

# MINIMBAH PRIMARY SCHOOL



**ABN: 92326504029**

## **2023 Annual Report Educational and Financial Reporting**

# **ANNUAL EDUCATIONAL AND FINANCIAL REPORT 2023**

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## **1. Message from Key Stakeholders**

### **1.1 SCHOOL BOARD – Report**

During 2023 the board met on six occasions throughout the year. At these meetings the priority was always given to the budget and financial situation of the school. The accountants attended these meetings and gave comprehensive reports to the board so we could make financial decisions for the future of the Primary School.

At the end of 2022 we were in a stable financial position. This got us off to a good start at the beginning of 2023 where we could approve spending for large items such as the school's covered walkways and laptops for the students as well as maintenance work on the buildings. This year the board approved the ongoing technology program where students are given a laptop to use throughout the year and keep if their attendance is 80% or better. This is a great incentive for students to attend school every day. Most students took home a laptop at the end of the year and new laptops have been purchased for the 2023 school year.

We, as a board are proud to be associated with an Aboriginal organization where the majority of staff are Aboriginal and all staff have the necessary qualifications and skills as per government regulations and operating requirements (probity checks and relevant tertiary qualifications) in order to keep their program area going.

The past year has been a year of ongoing maintenance and infrastructure development, which will hopefully be completed by the end of 2024. Community members have expressed appreciation for these obvious improvements which enables them to feel more confident about the future of Minimbah.

We are all looking forward to the 2024 school year.

Finally, as elected board members I leave you with the following governance issues that we as a board have discussed over the 2022 school year.

1. New outdoor learning area and shade for assembly area which has been purchased and installed.
2. Laptops for students
3. Staff pay increases
4. Adherence to NESA inspection requirements and training.
5. Review Minimbah Policy documents

Report approved by:  
Kenneth Froome

### **1.2. EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL – Report**

#### **Message from the Principal**

I am pleased to present to you the 2023 Minimbah Primary School Annual Report. I am very proud of the staff, students and families for their dedication to education and their efforts to ensure that the high quality of learning continued in 2023.

We are very happy that our student enrolment has increased from 45 in 2022 to 53 in 2023, and is predicted to keep increasing into 2024 and beyond. We are in the process of constructing

a new classroom to cater for the increasing numbers. This will be completed in 2024.

In 2023, all students who have at least 80% attendance over the whole school year earn the right to keep the computer that had been purchased for their use. This policy has been a good incentive for both parents and students to keep up a good attendance rate throughout the year.

Our aim is to deliver an educational program that meets the needs of individual learners in an inclusive way. We recognize that our children have a unique heritage as the First Australians, which must continue to grow and develop into the future and for generations to come.

At Minimbah Primary School (MPS) we value a nurturing and respectful environment and encourage a team approach involving students, staff, parents and care givers, Elders and community members. We provide opportunities for students to develop into confident citizens capable of making a positive contribution to their and the broader community. In 2023 we included more Aboriginal culture and language into the student learning. This has had very positive feedback from both students and families.

The School provides an educational program based on, and taught in accordance with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) syllabuses for Primary Education. The Key Learning Areas (KLAs) are English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, History and Geography, Creative Arts and Personal Development, Health and Physical Education.

Across the school we engaged all students in programs such as MiniLit and MacqLit in an attempt to close the gap between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal students. This is proving to be very successful for our students.

InitialLit is the core program to teach phonics in Early Stage 1 and Stage 1. The program explicitly and systematically teaches phonics, phonemic awareness and reading. Minimbah continued to employ specialist teachers for Music, Library and Art in 2023. All students spend time during their school week learning from these teachers and benefit from the expertise of these teachers. Library lessons are linked to the grade's English and HSIE or Science and Technology units and are combined with the use of ICT and STEM activities.

Minimbah Primary School has committed, proactive teachers and a dedicated support staff working to help each child to reach their full potential. At Minimbah Primary School the differences in children's learning styles are recognised and supported. Our staff set high expectations and implement a wide variety of innovative teaching practices. All staff members are active in pursuing professional learning throughout the year. At Minimbah we are fortunate to have such a committed staff, both as teachers and in other support roles.

