

The Barossa Valley is 75kms northeast of Adelaide. The district and surrounds have a population of approximately 15,000. Most people live in one of the three major centres. The majority of students attending the school live in Nuriootpa, however there is a significant number that travel in by car or bus.

The original school was established in 1860 and relocated to its current location in 1976. The school's main building is a unique design as it is totally open space, housing 12 classrooms, the administration area, a multipurpose room and the resource centre. In addition we have three transportable buildings, the last of which was delivered early in 1998. The school design provides an excellent environment for collaborative teaching and learning.

Traditionally the school community consisted of families who for generations have lived in the Barossa. We are currently experiencing a change in population due to an expanding wine industry and improved transport links with the outer metropolitan area. Consequently the community is changing as families are moving into the district from other regions.

Most families are very keen to be involved in their child's education. The whole school community works in partnership to support the development of learning. A whole school ethos of collaboration and participation mirrors the architectural design and this is supported by a respectful and supportive school culture. These are all focused on improving student learning.

The Barossa is a vibrant and varied part of South Australia.

More information about the area can be obtained from the following websites.

Barossa Regional Council.

<http://www.barossa.sa.gov.au>

Barossa Tourism Links.

<http://www.southaustralia.com/Barossa.aspx>

<http://www.barossa.com/>

<http://www.barossa-region.org/>