

2025 annual report
to the Community

Gawler Primary School

Gawler Primary School number: 141
Partnership: Greater
Gawler



School principal:	Celeste Matthews  Signature
Date of endorsement:	24/02/2026



Context Statement

Gawler Primary School caters for students from R-6. At the time of this report, the enrolment in 2025 is 168. Gawler Primary School is classified as Category 4 on the Department for Education Index of Educational Disadvantage. At the time of this report, the school population includes 10% Aboriginal students, 17% students with disabilities, 3% students with English as an additional language or dialect (EALD) funded background, 2% children/young people in care. Further information about the school is available on the school's website (including its context statement), as well as the My School website.

Data Source: Department for Education data holdings from Mid census captured in AUGUST 2025.

Governing Council Report

Our AGM was held on Monday 17th February followed by our first Governing Council meeting for 2025. Rachael Mahoney was voted in as the new Governing Council Chairperson following the resignation of Louise Egan, her son having transitioned to High School. Rachael welcomed both Sandy Hodgetts and Yasmin Harman-Smith as new teachers to the school. Throughout 2025 ordinary meetings were held twice a term on a Monday afternoon in weeks 4 and 8, with a 3:30 start time.

Our sub committees were Fundraising, OSHC and Finance.

Some of the 2025 highlights include: a shade sail for the North Playground, change over from EDSAS to EMS, undertaking a 'Mental Health in Primary Schools Project', students involved in a Carclew Arts Project, a variety of fundraising events – including providing Devonshire Tea at the Gawler Show and a Colour Fun Run, Children's University Graduation at Bonython Hall in the city, the choir singing at the Gawler Show and for participants of the local elderly centre, winning the Hiragana State Competition, two very successful Lego League teams and various camps and excursions.

I would like to thank all of our Governing Council members who volunteer their time to support the Principal with school matters. I would also like to encourage other parents of our school community to consider joining Governing Council in the future.

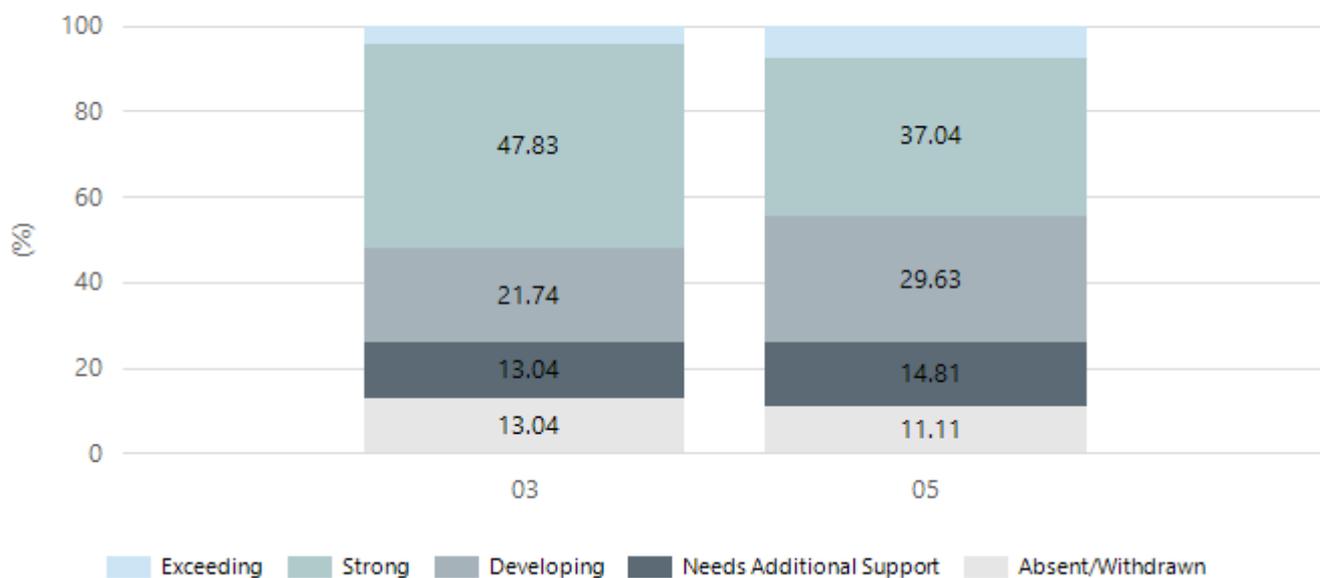
Rachael Mahoney
Governing Council Chairperson
Gawler Primary School
February 2026

