

Strategic Directions 2008

Objective	Strategy	Outcomes
<p>1. To improve student learning using scientific inquiry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish staff committee to implement the Science priority with representation from each level of schooling</li> <li>• Provide ongoing professional learning for staff in working scientifically through the SACSAs science strands and the IBMYP</li> <li>• Identify &amp; purchase required resources</li> <li>• Explicitly teach scientific literacy</li> <li>• Guide students to think using critical questioning and dialogue to explore scientific issues (eg moral, ethical, sustainability)</li> <li>• Initiate a Science themed Expo Night to be held in Term 3 2008</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 85% of students are working at their age appropriate level or above in Science using the SACSAs and IBMYP outcomes.</li> <li>• Students use their literacy and numeracy skills to articulate their learning in Science.</li> <li>• Science resources are improved. All science resources are bar-coded and then borrowed from the Resource Centre.</li> <li>• Staff have developed a scope &amp; sequence with a two year cycle.</li> </ul>
<p>2. To develop and improve student /staff well being</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students are actively involved in working with staff and parents to implement the appropriate year levels of the Drug Strategy scope and sequences</li> <li>• Parent members of the Drug Strategy Team continue their successful role of raising awareness about student well being and drug taking issues with the wider school community</li> <li>• A peer support group is established and trained using Restorative Justice principles to assist with issues in the school yard.</li> <li>• Implement child protection strategies and procedures.</li> <li>• Continue planning/fundraising for a new Multi-Purpose Hall so that students, staff and the community have a facility which caters for a variety of indoor physical activities to promote well being.</li> <li>• Promote healthy eating habits.</li> <li>• Maintain and increase mentoring programs (Kids Hope, LAP, CPWS) to meet the needs of students in our community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The school community has a common understanding of well being for self and others.</li> <li>• The principles and processes of the Drug Strategy are incorporated into appropriate curriculum areas in all classes (R-7)</li> <li>• Students demonstrate increased engagement with peer mediators and incidences of bullying and harassment are reduced.</li> <li>• Parents support their child's understanding of DECS Child Protection Strategy at the appropriate level.</li> <li>• All students are physically active for an average of 30 mins each day.</li> <li>• Students and parents are aware of new regulations for "Healthy Eating"</li> <li>• Students choose healthy food and develop good eating habits which are supported by Kids Eat Fresh and parents providing "Brain Food" whilst staff support students to drink water throughout the school day.</li> </ul>
<p>3. To encourage active participation of all groups and individuals in the Hawthorndene Primary School community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance school promotion via Assemblies, Acquaintance Night, Open Nights, parent networks, kindy transition program and encouragement of parent participation in all sub-committees and sporting groups.</li> <li>• Increase inter-generational appreciation and connection within our school community</li> <li>• Parents are given the opportunity via feedback forms, surveys and regular opportunities for communication with staff to provide information about communication and how to improve it.</li> <li>• Improved communication between families &amp; school is evident</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students to visit Kalyra or other aged facilities in our district and cultivate positive connections.</li> <li>• Lions, Rotary and other clubs invited to attend special events.</li> <li>• Re-introduce Grandparents Day.</li> <li>• E-mail is encouraged as an option for parents to provide communication and feedback.</li> <li>• Photos or current activities posted on Hawthorndene Primary School website</li> <li>• Information about each class is provided on our website.</li> </ul>