During 2022, our staff and board have been stable and maintaining this stability and the deep understanding of Minimbah culture is especially important as we look ahead.

I would like to thank the members of our school board for their hours of service to our school. The staff also deserve thanks for their dedication, love and support of the students enrolled at our school. I also thank the students for being the wonderful little people they are and making the school a great place to be, and the parents and carers for trusting us with the education of their children.

I certify that the information in this report is the result of a detailed school self-evaluation process and it is a true and accurate account of the achievements, operations and focus for improvement.

Jennifer Brown

Executive Principal

30 June 2023

## **2. CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SCHOOL AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE STUDENT BODY**

Minimbah Primary School is a small independent school in Armidale, NSW for Aboriginal children that was established in 1996. Minimbah welcomes all students from Kindergarten to Year 6 into our family orientated school community. The school enrolment at the time of the annual census for 2023 was **53** students with 37 boys and 16 girls in the Primary School. This is an increase of **9** from the last reporting period. There are 3 classes in the primary school consisting of K-2, 3-4 and 5-6.

The Primary School was established so that the preschoolers had a seamless transition into primary school. This year we opened the new Preschool Transition room so that our preschool students could start their transition to primary school early in the year.

Being an Aboriginal school, we have a commitment stronger than many similar establishments to help achieve the outcomes mainstream Australia see as a norm. We understand many of our students face added challenges in their education due to both their cultural background and socio-economic background.

98% of our students identify as Aboriginal. Minimbah is an Independent school, with a number of students who have special needs.

## **3. STUDENT OUTCOMES IN STANDARDISED NATIONAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY TESTING**

### **LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENTS IN YEARS 3 & 5**

Results for the 2023 NAPLAN tests are available on the Minimbah page of the MySchool website. For these results, follow the link to: <http://www.myschool.edu.au>.

In 2023 we had 7 year 3 students and 6 year 5 students who participated in the NAPLAN tests.

The chart below displays average NAPLAN bands for each domain.

	Reading		Writing		Spelling		Grammar and Punctuation		Numeracy	
Year 3	269 Close to		262 Close to		272 Close to		292 Close to		305 Above	
	Similar 274	All 405	Similar 283	All 461	Similar 274	All 404	Similar 285	All 441	Similar 289	All 407
Year 5	349 Close to		327 Close to		334 Close to		317 Close to		392 Above	
	Similar 352	All 496	Similar 333	All 483	Similar 341	All 489	Similar 339	All 497	Similar 368	All 488

#### 4. PROFESSIONAL LEARNING AND STANDARDS

##### 4.1 TABLE: TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS CATEGORY NUMBER OF TEACHERS

Teachers having a bachelor degree from a higher education institution within Australia or one recognised within the AEINOOSR guidelines but lack formal teacher education qualifications	<b>4.8</b>
Teachers who have qualifications as a graduate from a higher education institution within Australia or one recognized within the AEI-NOOSR guidelines but lack formal teacher education qualifications, or	<b>0</b>

Please see the My School website for total teacher numbers: <http://www.myschool.edu.au>

##### 4.2 SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING UNDERTAKEN BY TEACHERS IN 2022

The teachers at the school (including senior executive) participated in a range of professional learning activities. These opportunities ranged from whole staff internal PD days to staff attending courses run by external providers such as the Association of Independent Schools and others.

During 2023, significant achievements were made through professional learning and developing teacher standards including the following:

## DESCRIPTION OF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING ACTIVITY NUMBER OF STAFF PARTICIPATING

Obligations in Identifying & Responding to Children & Young People at Risk (AIS)	<b>14</b>
Child protection Information Session (School PL)	<b>14</b>
First Aid – Anaphylaxis & Asthma, CPR	<b>14</b>
MultiLit Training	<b>5</b>
Governance Symposium	<b>1</b>
Lessons from the Outside: The Future of Governance in Independent Schools	<b>1</b>
Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Voice across the Curriculum	<b>4</b>
AISNSW Wingara Film Screening: The Last Daughter	<b>4</b>
Governance Workshop	<b>1</b>
Convergence	<b>1</b>
Developing Reconciliation Action Plans and Culturally Responsive Schools	<b>6</b>
AISNSW Curriculum Leaders Conference 2023: Oceans of Possibilities	<b>2</b>
Understanding the Ongoing Impact of Trauma in Aboriginal Communities	<b>4</b>