Performance Summary

NAPLAN Proficiency

In 2023 the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) - a Commonwealth Independent statutory authority - announced changes to NAPLAN performance reporting. The new approach replaces the previous numerical NAPLAN bands and the national minimum standard.

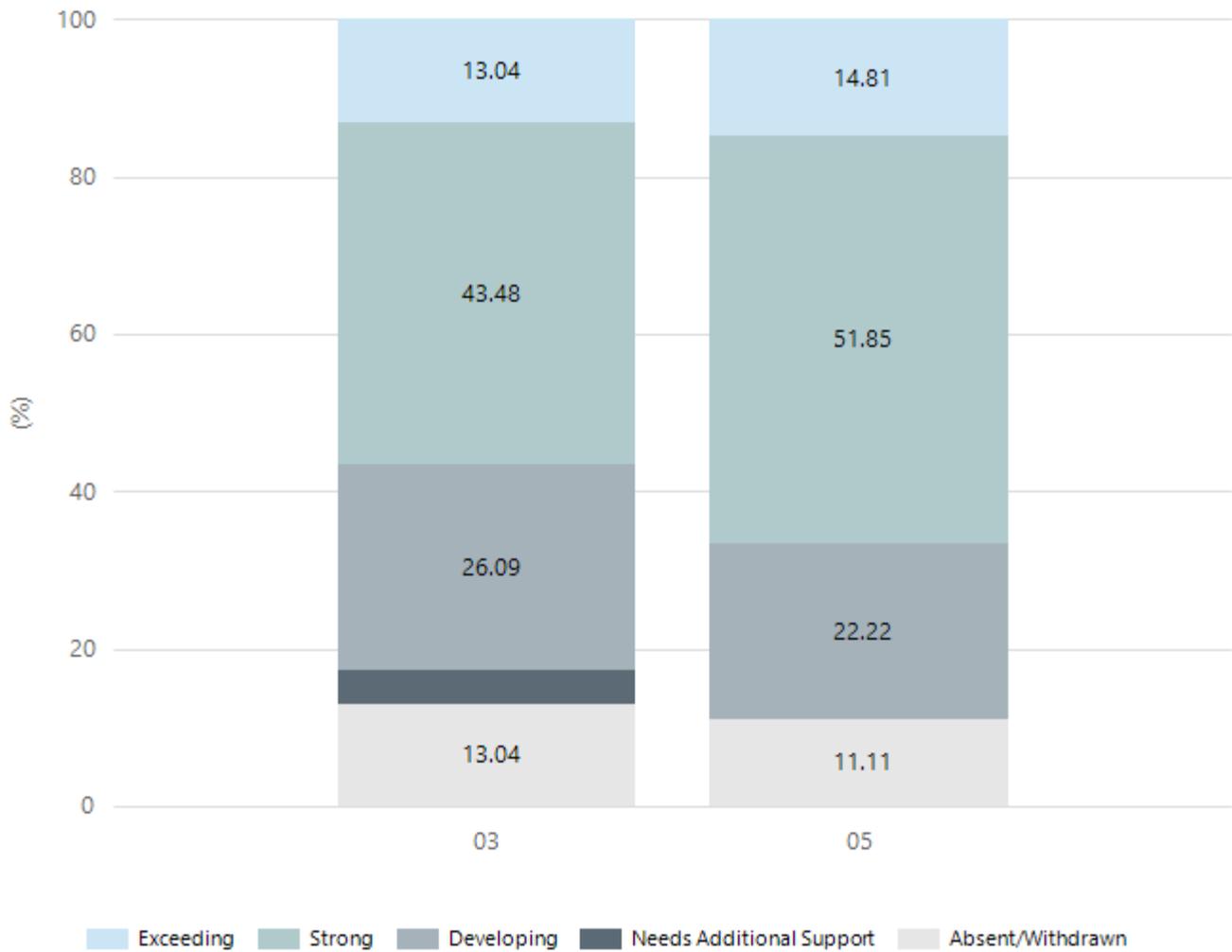
Numeracy



Year Level	03	05
Exceeding	1	2
Strong	11	10
Developing	5	8
Needs Additional Support	3	4
Absent/Withdrawn	3	3
Total	23	27

Data Source: Department for Education Assessment Data Holdings, 2025. If there are less than 6 students who sat NAPLAN in a school, no information will be shown. If a year level has less than 6 students, that year level will not be shown in NAPLAN results.

