BANKSIA GROVE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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SCHOOL LEVEL PLAN
LOW SES SCHOOL COMMUNITIES NP

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PURPOSE OF NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP IN LOW SES SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Funding provided through the Commonwealth Government Smarter Schools National Partnership Program, along with co-investment from the Western Australian education sectors and schools, is designed to build the capacity of Western Australian schools to contribute to the achievement of the following five higher level outcomes;

- All children are engaged in and benefitting from schooling
- Young people are meeting basic literacy and numeracy standards, and overall levels of literacy and numeracy achievement are improving
- Schooling promotes the social inclusion and reduces the educational disadvantage of children, especially Indigenous children
- Australian students excel by international standards
- Young people make a successful transition from school to work and further study

The Catholic Education Office National Partnership for Low SES School Communities;

- Aims to improve literacy and numeracy achievement across all years of schooling
- Provides a focus on strategies which will raise attendance and allow students who move between schools to be tracked and supported
- Supports schools to raise the resilience and engagement of students
- Aims to assist in up skilling staff, particularly Aboriginal Teacher Assistants
- Is contextualised in whole school improvement initiatives
- Links closely to initiatives in other National Partnership Programs
- Where involving schools with Aboriginal students, especially in the Kimberley, aligns to key policy strategies such as the ‘Closing the Gap’ strategy and the ‘Indigenous Education Action Plan Draft’.

Reporting in this National Partnership will occur against key reforms and milestones and will include qualitative and quantitative data which describe the degree of participation, the key processes and important outcomes, especially those that relate to improved student achievement and attendance.
School Profile

Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School is a co-educational primary school catering for children from K to Year 6. The school is located in a rapidly growing part of the metropolitan area with a multicultural community - a reflection of our motto 'In Harmony'. The school has developed an environment where inclusivity and tolerance are essential. Our school offers a broad curriculum, which exposes the children to become confident and competent members of our school community and society as a whole. We work hard at developing relationships between school and home and the community as a whole. Banksia Grove has been part of the RAISE literacy initiative since 2004. In 2009 we are part of the Leading Aligned Numeracy Development (LAND) project and in 2010 Blueearth program. Supplementary programs such as Rainbows, Art Therapy, Protective Behaviours, Collaborative Learning, Reading Recovery, EMU (Enhancing Mathematical Understandings) and You Can Do It and Crunch & Sip have been introduced. All the children are involved in all activities e.g. Performing Arts. Class buddies are well established. In addition to our Religious Education program across the curriculum, Aboriginal Studies and Sustainability are core elements.

Involvement and Support in Specific Low SES Projects

Extension of Blueearth Program

The Blueearth Program has a proven record in developing social, emotional; interpersonal, personal and physical attributes of students. This typically leads to students who are healthier, more engaged and exhibiting increased attendance rates. This project provides financial and other support to participating schools. The financial support allows for visits to the school by accredited Blueearth trainers as well as support to train other staff members.

The specific outcomes of this project relate to enhanced interpersonal, personal, health and engagement outcomes which are recognised as being essential for improved learning.

Targeted Initiatives: Non-Kimberley Schools

To further expand the Extending the School Day model, this project will enable an extension of the type of services available for students and parents alike.

At Banksia Grove Catholic Primary School, their project is titled In the Spirit of Harmony – Embracing, nurturing and empowering the school environment for our community. The focus of this project is on:

- Early identification and action taken for children experiencing difficulties – for example, all children in the early childhood education area are receiving Occupational Therapy and speech screening.
- Greater parent understanding and strategies given to support their child, particularly for the Sudanese families.
- Parents and children more confident in the school setting which also leads to successful learning and raising the outcomes of both literacy and numeracy.
- More collaboration, cooperation and integration between the parent and the school resulting in better community partnerships.

The specific outcomes of this project relate to raising student achievement and reducing educational disadvantages, through the use of additional ‘wrap-around’ services in the school and local communities.
### Funding

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