## 5. WORKFORCE COMPOSITION

The workforce composition is shown in the chart below:

<i>Positions</i>	<i>Name</i>	
Executive Principal	Jennifer Brown	
Administration Assistant	Merilyn Wilcox	
<i>Number of Staff</i>	<i>Full Time</i>	<i>Part Time</i>
Total Number of Teachers	3	3
Total number of support staff	1	8
Total number of Indigenous staff	2	8

## 6. STUDENT ATTENDANCE AND RETENTION RATES

### Attendance Rates

<b>Year Level</b>	<b>Attendance Rate</b>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	<b>82.4%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>81.5%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>75.9%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>77%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>80.1%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>79.5%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>79.2%</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>79.4%</b>

The *My School* website shows a whole school attendance rate of **82%**. However, this data is collected at the end of term three and does not take term 4 into account. The above data is taken from our Sentral Data Base and covers the entire year.

### **6.1 MANAGEMENT OF NON-ATTENDANCE**

Student attendance is recorded in the school's database (Sentral Education database) and absences are recorded according to the NESA Attendance Register Codes. Leave is applied for on the "Application for Exemption from Attending School" and, if approved by the Principal, a Certificate of Exemption is issued.

Unexplained absences are followed up by school administration daily, along with ensuring written confirmation for the absence is also received. Teachers mark class rolls each morning before 10am. The school's Home/School Liaison Officer continued to make home visits during the 2023 school year with the aim of explaining the importance of regular attendance and helping to get students to school who had poor attendance rates.

## **7. ENROLMENT POLICIES**

Minimbah Primary School is an Independent Aboriginal school. The school comprises a Co-educational Primary School with classes from Kindergarten to Year six.

The school welcomes students from a range of cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds and overseas students.

Offers of places are made at the discretion of the Executive Principal. Places may be offered at all year levels, where vacancies exist.

### **APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT**

1. Student Enrolment Forms are available from the Front Office.
2. Details of the enrolment process are provided by the principal during the enrolment interview.
3. Parents return a signed Student Enrolment Form to the school as soon as possible. This places the student on the registered student list for future enrolment in the year indicated. All registered students are placed on the school's waiting list.
4. No fees are charged at our school.
5. For this information, the word "parents" includes guardians and care givers, if applicable.
6. Parents will be advised as soon as is practicable, if there is a place at the school.
7. The place will be offered, after interview and with due consideration by the Principal, or his/her delegate.
8. Subject to provisions in the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1997*, the school reserves the right to decline enrolment to any student without expressing any reason for its decision. The inclusion of a student on the waiting list does not guarantee his or her acceptance as a student.



9. A student is deemed to be enrolled at the school, following the acceptance by the Principal and return of the signed Enrolment Form.
10. It is a condition of enrolment and continued attendance of students at the school that parents, on their own behalf and on behalf of the student, are aware of the policies of the School and accept that such enrolment or continued attendance of the student is conditional upon the observance of the policies of the School.
11. The school will contact parents on a regular basis to ensure that it has accurate and current contact information, including addresses, phone numbers and medical information.
12. The school expects parents promptly to inform the school if contact or medical information changes.

### STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

13. MPS will offer all students, regardless of whether they have a disability, the same educational opportunities. This means that if a person with a disability meets the necessary entry requirements of the school, he or she will have the same entitlement to enroll at school as everyone else.
14. Parents are requested in the Enrolment Form to inform the school if their child has any disability or learning difficulty which may affect his or her education and which may require adjustments by the school to meet these special needs.
15. Prior to offering a place at the school, the school may consult with the student and his/her parents about the disability or learning difficulty and its effect on the student's capacity to participate in the school's courses of study and programs and to use the facilities and services provided by the school. The purpose of this consultation will be to assist the school to consider and identify whether any reasonable adjustment is necessary and can be made to the student's participation at the school.

