

SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

Updated: 07/2020

School Name: Port Augusta Secondary School

School Number: 0790

General Information

Port Augusta Secondary School is a category 2 school on the DfE index of disadvantage. The school has a Year 8-12 enrolment of approximately 640 students including 43% Aboriginal students, 30% school card recipients and 14% of students with English as an additional language or dialect. The school existed as two separate campuses, middle and senior schools for many years and amalgamated to the Stirling Road campus in 2012.

In recent years the school has been developing high quality programs further promoting the schools motto of “Success for All” with vocational, industry and academic pathways together with extensive student support structures and community connections. An extensive review process conducted in 2017 together with other data sets generally reflects an improving trend in all of our key targets areas and from 2016 to 2019 we have experienced four years of consecutive growth in improved SACE outcomes.

The site improvement plan 2019-21 clearly acknowledges the need for further support to assist students reach their potential and to work together towards raising standards through improved literacy and numeracy outcomes.

The school opened its new STEM Centre in 2019 as part of the DfE priority of developing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) across the system. This has seen the development of new programs and innovative curricula that is beginning to influence teaching and learning approaches generally.

Further major capital works is planned for the school late 2020 in support of the year 7's into secondary schools initiative which will see our school become a Yr.7-12 school from 2022.

