

Purnululu Aboriginal Independent Community School

Annual Report

2015

Purnululu Aboriginal Independent Community School (PAICS) was established in 1991 to provide an educational service for the traditional owners of Purnululu National Park and adjacent lands. Purnululu Aboriginal Corporation is the governing body of the educational service. The total population of adult members represented by Purnululu Aboriginal Corporation is in excess of 400.

When PAICS first started there were two campuses. The main campus is situated in Wurreranginy Community and the second campus at Kwarre in the Purnululu National Park.

PAICS now operates out of the campus in Wurreranginy Community. The Kwarre campus is now used for cultural trips and excursions.

PAICS is currently registered as a K-10 educational provider. Our current student body consists of 24 students in years K-8. All PAICS students are Indigenous Australians who speak languages other than English at home, including Kriol, Gija and Aboriginal English. PAICS prides itself on the quality education delivered to students whilst maintaining and promoting strength in traditional language and culture. PAICS has a strong history of students continuing on to further education or training after their years of schooling in Wurreranginy. Many past students have gone on to complete pre-tertiary qualifications and trade certificates. PAICS provides support and encouragement to students who are entering the upper primary years to develop skills and attributes required to be successful in their pursuit of education and training beyond their time at PAICS.

Staff Composition 2015

Position	Qualifications/Standards	Indigenous/Non
Principal (1)	Bachelor of Education (4yrs) TRBWA – Full AITSL – Highly Accomplished Teacher National Accreditation	Non-Indigenous (1)
Teachers (3)	Bachelor of Education (4yrs) TRBWA – Graduate (2) TRBWA – Proficient (1)	Non-Indigenous (3)
Aboriginal Education Workers (7)		Indigenous (7)

Attendance 2015

The following table shows the rate of attendance of students whilst enrolled at PAICS. The enrolment stats show a total of 40 students were enrolled during 2015. This is reflective of the transient nature of our region. The average number of students enrolled at any one time was 27.

Whole School Attendance Rate 2014: 73.8%		
Total Enrolments: 40		
Year Level	Attendance Rate 2014	Management of Non-Attendance
K	78% (2)	There is an expectation at PAICS that absence from school will be explained to the school by parents/carers. This is generally the case, however, if there is an unexplained absence from PAICS the school makes every effort to contact parents/carers to receive an explanation. A note is placed on the student's file with details of the school's efforts to have the absence explained. If this proves unsuccessful, after 10 days the Enrolment Policy is followed and the student is un-enrolled. The School's policy also aims to improve school attendance by rewarding students whose attendance is exemplary. For example on a weekly basis there is always a "student of the week" awarded at assembly for consistent attendance and effort in class. Term prizes are also given to the school's best attenders in the different phases of schooling. PAICS aims to improve student attendance by involving the entire community in school-based activities designed to increase awareness amongst parents/carers of the importance and benefits of consistent school attendance.
PP	67% (5)	
1	53% (3)	
2	77% (7)	
3	86% (4)	
4	82% (6)	
5	68% (6)	
6	56% (4)	
7	20% (1)	
8	78% (2)	
9	N/A	
10	N/A	

NAPLAN

Please refer to the myschool website for PAICS NAPLAN data (<http://www.myschool.edu.au/>)

NAPLAN is a benchmark assessment tool used by the school to evaluate student learning.

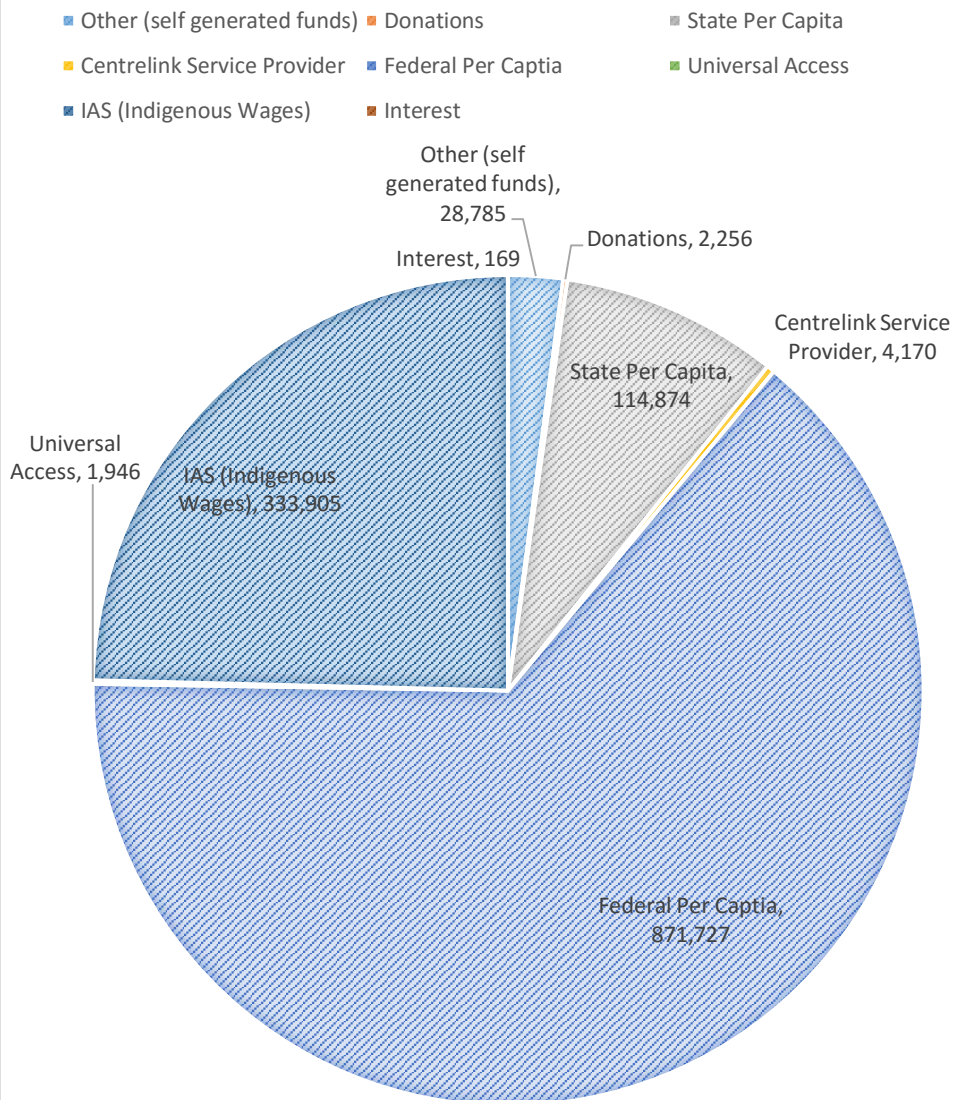
Parent/Student/Teacher Satisfaction

PAICS is committed to providing a quality education to its students. PAICS seeks feedback from parents and carers regularly through the following methods

- Newsletters/Social Media Platforms
- School Open Days
- Parent / Teacher Interviews
- Community/School Meetings
- Ongoing informal discussions between staff, students and carers

PAICS School Committee comprises of three respected community members who represent the different families enrolled at Purnululu School. Often, the most effective way to ensure satisfaction of parents and students is for School Committee members to liaise with school and community. PAICS is an open and supportive workplace for all staff. Weekly meetings are held to maintain strong communication between all staff.

PURNULULU AIC SCHOOL 2015 TOTAL INCOME: 1,357,836



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