### 8. OTHER SCHOOL POLICIES

The school seeks to provide a safe and supportive environment to ensure all aspects of the school's mission for providing for a student's welfare are implemented the following policies and procedures were being drafted and/or revised during 2023:

#### Policy Changes in 2023

POLICY	CHANGES IN 2023	ACCESS TO FULL TEXT
<b>Induction Process for New Responsible Persons Policy</b>	Implemented in 2017 Reviewed January 2018 Reviewed January 2019 Reviewed April 2020 Reviewed March 2021 Reviewed February 2022 Reviewed February 2023	Parents and Board members may request a copy by contacting the principal. Minimbah staff may access this policy on the school server
<b>Behaviour Support Policy (including Discipline, Anti-bullying, &amp; Behaviour Management):</b> The school seeks to provide a safe & supportive environment which:	Updated in 2017. We replaced the "Student Welfare Policy" with the "Behaviour Support Policy" to encompass the areas of Discipline, Anti-	Parents may request a copy by contacting the principal. Minimbah staff may access this policy on the school server

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimizes risk of harm and ensures students feel secure</li> <li>Supports the physical, social, academic and emotional development of students</li> <li>Provides student welfare policies and programs that develop a sense of self-worth and foster personal development</li> </ul> <p>This policy includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definitions &amp; concepts</li> <li>Legislative requirements</li> <li>Preventative strategies</li> <li>Reporting &amp; investigating “reportable conduct”</li> <li>Investigation process Documentation</li> </ul> <p><b>Discipline:</b> The school expressly prohibits corporal punishment and does not explicitly or implicitly sanction the administering of corporal punishment by non-school persons, including parents, to enforce discipline at the school. All behaviour management actions are based on procedural fairness. Parents are involved in the processes of procedural fairness when sanctions result in suspension and expulsion of a student. Disciplinary actions do not include expulsion.</p> <p><b>Anti-bullying:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The school policy provides processes for responding and managing allegations of bullying for students, parents &amp; staff.</li> <li>Definitions &amp; concepts</li> <li>Legislative requirements</li> <li>Preventative strategies</li> <li>Investigation processes</li> </ul> <p><b>Behaviour Management:</b> This policy includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definitions &amp; concepts</li> <li>Legislative requirements</li> <li>Preventative strategies</li> <li>School based routines to manage student behavior in all aspects of school life.</li> </ul>	<p>bullying and Behaviour Management. Pastoral Care is included in this policy.</p> <p>Reviewed February 2019 Reviewed &amp; Revised February 2020 to include Anti-bullying Reviewed March 2021 Reviewed March 2022 Reviewed February 2023</p>	
<p><b>Child Protection Policy - 1.</b> Introduction 1.1 Purpose and scope This policy sets out staff responsibilities for child protection and processes that staff must follow in relation to child protection matters. This policy applies to all staff members, which includes employees, contractors and volunteers. Staff members who fail to adhere to this policy may be in breach of their terms of employment. 1.2 Key legislation There are four key pieces of child protection legislation in New South Wales:</p>	<p>Updated in 2017 Reviewed March 2018 Reviewed &amp; revised November 2019 Reviewed &amp; revised February 2020 Reviewed March 2021 Reviewed February 2022 Reviewed February 2023</p>	<p>Parents may request a copy by contacting the principal. Minimbah staff may access this policy on the school server.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Children and Young Persons (Care and Protection) Act 1998 (“Care and Protection Act”);</li> <li>• the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 (“WWC Act”);</li> <li>• the Children’s Guardian Act 2019 (“Children’s Guardian Act”)</li> <li>• the Crimes Act 1900 (“Crimes Act”).</li> </ul> <p>1.3 Related policies</p> <p>There are a number of other School policies that relate to child protection that staff members must be aware of and understand including (but not limited to):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Code of Conduct - sets out information about the standards of behaviour expected of all staff members;</li> <li>• Work Health and Safety Statement - identifies the obligations imposed by work health and safety legislation on the School and staff members;</li> <li>• Discrimination, Harassment and Bullying Statement - summarises obligations in relation to unlawful discrimination, harassment and bullying;</li> <li>• Complaint Handling Procedures – provides the steps taken by the School in addressing complaints; and</li> <li>• Behaviour Support Policy with reference to bullying</li> </ul> <p>1.4 Compliance and records</p> <p>The Principal or their delegate monitors compliance with this policy and securely maintains School records relevant to this policy, which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• register of staff members who have read and acknowledged that they read and understood this policy;</li> <li>• working with children check clearance (WWCC clearance) verifications;</li> <li>• mandatory reports to the Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ), previously known as Family and Community Services; and</li> <li>• reports of reportable conduct allegations, the outcome of reportable conduct investigations, and/or criminal convictions.</li> </ul> <p>2. Child protection</p> <p>The safety, protection and welfare of students is the responsibility of all staff members and encompasses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a duty of care to ensure that reasonable steps are taken to prevent harm to students which could reasonably have been foreseen; and</li> <li>• obligations under child protection legislation.</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Complaints &amp; Grievances - POLICY STATEMENT</b></p>	<p>Reviewed February 2020 Reviewed March 2021</p>	<p>Parents may request a copy by contacting the principal. Minimbah</p>