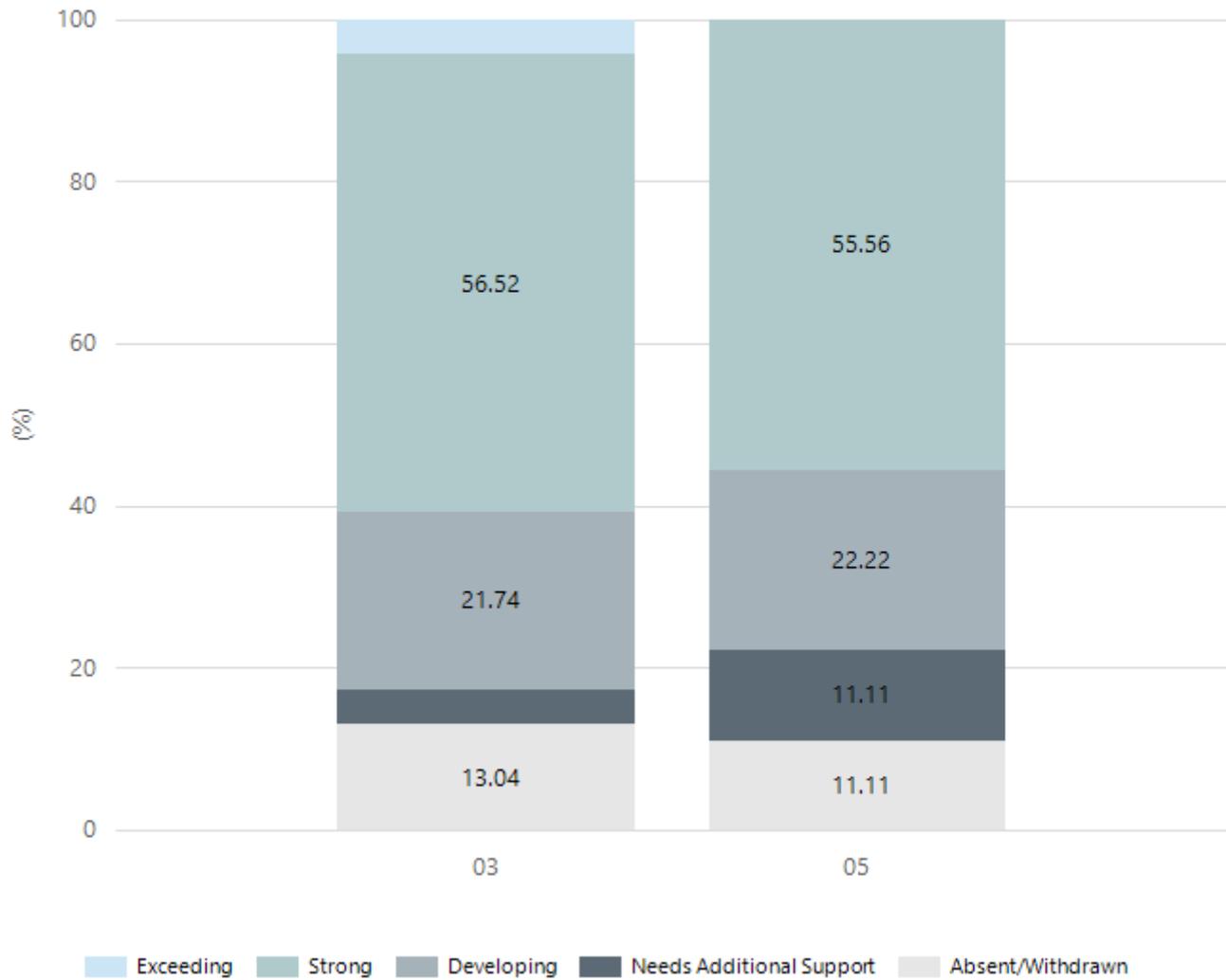
Reading



Year Level	03	05
Exceeding	3	4
Strong	10	14
Developing	6	6
Needs Additional Support	1	
