



## Fairview Primary School

Since opening in 1957 Fairview Primary School has provided many thousands of students from New Norfolk and the greater Derwent Valley with a comprehensive and highly acclaimed education. We continue to do this in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.

Fairview Primary School is situated in New Norfolk on the north-eastern or 'Boyer' side of the Derwent River, 35 km from Hobart. Fairview Primary School has 25 teaching staff and caters for 301 students from Kindergarten to Year 6. Our philosophy emphasises the personal worth of each child and achievement of their full potential. Core priorities are Literacy, Numeracy, Values, Staff and Student Wellbeing, Birth to 5 years and ICT.

The core values of the school are Personal Courage, Mutual Respect, Positive Relationships and Community Spirit. These values reflect all stakeholders of the school (students, staff and parents) and are actively 'lived' by all. They form the basis of our extensive social skills teaching and learning program and enable us to develop well rounded individuals who have the skills and knowledge to thrive in an ever changing world. At Fairview Primary we have a very strong focus on the wellbeing of all in our school community. This wellbeing and the development of our core values is central to all that we do. A school wide discipline policy emphasises the resolution of conflict through an educating and values based approach including negotiation and counselling and focusing on students' capacity to accept consequences and accept actions.

At Fairview Primary all staff work hard to ensure that we have outstanding learning programs in place. Our whole school literacy and numeracy programs are of the highest standard, with teachers engaged in high quality, ongoing, inquiry based professional learning. We place a strong emphasis on explicit instruction and student learning data is used to tailor programs to meet the needs of individual students. To support Literacy and Numeracy we employ four extra specialist literacy and numeracy teachers to work in the classrooms with teachers and identified students to raise student learning outcomes in these areas. Teachers work in grade group teams to refine, inquire and analyse their own and others' teaching practice. Each class has up to 10 hours of uninterrupted literacy teaching time and 5 hours of numeracy teaching time. The quality of these programs is reflected in the results that our students have achieved. We are very proud of the excellent levels of improvement being shown in both literacy and numeracy.

We offer two fifteen hour kindergarten classes, a breakfast program and a variety of extra curriculum areas with specialist Information Technology, Music, Band, Physical Education and Art lessons provided. The school plays an important role in the community by offering an extensive birth to age five program (Little Learners) that is open to all families. It is here we focus on developing positive relationships, support networks, life skills, caring communities and engagement with school.

Facilities include large, modern and well equipped classrooms, a large hall, cooking room, ICT Lab, new netball court, large, groomed grounds, well resourced library and modern office area. Fairview Primary School has small class sizes, modern facilities and large well equipped classrooms and grounds. We pride ourselves on being a key component of the local community and the

source of quality teaching and learning programs. Fairview is a school where students feel safe, happy and above all valued - a great place to learn and grow.

### **Service Area**

The school services the northern or commonly known “Boyer” side of New Norfolk. Our service area continues up the north eastern side of the Derwent River including Magra, Lawitta, Hayes and up to Black Hills.

### **Community**

The school is well supported within the community, however, we are always looking to forge greater, stronger and deeper community links.

Formal involvement is provided through the School Association and parents assist as tutors and as volunteers within the school.

We have strong links with New Norfolk High School and New Norfolk Primary School, often sharing resources and collaboratively developing policy.

Our school has forged strong community links with local business and welfare organisations, especially the Salvation Army and Mission Australia.