<p>A resolution to a grievance at Minimbah Primary School from a student, or parent should first be sought through discussions with the appropriate person in order to come to a mutually acceptable solution. If this process is unsuccessful, a <b>formal</b> Grievance Procedure will be followed.</p> <p><b>RATIONALE</b></p> <p>Minimbah Primary School has a responsibility to ensure that high standards of conduct are maintained by students and parents at all times, and that grievances are managed and resolved fairly, efficiently and in a timely manner.</p> <p>Grievances occur when a student or parent complains that an action or decision has been taken (or not taken) at the school that he/she believes to be unreasonable.</p> <p>Minimbah Primary School recognises the rights of its students or parents to register a complaint or grievance about any decision, behaviour, act or omission that they feel is unfair, discriminatory or unjustified.</p> <p>This Grievance Policy does not apply to complaints alleging criminal or unlawful behaviour, which shall be referred to the appropriate authorities.</p> <p><b>This policy includes</b> specific reference to processes for raising and responding to matters of concern identified by students and/or parents, including:</p> <p>“application of the ‘hearing rule’ and the ‘right to unbiased decision’ when implementing policies and procedures where decisions are to be made which affect the rights of others.”</p> <p>(Section 10 of the <b>Registered and Accredited Individual Non-government Schools (NSW) Manual</b> January 2016 (incorporating changes from 2004 to 2016))</p> <p><b>1) Informal Stage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is usual that the student or parent/caregiver will communicate directly with the member of staff concerned. This may be by letter, telephone, or in person, by making an appointment.</li> <li>• Many concerns can be resolved at this stage, and it is anticipated that the vast majority of cases will be resolved.</li> <li>• In the case of more serious concerns, it may be referred directly to the principal. If reasonable requests to find an informal resolution are declined, the process may be terminated immediately.</li> </ul>	<p>Reviewed February 2022 Reviewed February 2023</p>	<p>staff may access this policy on the school server.</p> <p>A brief outline of the policy is also included in the Parent handbook which is given to all new enrolments.</p>
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<p>2) <b>Formal Stage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the initial complaint from a student or parent/caregiver is not resolved at the informal stage the student or parent/caregiver must put the complaint in writing and pass this to the principal, who will be responsible for carrying out the investigation. In the case of very young children the parent/caregiver or teacher may scribe for the child.</li> <li>• The complaint should include details which may assist the investigation, such as names of potential witnesses, dates and times of events and copies of any relevant documents (ie, previous correspondence)</li> <li>• The principal will collect other evidence if necessary. Where this involves an interview with a member of staff, who is the subject of the complaint, the staff member may choose to bring a IEU representative to the meeting.</li> <li>• The investigation will begin as soon as possible and when it has been concluded, the complainant and the member of staff concerned will be informed in writing of the outcome.</li> </ul> <p>This may be to the effect that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is insufficient evidence to reach a conclusion, so the complaint cannot be upheld</li> <li>• The concern is not substantiated by evidence</li> <li>• The concern was partly or fully substantiated. Some details may be then be given of action the school may be taking to review procedures, but details of the investigation or disciplinary procedures will not be released</li> <li>• The matter has been fully investigated and that appropriate procedures are being followed, which are strictly confidential</li> <li>• The student or parent/caregiver will be informed that consideration of their complaint is now concluded</li> <li>• If the complainant is not satisfied with the manner in which the process has been followed, they may request that the Minimbah School Board review the process undertaken by the Principal in handling the complaint. Any such request must be made in a</li> </ul>		
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timely manner after receiving notice of the outcome from the Principal.		
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## 9. SCHOOL DETERMINED PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN 2022