Absent/Withdrawn	3	3
Total	23	27

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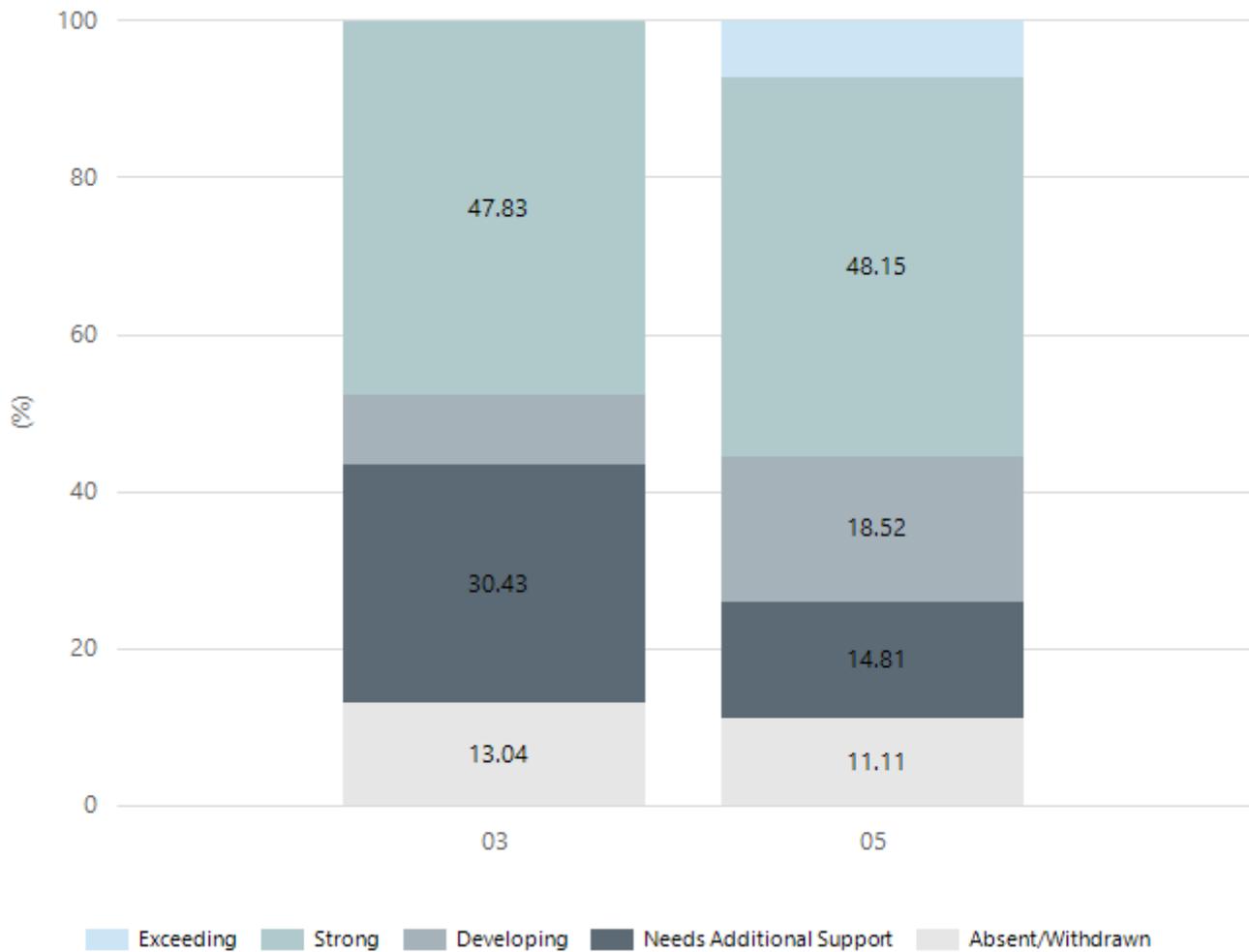
Writing



