

NATONE PARK SCHOOL POLICY STATEMENT NAG 7.01

The Strategic Planning Process

Purpose:

The process of strategic planning is intended to assist the school to improve the lifelong outcomes for all students at Natone Park School. This process helps us to review plans and to consult with and inform the community.

Expected Outcomes:

- A clear direction for the school
- An informed and involved school community

Guidelines:

It is intended to be a deliberate and focused process. The focus is on planning for improvement.

Questions to help guide our thinking are ones such as:

- Where are we now? How do we know this?
- What is quality practice?
- Where do we want to be?
- What steps can we take to get to where we want to be?
- How will we know we are there?

Strategic planning is about looking ahead to the future and preparing for how to make the best of that future, with specific focus on our student's lives beyond school. Strategic planning should be informed by historical data, but set aspirational future targets.

The Board of Trustees retreat, held every two years, is a place for the Board of Trustees to reflect on the overall direction of the school.

The Charter

Purposes:

A charter is intended to show the focus of school improvement for a period of three to five years, but focusing in on a one year annual plan, which, as stated above, is based on the improvements made in the previous year.

Guidelines:

The focus is set taking a number of factors into consideration:

- Learning needs of our students
- Any long term continuing improvements
- Needs of the school community
- Availability of resources
- Consultation within the school community

The process of setting Charter Targets and working towards these is intended to assist the school to be in a cycle of continual improvement.