Strategic planning through the course of 2023 focused on the development and revision of all school policies. We are now satisfied that we now have all required policies for the day-to-day operation of the Primary School in place.

During 2023 we also focused on improving the facilities at our school.

During a whole school review, the following areas for improvement had been identified:

Priority for Improvement	Strategies	Performance measures	2023 Targets
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Implementation of Policies &amp; Procedures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Records of meetings, including minutes, updating of Related Party Transaction Register, address NESA concerns about compliance</li> </ul>	<p><b>2023:</b> Compliance with the implementation of policies &amp; procedures for Fit &amp; Proper Persons, Financial Viability &amp; Notifications to NESA has been consistent during 2023.</p>
Improve student outcomes through improved attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitor student attendance daily</li> <li>Home/School Liaison Officer to call and send letters to parents/carers if child absent</li> <li>Attendance Improvement Plans for students with poor attendance</li> <li>Rewards for excellent attendance – free laptop at end of year</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance data collected each term</li> <li>Collaborative ILP's</li> </ul>	<p><b>2022</b> target was 85% and we reached 83.49%</p> <p><b>2023</b> Target was 85% but was not reached. The percentage for this year was 79.4%.</p>
Continue to build relationships with parents/carers and wider school community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote communication and student achievements through school Facebook page and newsletters.</li> <li>Continue to promote school community events</li> <li>Promote parent participation and connection with school</li> <li>Home/school liaison officer employed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attendance of Parents/Carers/Community at school events</li> <li>Positive reports from parents about student achievements</li> </ul>	<p>Continue to Increase the number of parents/carers/community attending school events and participating in their child's education.</p>
Educational projects that are supportive of Aboriginal traditional knowledge and teaching practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Whole school excursions to Aboriginal sacred sites and Keeping Place</li> <li>Promote Aboriginal perspective teaching in classrooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and class discussions about Excursions</li> <li>Student work Samples</li> <li>Teaching local Anaiwan language.</li> </ul>	<p>Increase in student and teacher knowledge of Aboriginal traditional knowledge and teaching practices is ongoing in 2023. We</p>

			now have an Aboriginal woman teaching Anaiwan language on a weekly basis.
Updating technology in the classrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Every room to be equipped with a smart TV.</li> <li>• All students are given a laptop to use at school.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All classrooms now have a Smart TV and access to computers in the lab.</li> <li>• Laptops for each student to be provided by the school.</li> </ul>	Achieved  Achieved. This will be ongoing.
Maintenance of school buildings Install covered walkways. Start planning for new classroom/multi purpose room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paint computer room. Mural in Nutrition Centre to be painted by an Aboriginal artist</li> <li>• Plans are underway to erect covered walkways throughout the school.</li> <li>• Construction of a new classroom due to increased numbers.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Computer room has been completed.</li> <li>• Covered walkways to be completed in 2023</li> <li>• New classroom has been planned and DA is with council.</li> </ul>	Ongoing in 2023

### 9.1. 2021 PRIORITY AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT AND ACHIEVEMENTS

**CURRICULUM:** Continue to train staff in Explicit Teaching. Review and revise all scope and sequences to include a three year cycle for Early Stage One and Stage One students. (composite class)

**RESILIENCE:** Increase student resilience through class programs that are culturally appropriate and build healthy relationships within the whole school community.

**ATTENDANCE:** Continue to improve attendance rates of students through home visits, family contact and Attendance Improvement Plans.

