

# Daintree State School (1022)

## Queensland State School Reporting

### 2012 School Annual Report



**DAINTREE  
STATE SCHOOL**



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## Principal's foreword

### Introduction

The Annual School Report provides information on the overall performance of Daintree State School across a range of measures in 2012. This report contains an overview of the achievements and highlights at Daintree State School over the last year. A number of key actions have been implemented in the last 12 months to improve student learning and maximise achievement. This report also provides an overview of our priorities for 2013.

### School progress towards its goals in 2012

Our 2012 goals and actions, in line with Far North Queensland's school improvement agenda, were:

- ✓ Improve teaching - explicit teaching professional development, use of research-backed foundational programs and maintaining high expectations in all areas
- ✓ Refining and embedding data-based decision making – rigorously and individually tracking and monitoring each student's performance
- ✓ Refining and embedding planning & accountability systems – linking the school to regional improvement and accountability systems
- ✓ Connecting parents and care-givers with their child's learning – regular and personal feedback to each parent, sharing positive news and inviting parents and caregivers to events
- ✓ Enhancing teaching and student learning in a multi-age classroom with technology – continuing the school's iPads for teaching and learning initiative

### Future outlook

In 2013 Daintree State School will continue to build upon these improvement priorities:

- ✓ Improving teaching – including implementation of Australian Curriculum History
- ✓ Refining and embedding data-based decision making
- ✓ Refining and embedding planning & accountability systems
- ✓ Connecting parents and care-givers with their child's learning - development and implementation of a parent engagement framework.

# Our school at a glance

## School Profile

**Coeducational or single sex:** Coeducational

**Year levels offered in 2012:** Prep - Year 7

**Total student enrolments for this school: 16**

	Total	Girls	Boys	Enrolment Continuity (Feb – Nov)
2010	14	5	9	91%
2011	14	3	11	73%
2012	15	3	12	94%

Student counts are based on the Census (August) enrolment collection.

## Characteristics of the student body:

The Daintree State School student body is made up of families from the local Daintree Village and surrounding rural areas. Our indigenous student population was 18% in 2012. Students come from a variety of backgrounds and families in the area are predominantly employed in the tourism, farming, trade and service industries.

## Average Class sizes

Phase	Average Class Size		
	2010	2011	2012
Prep – Year 3	11	11	16
Year 4 – Year 10	as above	as above	as above
Year 11 – Year 12			

## School Disciplinary Absences

Disciplinary Absences	Count of Incidents		
	2010	2011	2012
Short Suspensions - 1 to 5 days	0	0	0
Long Suspensions - 6 to 20 days	0	0	0
Exclusions	0	0	0
Cancellations of Enrolment	0	0	0

## Curriculum offerings

### Our distinctive curriculum offerings

Daintree offers individualised Australian Curriculum programs in a multi-age classroom with a strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy skills and developing a range of qualities in each student including confidence and leadership.

We offer the Key Learning Areas of English, Maths, Science, Technology, Studies of Society and the Environment (SOSE), The Arts, Languages Other Than English (Japanese), and Health and Physical Education. In addition to these 8 subject areas, Daintree State School offered the following distinctive curriculum offerings:

- ✓ Multi-age class
- ✓ Focus on literacy and numeracy skills development
- ✓ Support programs for students with special needs
- ✓ Earth Smart and Reef Guardian Program (through Tinaroo Environmental Education Centre & GBRMPA)
- ✓ Swimming program in Term 4
- ✓ Interschool Sports Years 4-7
- ✓ Athletics Day
- ✓ Cross Country
- ✓ Student Leadership Camp and Program
- ✓ Student Council

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### Extra curricula activities

Extra-curricular activities include:

- ✓ Participation in the local Douglas Cluster of Schools Sporting Program – including Gala Days, Small Schools Sports Day, Cross Country and the Swimming Carnival
- ✓ Under 8's Day program with nearby schools
- ✓ Queensland Arts Council
- ✓ School Camps
- ✓ AFL Auskick Program
- ✓ Sport development programs
- ✓ NRL Rugby League Development Program and North Queensland Cowboys school visits
- ✓ Local Community Arts activities including NAIDOC Week
- ✓ Student council fun days

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### How Information and Communication Technologies are used to assist learning

Daintree State School continues to be recognised as a leader in using technology to assist students' learning.

Students interact naturally and on a daily basis with a range of technology and software including using iPads, laptops, interactive displays, digital cameras and digital video editors, as they complete set tasks and projects. Most lessons use technology for instruction and/or for independent work to engage and to broaden each student's learning.

All students have ready access to technology for their learning every day.

