

School Context Statement

Mannum Community College

It is an exciting and challenging time for students and educators in Mannum as the Primary and High School have amalgamated to form Mannum Community College, on one site in 2006.

The new school is located on the old High School site, across the road from the old Primary School. To facilitate this, a \$3 million building program was completed in 2005. This included newly constructed Primary buildings, Community Library and refurbished Middle and Senior School and Administration facilities. Subsequent DTEI funds are being used to build a new Middle School (\$2,000,000) plus a Language Learning Centre and ICT Centre (\$1,000,000). These are due for completion in early 2010. Once completed, a new Home Ec. Centre will be built using school funds.

1. General Information:

Principal: Mr Steve Hicks
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February FTE Enrolment	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Primary						
Reception	24	26	30	41	21	29
Year 1	25	29	25	17	36	33
Year 2	25	24	29	24	19	31
Year 3	27	30	27	28	22	35
Year 4	30	26	31	25	30	23
Year 5	34	28	24	33	28	25
Year 6	27	38	32	29	35	30
Year 7	26	35	36	33	28	28
Secondary						
Year 8	28	29	34	39	34	38
Year 9	34	28	25	37	40	31
Year 10	27	33	28	27	35	37
Year 11	14	23	22	21	24	40
Year 12	24	7	16	22	30	36
Totals	345	356	359	376	382	416

Leadership Structure: Mannum Community College has a Principal, and three Assistant Principals (Reception-Yr 5, Yrs 6-8 and Yrs 9-12) and a Student Engagement Coordinator, as well as a Primary Student Counsellor, Senior Student Counsellor, Christian Pastoral Support Worker and Special Education Teachers. Short term Leadership positions currently include a Numeracy and an ICT Co-ordinator to support site improvement plan initiation.

Out of School Hours Care: No after school care is provided.

Enrolment Trends: Enrolments have risen dramatically in the last 7 years due to a significant change in the school's culture. The High School has had a 221% increase in enrolments, and this trend is expected to continue. As confidence in our Education Program continues to grow, families are choosing to transfer their children back to Mannum Community College. This has resulted in subject offerings increasing markedly due to increased enrolments (26 new subjects since 2004).

Year of Opening: Mannum Primary – 1927, Mannum High – 1969; Mannum Community College – 2006.

Students (and their welfare): Students come from families within the town of Mannum, as well as smaller communities, such as Walker Flat, Caloote, Younghusband and Bowhill, and from rural farms. We have bus runs to service these areas. As traditional employment declines, Tourism and Hospitality are emerging as strong sources of employment.

% School Card	-	36%	% AET	-	8.6%
% NESB	-	0%	% Bus Students	-	24%

Student Management: A new behaviour management policy is in place, with a strong emphasis on encouraging and recognising positive behaviour. The acronym RIVER has been adopted to reflect our **school values**, which are: **Respect, Integrity, Vitality, Excellence and Responsibility.**

Vertically grouped classes exist throughout the school including Year 9/10 and some Year 11/12 to increase curriculum offerings.

Student Voice: The SRC is effective and active, with representation on school committees and Governing Council.

Special Programs:

- Reading Recovery.
- Guided Reading
- Asia Week
- Electro-technology (VET)
- Gymnastics
- Participation in the World Solar Car Challenge
- Participation in many other community projects and events
- Camps and Outdoor Education Programs.
- Pedal Prix – 3 teams
- 8 – 10 Research Project
- Choir
- Catering Crew
- Sensory Integration Program
- Riding for the Disabled

School Visions: Mannum Community College is in the process of developing its own identity, principles, values and vision drawing on strength of staff, students, parents and community and thus creating a unique and excellent school catering for the community of Mannum and surrounding areas.

Mannum Community College is inclusive of all students; and focuses on their personal development. Staff are encouraged to take risks with innovative projects, and pathways both to vocations and further study are actively promoted and developed.

SCHOOL VISION

Working with the wider Mannum Community to offer a safe, yet challenging school programme, that develops all students as successful, life-long resilient learners, with respect for themselves, others and the environment.

