



Specialist Programs

Physical Education and Sport

Each class has a weekly PE lesson with a specialist teacher. Teachers also take additional physical education lessons with their classes.

Music

Each class from Prep - 2 has a weekly lesson with a specialist music teacher. In addition, students have an opportunity to participate in choir, band and the specialist instrumental program.

Art

Students who are in years 3 – 6 will have a weekly lesson with a specialist Art teacher.

Library

The school's well equipped library lends books to pupils as well as providing a research and reference centre for the school. Parents are requested to ensure children return borrowed books as costs associated with this service have escalated considerably over recent years.

Information Technology and Computers

Students have specialist information technology lessons and each class has regular timetabled use of our outstanding computer lab facility. Children are required to sign an ICT Acceptable Use Agreement Form.

Band

Students in Grade 5 and 6 are provided with the opportunity to participate in Band. This is a year long commitment.

Breakfast Club at Fairview Primary School

Fairview Primary School offers a Breakfast Club for all students as an opportunity to have the best possible start to the school day. For a variety of reasons children often start the day with little or nothing in their stomachs. Research shows children who eat breakfast experience better educational outcomes due to higher levels of concentration and better behaviour. A supervised healthy breakfast of fruit, toast and a drink is available Monday to Friday from 8:30 in the school kitchen.

Staff & Student Wellbeing Curriculum Co-ordinator

The school has successfully employed a Staff and Student Curriculum Co-ordinator since 2009. This has been possible due to our funding under the National Partnership agreement with the Federal Government. As part of this role special programs that are run at Fairview Primary include:

Student Leadership

Student leadership is an integral part of our school structures. We have a comprehensive process that develops students with leadership skills that are transferable into the wider community and society. We focus on developing students as individuals with a set of skills, capabilities and capacities that will benefit themselves and others.

Students are involved in learning about specific leadership skills, public speaking, team building, values building for themselves and others, community spirit and development, work ethic and support.

While we develop leadership in all students from Birth to year 6 our specific focus is on grade 5 – 6 students. Students interested nominate and, if successful are involved in weekly leadership meetings and two, one day camps.

Seasons for Growth

Is an intensive program that runs for a term focussing on grief and loss. This initiative is open to students who either by parent request or nomination from school teaching staff have experienced significant grief or loss in their lives. It focuses on recognising this grief, responding to it and dealing with it. It is organised and run by our staff and student wellbeing curriculum coordinator who has extensive training, knowledge and skills in this area.

Chat Café

Chat Café runs twice a week during lunch. This program focuses on children discussing issues of interest, controversial or topical. The program aims to develop self-confidence and educate students in making positive and informed decisions.

Circle Time

Each class runs Circle Time at least once a week. Circle Time is a structured framework for group interaction. Circle time focuses on developing:

1. Self-awareness, knowledge and skills
2. Knowledge and understanding of others
3. A sense of belonging and connectedness
4. A focus on the positive
5. Increased emotional wellbeing
6. Collaborative decision making, conflict resolution and problem solving

Teaching with the Soul

As a school we recognise the importance of our assets with the greatest asset being our staff. As a result we spend quality time in celebrating the successes of our work, recognising that we are individuals who need to discover and invigorate ourselves; we focus on why we teach and what we can do better. We look after ourselves mentally and physically to enable us to perform at our optimum level. Teaching with the Soul is a philosophy where we not only put the health and wellbeing of our students up front, we also make sure we look after our staff.

Other Specialist Programs

Fire Safety Education

On a two yearly cycle Kindergarten to Grade 6 students are involved in a two week intensive Fire Safety Education program.

Family Planning

On a two yearly cycle Grade 3 to Grade 6 students are involved in an eight day Family Planning Program. This is delivered by Family Planning Tasmania

Prep – Grade 6 Water Orientation Program

Each year we provide a two week Water Orientation program for Grades 3 to 6 and a one week Prep to Grade 2 program. The Department of Education funds Grades 3 to 5 however, with the support of our School Association and funding from the school itself, we are able to provide for all grades and develop sustainability and the capacity of students to develop confidence in the water.