Our Mission
Our mission is to develop the potential of individual students so they can maximise educational opportunities in order to play an active part in civic and economic life.

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To develop academic excellence.
To develop fundamental values, social and emotional skills. To promote physical well-being for a healthy lifestyle.
To foster individual creative expression.

Values
We have 9 core elements that form an integral part of our school values.

- Responsibility
- Respect
- Acceptance
- Honesty
- Care
- Freedom
- Integrity
- Fair Go
- Doing Your Best

Students demonstrate these values in classrooms, play areas, on excursions and in the community. Our students are highly respected and well known for their excellent behaviour and manners.

We believe that everyone has the right and responsibility to

- Learn without disruption
- Be treated with courtesy and respect
- Work in a clean and safe environment
- Care for, and take pride in themselves, their work and their school

STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN
Our fantastic trained staff teach students how to grow, harvest, prepare and share fresh, nutritious food.

HUMAN POWERED VEHICLE (HPV)
In 2015 we have introduced a program where students from Gordon PS will compete each year in the RACV Energy Break Through challenge. This involves designing, manufacturing and building their human powered vehicle to compete in an endurance race.

GORDON PRIMARY SCHOOL
OUR FUTURE STARTS HERE

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Gordon Primary School, established in 1882, is located in the township of Gordon, which is a 20min drive east of the Ballarat Post Office. The school has unique grounds and a long, rich history that has been reflected in the architecture of the main building and it’s surrounds.

We offer a curriculum that engages all students by offering pathways that meet a diverse range of learning needs. In 2015 we have introduced the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and Human Powered Vehicles (HPV) to our growing list of programs and opportunities. These programs are outlined in this brochure.

At each year level, we undertake extensive assessment of reading, spelling, writing and numeracy to enable us to teach your children from their individual point of need. This is a genuine focus for us because we understand the importance of knowing and understanding your children and their learning needs.

We are a positive, stimulating, supportive, motivating, well resourced and engaging environment where the school community is productive in their pursuit of knowledge, skills and understandings as lifelong learners. If you would like to join our community, please contact us today.

Academic Programs

There is a strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy. The school has developed core curricula in these areas which outlines what is to be explicitly taught. Teachers work in Professional Learning Teams to continually focus on students needs. The school has produced outstanding results in the national testing program.

INQUIRY LEARNING

Students and teachers use the Inquiry Learning Model to encourage thinking skills and problem solving strategies as a regular part of their normal learning.

SPELLING MASTERY

Spelling Mastery can help teach your student the strategies they need to become successful, life-long spellers. Using a combined approach of phonemic, morphemic and whole-word strategies, Spelling Mastery helps students to understand the relationship between sounds, word parts and spelling patterns.

VCOP

As part of our extensive writing program students will focus on Vocabulary, Connectives, Openers and Punctuation on Thursdays and Fridays. This is a successful, fun and engaging program that compliments our strong writing focus across all grades.

NUMERACY

Our numeracy program is outlined in our curriculum plan that can be found on our website. We have many numeracy programs running across the school. From Money Maths to Maths 300 we teach students in an engaging way with wonderful results.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We have a comprehensive Physical Education and Sports Program which is undertaken by all students and offers them the opportunity to not only improve personal health and fitness, but to take part in local and inter-school sporting competitions. In conjunction with this we have a Swimming Program for all students, conducted in partnership with the local swim school and our Physical Education Teaching and Support staff.

L.O.T.E

We offer an exemplary Languages Other Than English (LOTE) program in Indonesian for students from Prep to Year 6.

VISUAL ARTS

The Art program has a specialist visual arts teacher who works across all years from Prep to 6. The school has worked successfully with the town of Gordon and other community groups to participate in competitions and community activities.

PERFORMING ARTS

Gordon Primary School runs a performing arts program for all year levels. In addition to this program, students have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument on a private basis.

The School runs school productions and art showcases biannually.

ROTATION PROGRAMS

Each week students are offered further opportunities as part of our rotations program. Here they have the opportunity to participate in Science, Sport, Technology and Local History. Programs like this allow us to provide our students with the necessary skills for success in this constantly changing world.