID TERM	END TERM
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Communication eg Newsletter / Website / showcasing achievement	Form a team for school website and app implementation. Series of quotes for an outsourced website selected for Exec / P&C to approve. Information to populate website selected for approval for Exec. Survey of students, staff and parents conducted to select sections for the school app. Set up procedures for showcasing student achievement via the school website, Facebook page and local newspapers.	Website provider selected and information to populate website given to provider. Options for an appropriate app selected to communicate with students, parents and staff. Develop template to send to the local paper for school news.	App provider selected and information to populate app and link to school website given to provider.	Form a team for school newsletter evaluation. Form a team for school Facebook site evaluation.	Survey of students, staff and parents relating to sections needed in the school newsletter and the schools Facebook site. Eg, format, info.	School newsletter format changed relating to community needs.	Set up procedures to evaluate / re evaluate the school website, app, Facebook page and use of local newspapers.	Annual Milestone New website up and running. Appropriate app selected to communicate with students, parents and staff. School newsletter format changed relating to community needs. The schools use of the Facebook site formalised. Links with local newspapers to promote the school.
2. Literacy and Numeracy strategies with a Middle School focus and cross-KLA projects/units	Establish Literacy and Numeracy team. Professional Learning on Lit and Num Cont. Acquaint staff with current NAPLAN data.	Devise Middle School team and decide on common approach to Literacy and Numeracy Map Cross KLA projects/units Introduce staff to Super 6 Comprehension Strategies.	Targeted students (ESL, Leaning and Support and GATS) along Literacy and Numeracy Continuum.	Parent workshop on Lit and Num Continuum and Super 6. Middle School meeting to evaluate common Literacy and Numeracy	GATS partner primary school activities. F1 in Schools program (STEM).	Literacy/ Numeracy Team to analyse and present NAPLAN data to staff.	Map target students long Literacy and Numeracy Continuum to show growth.	Annual Milestone Effective Literacy and Numeracy Team Common Literacy and Numeracy strategies used in all KLA programs across TPHS and Riverbank PS.
3. Established Links with Universities, Organisations and Businesses	Plan established???							Annual Milestone

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Evaluation Evaluation processes and impact assessment PAC literacy and numeracy analysis NAPLAN Annual Milestone Resources Monitoring efficient and effective use of Posters for Literacy and Numeracy Continuums Orange comprehension book for each KLA Meeting time with Primary colleagues STEM grant? Annual Milestone resources