Westbury Primary School

Educating

The

Whole Student
Statement of Purpose

Westbury Primary School educates students in the knowledge, skills and attitudes to become resilient, self-fulfilling and caring members of society. The school is a ‘caring community’ that respects and values the input of all members of the wider community. Students, parents and staff actively work together to identify learning goals, and to provide the necessary support both at school and at home to help students to achieve these goals. Each child is encouraged and supported to reach their fullest potential.

Westbury Primary School is an active and integral member of the wider Westbury community and we support and promote programs that link lives and contribute to the growth of a strong community culture.

Our School and Community

There has been a Westbury Primary School since 1839. Traditionally, Westbury has been a very settled community with successive generations of families attending the school over a period of years. In recent times the school has attracted families moving from the city to settle in a smaller country community. The intimate nature of the school is often sought after by families.

The school has a strong tradition of parent and community involvement. The School Association plays an integral role in school policy and planning and is committed to the goal of attracting all Westbury families to enrol in and support their local school.

The school is prominent in a wide range of community activities and events and there is a strong commitment to the ethos of community education and community partnerships.

Our Staff

Our school has a Principal and 5 classroom teachers. We also have a Music, Physical Education and Literacy/Learning Support teacher. Our non-teaching staff includes a School Business Manager, a School Administration Clerk, teacher assistants, a library technician and three Education Facility Attendants. We also have a School Psychologist, a Speech and Language Pathologist and a Social Worker.

Our Curriculum

From 2012 all schools in Australia began implementing the Australian Curriculum; English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography have been fully implemented. The Australian Curriculum has been written to take into account the growth and development of young people across the years of schooling, the diverse needs of the student population in Australian schools and the knowledge, understandings and skills all young Australians are entitled to learn in terms of learning areas, general capabilities and cross-curriculum priorities.

Our Expectations

We are Safe
We are Caring
We are Learners
Active after School Communities
This is a federally funded after school program for all students from Kindergarten to Grade 6. Students participate in a range of sports and fun activities 2 afternoons a week from 3.00pm until 4.30pm.

Christmas Celebration
Each year the Combined Churches of Westbury in conjunction with the students and staff of Westbury Primary School host a community Christmas celebration and concert on the first Friday of December. This involves students dressing up, singing and celebrating the Christmas spirit, sharing it with members of the wider Westbury community.

Anzac Day
We offer our students the opportunity to be involved in the Westbury Anzac Day parade that marches through the streets, ending up at the cenotaph. Representatives from our SRC executive speak about what the ANZAC spirit means to them.

Assemblies
Assemblies are fortnightly and are facilitated by groups of students. Assembly is an opportunity to celebrate and share student work, achievements and successes.

Band
Students in Grades 3 to 6 are able to have individual music tuition. Students play these instruments in the Westbury School Band.

Camps
Grade 6 students have the opportunity to attend camp on an annual basis. In the past the camp locations have included Hobart, Waddamana and Camp Clayton. The school fundraises to help subsidise the cost of the camp.

Carnivals
Over the course of the year students are involved in three carnivals. The athletics carnival is in term one and all students from Kindergarten to Grade 6 participate. The cross country carnival is in term two and all students from Kinder to 6 participate. The swimming carnival is during term four and is for students in Grades 3 to 6.
Chaplain
Westbury Primary School has a chaplain who plays a significant role in the pastoral care of individual and small groups of students.

Choir
All students from Grades Prep to 6 have the opportunity to become a member of the Westbury Primary School choir. The choir performs at community events and functions as well as school events.

Classroom Assistance and Help
Parents are encouraged and welcome to become involved in classroom and school programs.

Community Garden
Westbury Primary School is committed to forming strong links with the Community Garden Program. The Community Garden is on the grounds of our school and students are active participants in the garden program.

Daily Physical Education/Aussie Sports Leaders
Our Aussie Sports Leaders organise and conduct daily physical education for students Prep to Grade 6 three days per week. The leaders are supported with their organisation and leadership by the Physical Education teacher.

Excursions
Through the course of the year our students participate in a number of excursions both locally – in the Westbury community and wider afield – Launceston and the surrounding areas.

Hot Lunches
Each Thursday students are able to purchase lunch from an extensive healthy menu. This initiative is run by a committed group of parent volunteers.

Interactive Whiteboards
Each classroom, Kindergarten to Grade 6, has an interactive whiteboard. A teaching tool such as this creates a learning environment that is interactive, meaningful and authentic for children.
**Kindergarten**

Children who turn 4 on or before 1 January are eligible to attend Kindergarten. Our Kindergarten is 3 days per week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Kindergarten students have access to their own safe and secure playground.

**Launching into Learning Programs**

- We offer Playgroup and Pre-kinder sessions to children in the wider Westbury community from birth to 4 years. In 2015 these will operate on Fridays in the Kindergarten room.

- The aim of transition is to familiarise children with school and support the transition from home to school. Parents are required to attend with their child until part way through Term 3.

**Learn to Swim**

We offer our students from Grades 3 to 5 the opportunity to be involved in an intensive two week Swimming and Water Safety program with a trained swimming teacher. This is a compulsory program for all students in Grade 3 to 5.

**Library**

Each class has a weekly session in the library that is conducted by their classroom teacher. This library is maintained by a library technician.

**Literacy Support**

Literacy support is provided for all students Prep to Grade 2 and for identified students from Grades 3 to 6. This support is delivered by a trained teacher.

**Newsletter**

Our newsletter goes home to the oldest students in the family every Tuesday afternoon. The community are welcome to add information and announcements.

**Parents and Friends**

Parents and Friends is a subcommittee of School Association and plays a vital role in the organisation of fundraising events and managing funds to support the purchasing of equipment and resources for the school.

**Performances**

Our school is able to offer students the experience of having visiting performers over the course of the year. These performances may include dancing, music, drama etc.

**Physical Education**

Our students participate in one physical education lesson per week with a qualified Human Movement teacher.
**Resource Teacher**
Our school has a resource teacher that provides additional support to students with high and additional needs and their teachers.

**School Association**
The School Association meets on a Thursday evening from 5.30pm, monthly. Parents can be nominated to be a parent representative on the committee for a term of 2 years. Elections are held in March each year.

**St Patrick’s Day Festival**
Each year in March our students are actively involved in the St Patrick’s Day Festival held on the Village Green. Students from Grades 3 to 6 participate in the Maypole dancing.

**Student Representative Council**
Westbury Primary School has a Student Representative Council that meets fortnightly to discuss ideas and issues related to students.

**Westbury Show**
Our students are active contributors and participants in the Westbury Show. Our band and choir perform on the main stage each year. Every student enters a piece of artwork for the art competition.
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