

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 achieve these goals. Each child is encouraged and supported to reach their fullest potential with an emphasis on effort and full participation.

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.

VISION

A community of engaged, happy, lifelong learners who have the knowledge, skills and confidence to achieve their full potential as productive members of society.

VALUES

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| <i>Respect</i> | All members of the Westbury School community have a responsibility to promote positive and effective interactions with each other. |
| <i>Resilience</i> | Students at Westbury will be supported in learning the thoughts, behaviours and actions which will develop their capacity to cope with change and challenge and allow them to "bounce back" during difficult time. |
| <i>Perseverance(Grit)</i> | At Westbury we value the act of persisting to do something in spite of challenges or obstacles. |
| <i>Empathy</i> | At Westbury Primary we encourage all students to be aware of others' feelings, needs and concerns. |
| <i>Achievement</i> | We encourage, value and recognise student success and accomplishments. |

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 Parents & Friends work hard to support the school through a range of fundraising activities and provides a wonderful opportunity for new parents to become connected.

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 an Instrumental Band Program, 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 have the following part-time support staff: School Psychologist; Speech and Language Pathologist; Social Worker and Chaplain.

OUR CURRICULUM

Westbury Primary School implements the Australian Curriculum areas of English, Mathematics, Science and HASS. Students also have opportunities to work with the Digital Technologies Curriculum. The Australian Curriculum has been written to take into account the growth and development of young people across the years of schooling. It outlines 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

COMMUNITY 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. This is held in early December and is a wonderful community event.

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.

INSTRUMENTAL BAND

Students in Grades 3 to 6 are able to have individual music tuition. Students play these instruments in the Westbury School Band. The band plays at a number of school events in term 4 to showcase the work of the students.

This initiative is sponsored by Tasmanian Alkaloids.



CAMP

Grade 6 students have the opportunity to attend camp on an annual basis. In the past the camp locations have included Canberra, 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 Kindergarten to Grade 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. The chaplaincy program is a federal government initiative, however, the Westbury community supports our chaplaincy program through fundraising and this enables us to extend the chaplain's hours.

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, but must have a current Working with Vulnerable People registration.

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. With assistance from volunteers students are active in the garden. If you would like to volunteer to help in the garden please advise the school office.

DAILY PHYSICAL EDUCATION LEADERS

Our Daily P.E. 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 incursions or excursions in the Westbury community, Launceston and the surrounding areas.

HOT LUNCHESES

Each Wednesday students are able to purchase lunch from an extensive healthy menu. This initiative is run by a committed group of parent volunteers. Our canteen is accredited through the Tasmanian School Canteen Association.

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 PROGRAM

A program known as Launching into Learning (LiL) operates at Westbury Primary School. The LiL sessions are open to children from birth to 4 years of age, which enables siblings to attend. Children must attend with their parent or significant adult.

The program aims:

- to enable young families to connect with the school environment as early as possible, and in a practical way
- to value and build upon the skills and expertise of parents
- to give all children prior to Kindergarten the best possible start to their education
- to serve as a time of enrichment for parents and their children to play and work together, and to develop a social network for parents.

In Term 4, there is an increased focus on preparation and orientation for Kindergarten in the following year.

SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Our students from Grades 3 to 5 participate 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 and is part of the curriculum for Health and Physical Education.

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.

FACEBOOK



NEWSLETTER

This is found on the school webpage. You can also access the link via our school Facebook page, or you can request a copy to be forwarded to your personal email.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Parents and Friends is a subcommittee of the 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. Meetings are held on specified Fridays, usually once a month.

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 Health and Physical Education teacher.

RESOURCE TEACHER

Our school has a resource teacher who provides additional support to students with high and additional needs and their teachers.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The School Association meets on a Monday 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/or choir perform on the main stage each year. Every student enters a piece of artwork for the art competition.

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