Year Level	03	05
Exceeding	1	
Strong	13	15
Developing	5	6
Needs Additional Support	1	3
Absent/Withdrawn	3	3
Total	23	27

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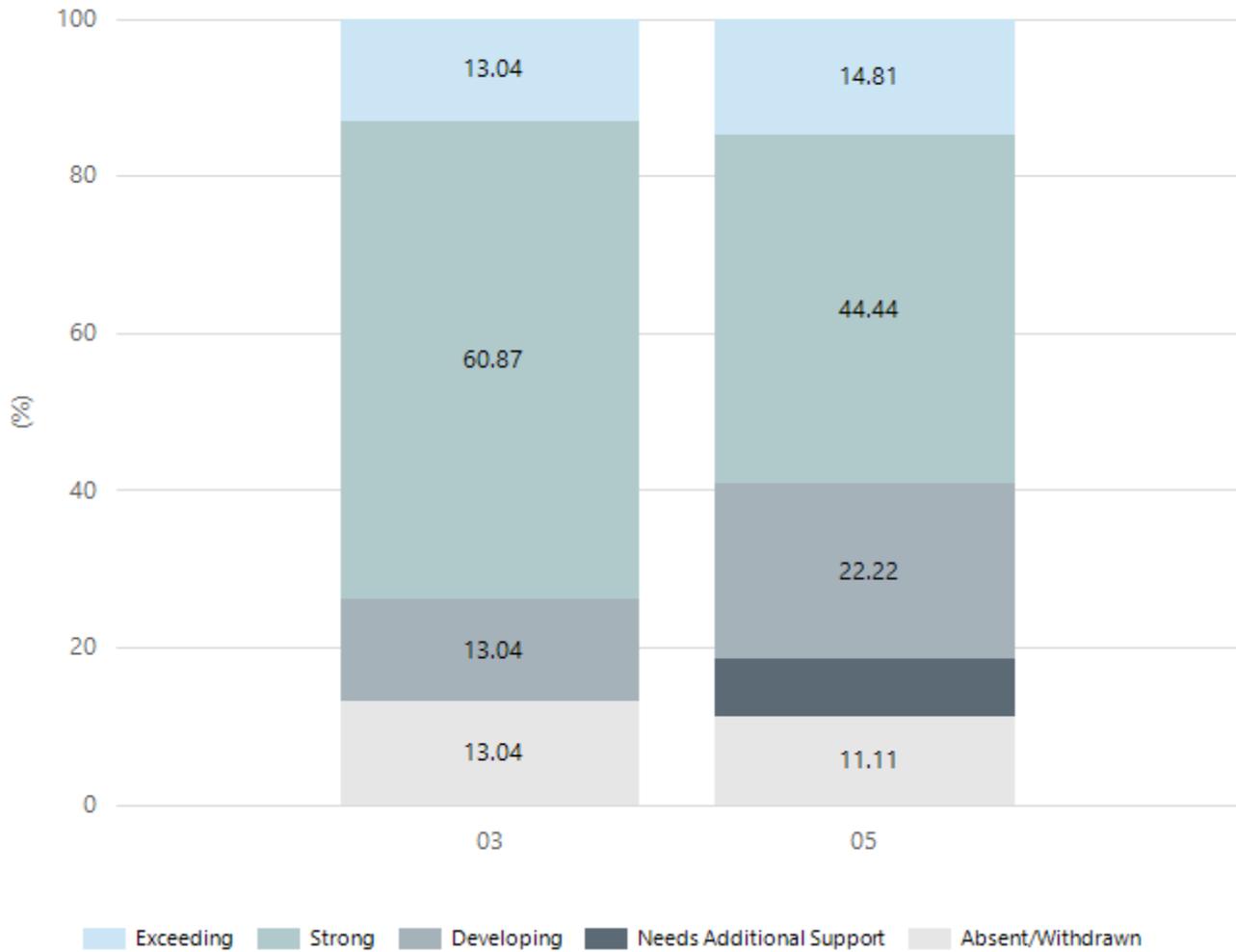
Grammar



