

Question on Notice
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MR P WEIR ASKED MINISTER FOR EDUCATION AND MINISTER FOR YOUTH JUSTICE
(HON D FARMER)

QUESTION:

Will the Minister advise for the 2024 year in the Condamine Electorate, if: (a) all state schools have their full allocation of teaching staff and (b) these teachers are qualified to instruct in the subjects they are teaching?

ANSWER:

- (a) The Department of Education undertakes comprehensive workforce planning to ensure there is a sustainable supply of teachers to meet the demands of state schools across Queensland.

Principals work with teachers and the school community in making decisions at the local level, which best reflect the needs of students to ensure the best quality of learning for all students.

Teachers are allocated to schools each year based on student enrolment data collected on the eighth day of the school year in accordance with the Queensland State Schools Staffing Allocation Guidelines.

Within state schools in the Condamine Electorate there is a total teacher allocation of 357.76 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. Individual schools also have the discretion to allocate other funding to provide for additional teacher FTE to address student needs effectively. As at 27 February 2024, the teacher staffing number within Condamine Electorate schools is 381 FTE. Actual FTE may vary to accommodate periods of paid teacher leave or in response to the specific requirements of students within a school.

Below are the schools in the Condamine Electorate with Day 8 Allocation 2024 (FTE) and by staffing position as at 27 February 2024 (Total paid FTE: Working + Leave).

Amaroo Environmental Education Centre: 0 and 3.58; Back Plains State School (SS): 3.14 and 2.53; Biddeston SS: 3.26 and 3.61; Bowenville SS: 1.79 and 1.87; Brookstead SS: 1.94 and 1.88; Bunker's Hill SS: 16.7 and 17.77; Cambooya SS: 11.32 and 11.7; Clifton State High School (SHS): 29.11 and 29.11; Clifton SS: 6.51 and 7.76; Crow's Nest SS: 19.92 and 24.99; Drayton SS: 13.28 and 17.21; Emu Creek SS: 3.28 and 2.37; Geham SS: 9.45 and 10.55; Goombungee SS: 6.66 and 7.2; Gowrie SS: 13.79 and 15.5; Greenmount SS: 1.74 and 2.61; Haden SS: 1.84 and 1.48; Jondaryan SS: 3.14 and 3.09; Kingsthorpe SS: 14.81 and 16.41; Kulpi SS: 3.27 and 2.32; Meringandan SS: 17.57 and 16.73; Mount Tyson SS: 3.16 and 2.61; Nobby SS: 4.7 and 3.78; Oakey SHS: 44.5 and 47.05; Oakey SS: 16.68 and 20.02; Pilton SS: 3.01 and 2.83; Pittsworth SHS: 44.94 and 45.12; Pittsworth SS: 18.78 and 20.9; Quinalow Prep-10 SS: 10.46 and 11.69; Ramsay SS: 3.5 and 2.75; Southbrook Central SS: 3.47 and 3.7; Vale View SS: 6.02 and 6.49; Wellcamp SS: 4.65 and 3.83; and Wyreema SS: 11.37 and 13.54.

Schools with vacancies in the Condamine Electorate as at 27 February 2024 are: Brookstead State School with 0.2 vacancy; Clifton SHS with 1 vacancy; Oakey SS with 1 vacancy; Pittsworth SHS with 1 vacancy; and Quinalow Prep-10 SS with 1 vacancy.

- (b) The Department employs registered teachers who have the skills, knowledge and experience required for each teaching vacancy and that are suitable for each school context.

Teaching expertise in a particular curriculum area or specialisation can be reflective of a teacher's initial teacher education degree, in combination with any other relevant qualifications, knowledge or teaching experience that they have and can be complemented by professional development in relevant fields.

Each school determines the most appropriate distribution of teachers across subject offerings and teacher specialities. The Department works closely with each secondary school to develop a tailored three-year workforce action plan that identifies subject demand and the teaching workforce required.