**UPDATING TECHNOLOGY:** Technology has been updated for the students to participate in NAPLAN on-line in 2023.

### 10. INITIATIVES PROMOTING RESPECT AND RESPONSIBILITY

As a predominately Aboriginal school, the values of *Belonging, Identity, Knowing, Kindness and Confidence* continue to be key to the school culture. The core values of the school equip the students with the skills and attitudes they need to function as compassionate and respectful citizens who can “walk in two worlds”.

Additionally, Minimbah Primary School continued to collaborate with Canberra Grammar School as a way of building community partnerships, breaking down barriers and promoting understanding and reconciliation. Combined athletics carnivals and the regular use of The Armidale School (TAS) facilities has greatly assisted in developing relationships between students and staff alike. TAS also offer scholarships to our boys and girls entering year 7 and we share our NAIDOC Week activities. This partnership continues to provide a unique experience for the students and staff of both schools and is assisting to develop the respect and understanding needed for true reconciliation.

## **11. PARENT, STUDENT AND TEACHER SATISFACTION**

**Parents:** Parents showed interest in the school during 2023 by attending assemblies and special events such as NAIDOC celebrations and our school Open Day. We also held afternoon teas for families to help them to feel they could have a say in their child's education. These events were well attended.

**Staff:** Informal conversations with various staff members have demonstrated that staff morale is generally very good and staff are satisfied with their work.

**Students:** Informal conversations with students indicate that they are happy at Minimbah. In 2024 we will formally measure student, staff and parent satisfaction.

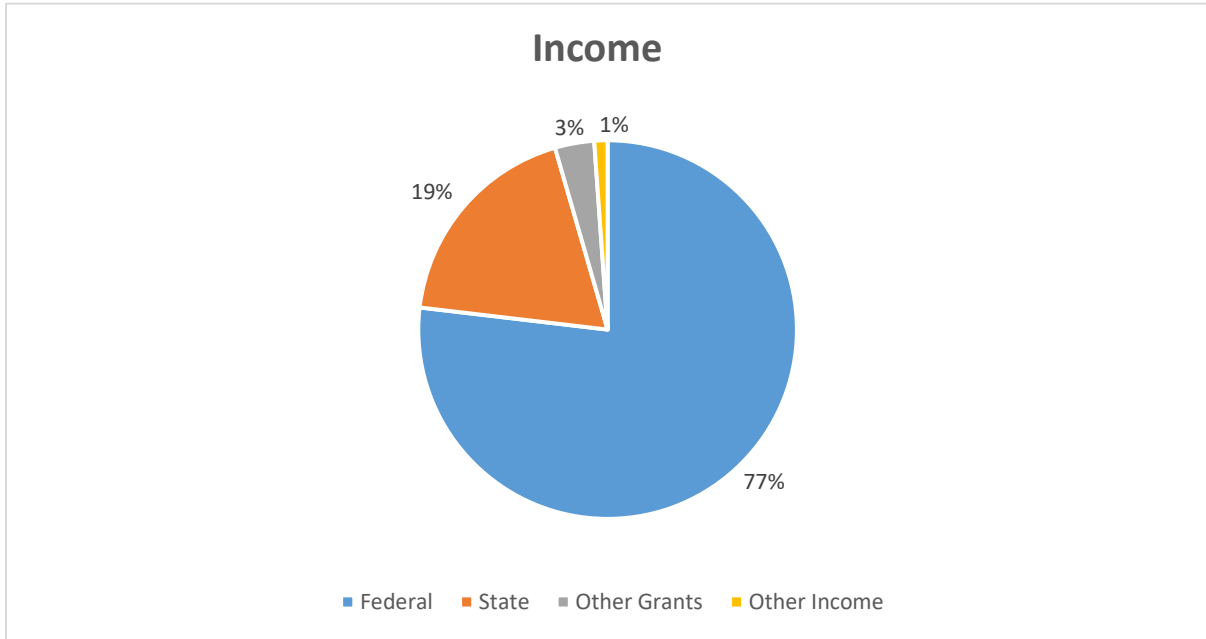


**12: SUMMARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**12.1 RECURRENT AND CAPITAL INCOME**

**12.2 RECURRENT/CAPITAL EXPENDITURE**

**12.1**



**12.2**

