

School Profile

One of the oldest schools in Queensland, Bald Hills State School comprises a primary school campus and a before and after school care facility. The school is located on Gympie Road at Bald Hills.

The student population of Bald Hills State School is primarily of English speaking background. Recently there has been a slight increase in the number of students from different ethnic backgrounds. We have a small percentage of identified A&TSI students approximately 4.1%.

The school population is generally stable, although a few Department of Defence residences result in some movement. A large number of parents commute to Brisbane and are engaged in professional and semi-professional work. The percentage of single parent families is similar to most Brisbane suburbs.

Staff Profile

Bald Hills State School administration team comprises a Principal, Deputy Principal, a Business Services Manager and Administrative Officer.

The school has fourteen full-time classroom teachers and twelve part time teachers who share six classes, a full-time teacher librarian, a part-time Support Teacher Learning Difficulties and part-time specialist teachers for physical education, LOTE, music and instrumental music.

Curriculum / teaching activities are supported by general primary aide time of 80 hours and prep aide of 30 hours per week. T.A.L.F.U time of 15 hours is provided for our ascertained students. We also purchase 5 hours a week Teacher Aide time for our early literacy program.

A Schools Officer - Grounds and three cleaners manage maintenance of the school facilities and grounds.

The school has access, through the Stafford/Geebung District Office, to a range of external support personnel including advisory visiting teachers, advisors, communication teachers and guidance officer. A computer technician is employed for 3 days a week to provide technical assistance and support for staff and students.

Community Profile

The main catchment area for the school is Bald Hills and the more recently developed Oaks and Northwind Estates at Bracken Ridge. As the school is located close to public transport facilities, some students travel from further afield: Strathpine, Bray Park, Aspley, etc. Students from Bald Hills State School, in the main, progress to Aspley State High. Some students attend Bracken Ridge and Sandgate District High Schools as well as private secondary schools.

School Facilities and Environment

The area surrounding Bald Hills State School retains a partly rural atmosphere. The school is bounded on two sides by open fields and a Hoop Pine forest plantation that extends to a river flood plain. In keeping with this setting, the school boasts a very attractive environmental area.

The school is primarily made up of single classrooms in highset traditional timber buildings. There are five modular classroom buildings designed as cooperative teaching areas. Students are provided with a range of playground facilities; tennis court, basketball and netball courts, three separate adventure playground areas, a covered quadrangle area and a small grassed oval area. Land adjoining the school was acquired to extend the school play areas. This site has been developed into a larger modern oval.

The school also has a theatrette which is used for concerts; music programs, Arts Council productions and various programs organised through community groups.

Parent and Community Participation

Bald Hills State School promotes active parent and community participation in the development of the school. The Parents' and Citizens' Association is highly supportive of school activities as well as organising social and fundraising activities such as fetes, dances and a range of 'drives'.

The school community operates an outside hours care facility, offering this service to students attending this school.

The school communicates to the wider parent body on a regular basis through the weekly newsletter that provides information from the school, the Parents' and Citizens' Association and the wider community.

Parents are provided with a range of activities to help them assist their children. Support-A-Writer, Support-A-Reader and Support-A-Maths training sessions are offered annually.

School Organisation

Bald Hills State School's organisation is governed by a Partnership Agreement with a School Council. This is operationalised through the Annual Operation Plan and reviewed through an Internal School review process annually.

The management of the two program areas: curriculum, learning and teaching and school management, is executed through committees which are responsible for the development, implementation (including budget), monitoring and reviewing processes and evaluation of sub-program areas.

The school fosters active involvement of parents and staff in decision making and planning through representation on these committees. Students are involved in decision making through the Student Council.

Historic Timeline

1866

Bald Hills State School was officially opened and given the school number 0004. The first Head Teacher was Mr John Walker. Enrolment was 44 pupils.

1877

The original school building was extended.

1891

Arthur Carseldine was the first pupil from Bald Hills State School to pass the Scholarship Examination.

1913

A new school building was erected on its present site (two class rooms adjacent to the office).

1919

Mrs Featombly was appointed as Infant Teacher (until 1934).

1922

E. Carseldine was appointed as Assistant Teacher (until 1956).

1933

The original school building was shifted by bullock dray and used as a School of Arts. The school was remodelled. Classes held in the Memorial Hall.

1934

The school was re-opened.

1935

The Forestry Plot was established.

1966

Centenary of school. Bee Keeping Project Club was formed.

2001

The Gordon Ellem Oval built. Jacqui King was appointed as the school's first female Principal.

List of Head Teachers / Principals

1866 - 1868

John Walker

1933 - 1935

Harold Derrington

1868 - 1872

Alexander Costello

1935 - 1948

Walter Gould

1872 - 1880

Andrew Sargent

1948 - 1948

Henry Smith

1880 - 1883

John Jones

1949 - 1957

William Hirst

1884 - 1890

John Brown

1957 - 1966

Eric Tinney

1890 - 1906

Thomas Fielding

1967 - 1972

James Hughes

1906 - 1911

Willman Chappell

1973 - 1975

Ronald Scott

1912 - 1916

Edmund Hibbard

1976 - 1987

Ian McMillan

1917 - 1925

William Beer
1987 - 2001
Gordon Ellem

1925 - 1927
Edward Dumigon
2001 - 2006
Jacqui King

1927 - 1929
Joseph Wilson
2006 - Current
Keith Warwick

1929 - 1933
Charles Franklin