

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.

Our Purpose

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
- Doing Your Best
- Care
- Freedom
- Integrity
- Fair Go

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.

FACILITIES

We have wonderful facilities at Gordon PS. 2016 has seen the construction of two new classrooms and the installation of our indoor and outdoor courting surfaces. These compliment the beautiful old 1882 school building and benefit our community greatly.

CAMPS PROGRAM

Developing resilience, confidence, social skills and much more has been the focus of our camps program for many years. From prep day stays to grade six Canberra trips, our camps program continues to be very successful.

ONSITE BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

We understand the community need for Before and After school supervision in Gordon. Operating onsite and open to all community members, children are provided with expert care and a great program, oh... don't forget the cooked breakfast!



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School Profile

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. We have introduced the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program and The Kids Shed 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.

THE KIDS SHED

Run by a specialised teacher, students have the opportunity to further develop their woodworking skills. An extremely engaging and beneficial program that all students love.

MAKERS SPACE

Student's design, engineer, and create to solve problems or simply to invent. This program develops "real life" skills. Part of this program will see children work on "LEGO ROBOTICS" and "We Do" devices to create and command robots.