Year Level	03	05
Exceeding		2
Strong	11	13
Developing	2	5
Needs Additional Support	7	4
Absent/Withdrawn	3	3
Total	23	27

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Spelling



Year Level	03	05
Exceeding	3	4
Strong	14	12
Developing	3	6
Needs Additional Support		2
Absent/Withdrawn	3	3
Total	23	27

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School Attendance

Year Level	2023	2024	2025
Reception	85.1%	88.0%	85.5%
Year 01	89.3%	87.2%	89.3%
Year 02	89.2%	87.0%	87.9%
Year 03	89.9%	90.6%	86.6%
Year 04	93.0%	89.7%	86.3%
Year 05	89.7%	90.0%	88.7%
Year 06	87.1%	88.4%	87.9%
Total	89.3%	88.8%	87.5%

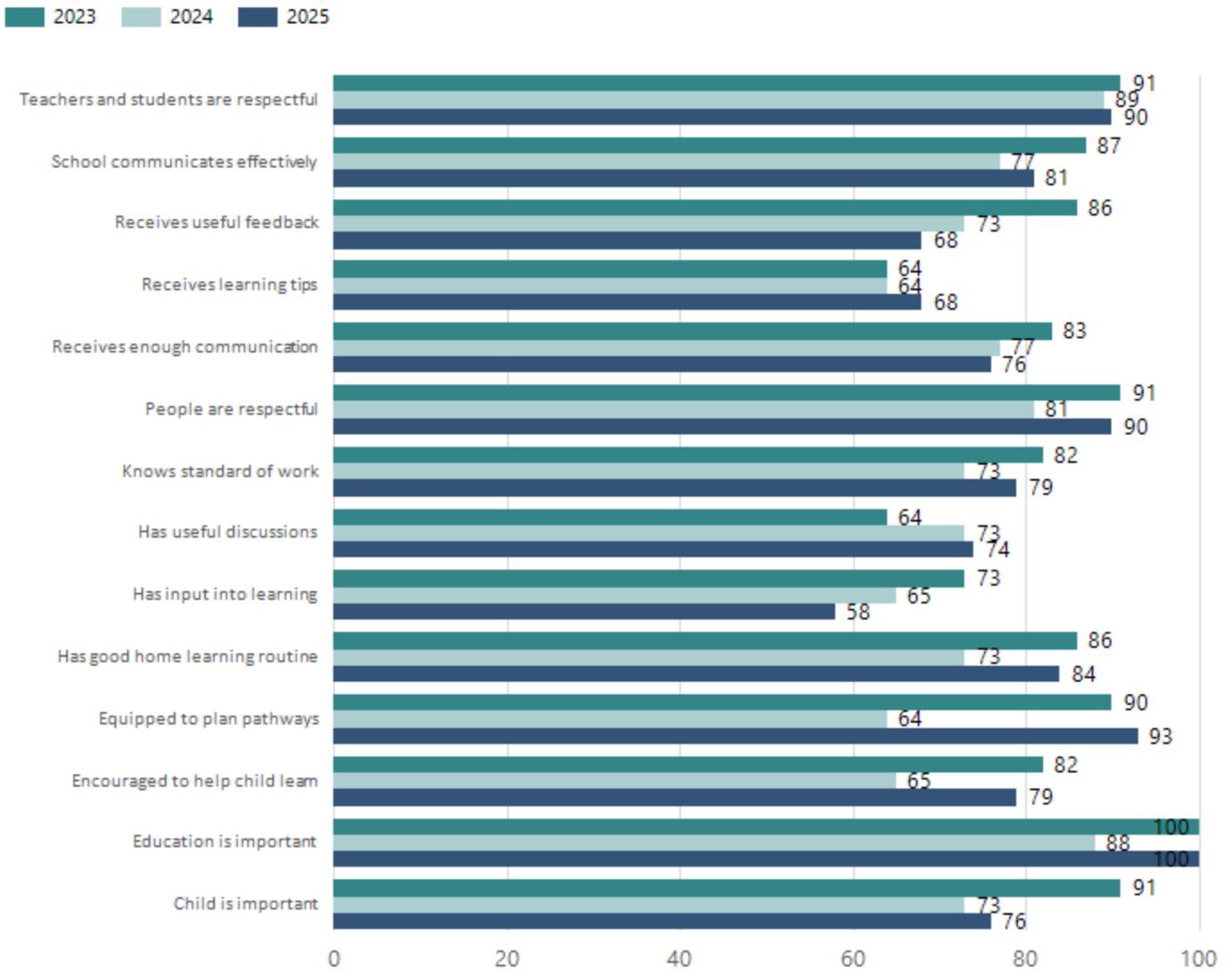
Data Source: Department for Education Attendance Data, Semester 1 Report 2025. A blank cell indicates there were no students enrolled. 'Primary Other' includes students enrolled in specialised education options. 'Secondary Other' includes students who have already spent a year at Year 12 and elected to undertake further study at Year 12.