Current Strategic Direction:

- ICT
- Learner wellbeing
- Literacy/Numeracy.
- Student engagement.

Curriculum: The curriculum is made up of the eight required SACSAF Areas of Learning R-10. In Yr 11 & 12, a wide range of SACE subjects is offered and there is a commitment to face-to-face teaching, despite small numbers in some classes. VET, School Based Apprenticeships and PLP/Work Experience are also offered.

There is a strong commitment to The Arts, with Music, Choir, Dance and Visual Arts classes (including Design, Painting and Drawing, Clay, Sculpture).

Technology units include Woodwork, Metalwork, Pedal Prix, Textiles, Food and Hospitality and ICT (including Multimedia). Tourism continues to be a strong focus for the school particularly in light of Mannum's strong tourism profile.

Negotiated education plans are developed for particular students, and support is provided for these to be implemented.

Sporting Activities : Students have the opportunity to be involved in School based activities including swimming and athletics, as well as Interschool competitions through SAPSASA, CMMASA and SASSSA.

A number of sports clubs operate in the town and provide opportunities at junior and senior levels.

The Mannum Leisure Centre is adjacent to the school grounds, and its facilities, including a stage, gymnasium, basketball and squash courts are used by the school on an ongoing basis. There is also a swimming pool used for swimming lessons and carnivals.

Staff (and their Welfare): Staff live in Mannum and surrounding districts including Murray Bridge, Myponga, Adelaide Hills and Adelaide. Staff work and socialise well together, with a number of T&D opportunities, as well as social events. All staff have adequate office space and access to ICT equipment.

Performance Management: The school has a performance management process based on the SIP and self review process and regular meetings occur between line managers and staff.

Access to Regional Support Staff: Support available includes access to a Guidance Officer, Interagency support, Disability support, Distance Education, and Instrumental Music.

Buildings and Grounds: The existing High School building has been renovated extensively, and now contains the Administration area, staff room, teacher preparation areas, science labs, canteen and general learning areas purpose built for Middle and Senior School Students.

4 new relocatable buildings cater for the R-5 students. Each building includes 2 classrooms, a wet area and computer area. There is an established Asia Garden near the Primary area. The existing Arts building has been upgraded and the home economics area is due for upgrade. The grounds include soft and hard play areas, a large oval and a swimming pool. An exciting Junior School playground was constructed with volunteer help. The Mannum Kindergarten is located next to the school grounds.

Decision Making Structures: The Governing Council is the peak decision making body. Staff meetings are held each week, and staff participate actively in decision making. Both Staff meetings and SRC make recommendations re policy through relevant forums.

An extensive committee structure is in place with representation from all sectors of the school community.

Regular Publications: A newsletter is published fortnightly. Close contact is encouraged between families and school. Daily notices are computer generated for staff and students. The school has a highly developed Moodle site for both communication/curriculum purposes.

School Financial Position: Mannum Community College is in a sound financial position.

Local Community: Mannum is an attractive town of some 2000 people located adjacent to the River Murray, 84kms from Adelaide and a 20 minute drive from Murray Bridge. Its easy access and location make it a popular tourist destination, and it is one of the largest houseboat centres in South Australia. Considerable residential and commercial development is occurring in the town, and the population is likely to grow significantly in the years to come. The Mid Murray Council Office is located in Mannum and services a wide area ranging from Truro to Morgan, downstream to Mannum.

The town is well provided for with a hospital and Medical Centre, supermarket, chemist, newsagent, bank, hardware/electrical and other specialist stores, two hotels and a Community Club. Excellent sporting facilities are available, including golf, bowls, football, netball, tennis, basketball and squash. Other facilities are readily accessible in Murray Bridge, Mount Barker or Adelaide (Tea Tree Plaza is less than an hours drive away). A major shopping centre development on Adelaide Road in Mannum is in the planning stage.

Other: Mannum Community College is an exciting, stimulating and vibrant school. The coming years will see the school build on this solid base to establish a centre of educational excellence.