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# Our school at a glance

## Social climate

Providing a safe and supportive environment for each child is essential at Daintree State School. Each student has the right to feel safe, respected and be treated fairly at school. Students receive individualised support to help them achieve their potential, socially as well as academically, and an environment is created where each student feels confident to develop his or her skills and achieve highly in a wide range of areas. Issues with behaviour are managed in accordance with the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan. A supportive guidance officer is available for students and families requiring this service. Students enjoy coming to Daintree State School and relate well with each other and with staff, and this is evidenced by high student and parent satisfaction with the school.

## Parent, student and staff satisfaction with the school

Daintree State School enjoys exceptionally high satisfaction ratings among parents, students and staff.

### Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown\*)

Percentage of parents/caregivers who agree that:	2012 <sup>#</sup>
their child is getting a good education at school	100.0%
this is a good school	100.0%
their child likes being at this school*	100.0%
their child feels safe at this school*	100.0%
their child's learning needs are being met at this school*	100.0%
their child is making good progress at this school*	100.0%
teachers at this school expect their child to do his or her best*	100.0%
teachers at this school provide their child with useful feedback about his or her school work*	100.0%
teachers at this school motivate their child to learn*	100.0%
teachers at this school treat students fairly*	85.7%
they can talk to their child's teachers about their concerns*	100.0%
this school works with them to support their child's learning*	100.0%
this school takes parents' opinions seriously*	100.0%
student behaviour is well managed at this school*	85.7%
this school looks for ways to improve*	100.0%
this school is well maintained*	100.0%

### Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown\*)

## Our school at a glance

Percentage of students who agree that:	2012 <sup>#</sup>
they are getting a good education at school	100.0%
they like being at their school*	100.0%
they feel safe at their school*	100.0%
their teachers motivate them to learn*	100.0%
their teachers expect them to do their best*	100.0%
their teachers provide them with useful feedback about their school work*	100.0%
teachers treat students fairly at their school*	100.0%
they can talk to their teachers about their concerns*	100.0%
their school takes students' opinions seriously*	100.0%
student behaviour is well managed at their school*	100.0%
their school looks for ways to improve*	100.0%
their school is well maintained*	100.0%
their school gives them opportunities to do interesting things*	100.0%

### Performance measure (Nationally agreed items shown\*)

Percentage of school staff who agree:	2012 <sup>#</sup>
that they have good access to quality professional development	100.0%
with the individual staff morale items	100.0%

\* Nationally agreed student and parent/caregiver items were incorporated in the School Opinion Survey in 2012.

<sup>#</sup> Percentage of respondents who Somewhat Agree, Agree or Strongly Agree with the statement. Due to changes to the School Opinion Surveys in 2012, comparisons with results for previous years are not recommended.

DW = Data withheld to ensure confidentiality.

### Involving parents in their child's education

Parents are active partners in their child's education at Daintree State School. There is a high level of communication between parents and carers and the school. This frequent informal contact, along with parent-teacher interviews and other meetings, means that each student's progress and needs can be individually managed and tracked so that parents and guardians know how their children are progressing and adjustments can be made where required. Parents are also encouraged to support the school's daily reading program with students at school and at home.

## Reducing the school's environmental footprint

Data is sourced from school's annual utilities return and is reliant on the accuracy of these returns.

Daintree State School makes efforts to reduce its environmental footprint through recycling and education programs in energy reduction.

	Environmental footprint indicators	
	Electricity kWh	Water kL
2009-2010	14,609	153
2010-2011	14,479	63
2011-2012	15,159	96

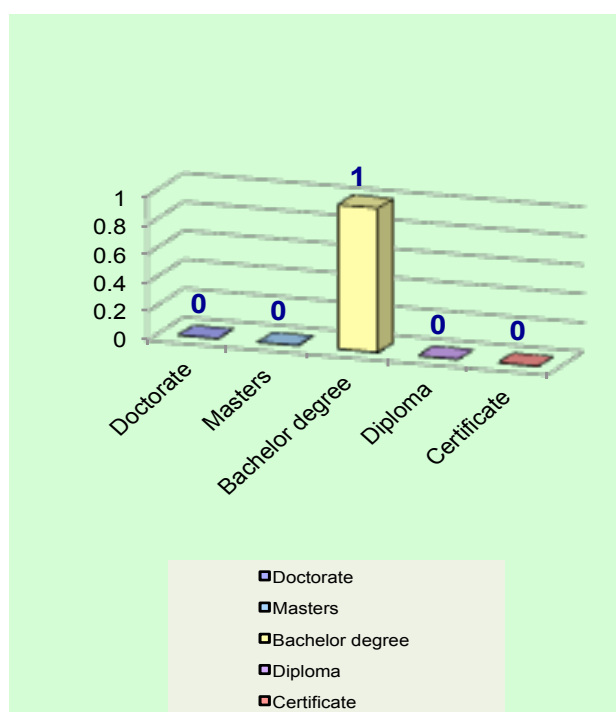
# Our staff profile

## Staff composition, including Indigenous staff

2012 Workforce Composition	Teaching Staff	Non-teaching Staff	Indigenous Staff
Headcounts	2	5	0
Full-time equivalents	1.2	1.8	0