Attendance Comment

In South Australia, all children and young people must be in school from 6 years to 16 years old. They must attend a government or non-government school full time. From age 16 to 17 however, young people must attend school or an approved learning program (such as an apprenticeship, traineeship, accredited course or university). Schools and parents must encourage and support students to come to school every day. Parents and caregivers must make sure their child is enrolled in a school, and attends school all day and everyday it is open, unless a child is sick or has an approved exemption. Teachers and leaders actively follow up when a student misses school, including recording all absences and non-attendance. All schools in South Australia have local attendance procedures governed under the Education and Children's Services Regulations 2020.

School Parent Opinion Survey Results

Proportion of agree/strongly agree response(%)



Data Source: 2025 Department for Education Parent Opinions Survey, Term 3 2025.

Intended Destination

Leave Reason	Number	%
IS - INTERSTATE	1	6.0%
NG - ATTENDING NON-GOV SCHOOL IN SA	8	44.0%
OV - LEFT SA FOR OVERSEAS	1	6.0%
TG - TRANSFERRED TO SA GOVERNMENT SCHOOL	8	44.0%

Data Source: Department for Education Destination Data Report, 2025. Data extract term 3 2025. Data shows recorded destinations for students that left the school in the previous year. Data is uploaded by schools in term 3 and may not reflect final or total figures at time of report creation.

Highest Qualifications held by the teaching workforce and workforce composition

All teachers at this school are qualified and registered with the SA Teachers Registration Board.

Qualification Level	Number of Qualifications
Bachelor's degrees or Diplomas	12
Postgraduate Qualifications	3

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collections as on the last pay date of June 2025. As self-reported by staff in the system.

Please note: Data includes staff who are Actively employed and on extended paid leave. Please note only the highest qualification of the Teaching staff is reported. Excludes any number of other certifications earned.

Workforce composition including indigenous staff

	Teaching Staff		Non-Teaching Staff	
	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous	Indigenous	Non-Indigenous
Full-Time Equivalents	0.0	13.3	1.6	8.3
Persons	0.0	15.0	3.0	12.0

Data Source: Data extracted from Mandatory Workforce Information Collection as on the last pay date of June 2025.

Please note: Data includes staff who are actively employed and on extended paid leave. "Indigenous category" is self-reported by staff in the system.

Financial Statement

Funding Source	Amount
Grants: State	\$2,895,099.81
Grants: Commonwealth	\$811.42
Parent Contributions	\$29,775.00
Fund Raising	\$10,472.84
Other	

Data Source: School supplied data.