## Qualifications of all teachers

Highest level of attainment	Number of classroom teachers and school leaders at the school
Doctorate	0
Masters	0
Bachelor degree	1
Diploma	0
Certificate	0



## Expenditure on and teacher participation in professional development

The total funds expended on teacher professional development in 2012 were \$3800.

The major professional development initiatives are as follows:

- ✓ Explicit Instruction training
- ✓ Mentoring and peer learning circles

The proportion of the teaching staff involved in professional development activities during 2012 was 100%.

Average staff attendance	2010	2011	2012
Staff attendance for permanent and temporary staff and school leaders.	98.2%	99%	97%

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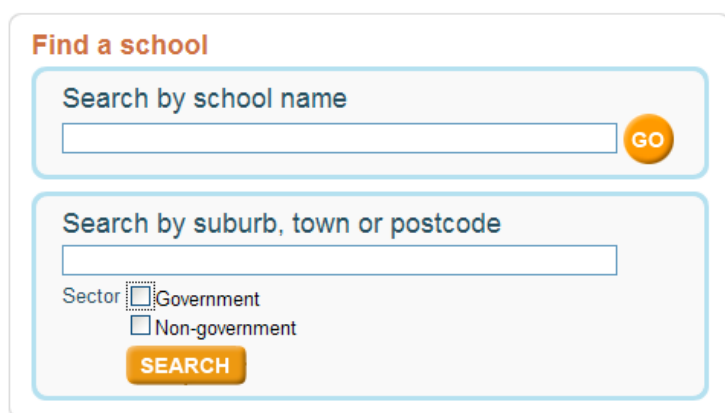
### Proportion of staff retained from the previous school year

From the end of the previous school year, 100% of staff were retained by the school for the entire 2012 school year.

### School income broken down by funding source

School income broken down by funding source is available via the My School website at <http://www.myschool.edu.au/>.

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School financial information is available by selecting '**School finances**' in the menu box in the top left corner of the school's entry web page. If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the school for a paper copy of income by funding source.



# Performance of our students

## Key student outcomes

### Student attendance

	2010	2011	2012
The overall attendance rate for the students at this school (shown as a percentage).	93%	97%	88%

The overall attendance rate in 2012 for all Queensland state Primary schools was 93%.

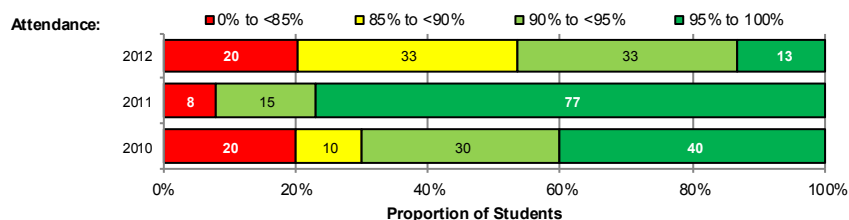
### Student attendance rate for each year level (shown as a percentage)

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
2010		DW		97%	DW	93%	97%					
2011	90%	DW	DW		100%		96%					
2012	93%	DW	91%	77%	DW	90%						

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### Student Attendance Distribution

The proportions of students by attendance range.



### Description of how non-attendance is managed by the school

Non-attendance is managed in state schools in line with the DET policies, SMS-PR-029: Managing Student Absences and SMS-PR-036: Roll Marking in State Schools, which outline processes for managing and recording student attendance and absenteeism.

Class rolls are marked before 9am in the morning and again after second break in the afternoon. We are currently introducing electronic roll marking via One School. Extended unexplained absences are followed up by the Principal. Parents are contacted and asked to explain the reason for extended numbers of absences. A plan for more regular attendance is created and student attendance is then monitored regularly.

### National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) results – our reading, writing, spelling, grammar and punctuation, and numeracy results for the Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

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### Achievement – Closing the Gap

It is difficult to measure cohort improvement in our Closing the Gap report due to the very small number of indigenous students at the school.