



NOORAT PRIMARY SCHOOL
Climbing the Mountain of Knowledge

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PRINCIPAL

ILONA WATKINS

Welcome to Noorat Primary School
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It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to Noorat Primary School. Being the Principal of such a wonderful school is a privilege and something I am extremely proud of.

At Noorat Primary School, every person matters! Staff, Students, Parents and our wider community all work collaboratively to inspire each other, build respectful relationships and are committed to quality education.

Our student numbers are increasing as the community see the many incredible learning opportunities we offer our students. As Principal I will be working tirelessly to see the continued development of our school and the fostering of our students. We provide an engaging curriculum that is adapted to meet the needs of every child. Our passionate teachers ensure our students grow both academically and socially.

Our children each come with unique personalities and needs which we cater for, all whilst building meaningful relationships, connectedness and collaboration as we work together. We hold strong beliefs that for a student to flourish and achieve their full potential, they need to feel supported and empowered by having a voice in their own learning and school environment.

Noorat is a warm, friendly and community minded school where we welcome parents and community involvement. We would love to welcome you to join our team and support our children. If you would like to visit our school, I encourage you to organise a tour to see the extensive facilities, quality programs and many educational opportunities Noorat Primary School can offer.

I look forward to meeting you.

Ilona Watkins

Principal



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OUR WAY OF BEING

Our School Values underpin everything we do at Noorat Primary School. Students, staff, parents and carers enact our values to ensure we have a safe and caring learning environment.

OUR SCHOOL

FRIENDLY, VIBRANT & MOTIVATED

At Noorat Primary School we highly value and appreciate the involvement of parents in the life of the school, and through working together our school is continuing to grow and strengthen to meet the challenges and demands of a rapidly changing world.

We believe it is important to recognise a great school isn't just about academic achievements. At Noorat P.S. we know the fantastic opportunities and achievements that we enjoy and celebrate, are made possible by our committed team of teachers, educational support staff and families.



SO MANY REASONS

TO CHOOSE NOORAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Transition designed to ensure your child feels safe and secure when starting school.
- Highly skilled and passionate staff who believe every child can achieve.
- High quality teaching and learning using research-based programs.
- *Free* swimming and water safety program for every student.
- Before and After School Care available.
- Positive ED curriculum focuses on the Health and Wellbeing of all students, staff and families.
- Hands on Learning program to support students.
- Student leadership programs and opportunities.
- Breakfast Club to support all students and families.
- Strong community connections with May Noonan and 'The Nature Bus'.
- Specialised Sport, STEM, Inquiry, Art and Wellbeing lessons.
- Practical activities where children learn through inquiry and hands on experiences.
- Specialist teacher for MARC Van mobile library program, LOTE & PE.
- Strong parent involvement – School Council, PFA & Breakfast Club.
- Local trips, incursions and excursions.
- Camping, adventure and city programs with other small schools.
- Sporting opportunities and connections with other schools.

We are a unique school with small class sizes, so every child has every opportunity to thrive.



PREP TRANSITION

STARTING SCHOOL

We know having a positive start to school is vital for children and their families as the transition from kindergarten to primary school is an exciting and important moment in each child's life. A successful transition from kinder to school develops a lifelong love of learning, resilience and wellbeing.

At Noorat Primary School we connect with local schools and kindergartens in offering tours to support families in making the best decision for their child. We give the children and parents a chance to become familiar with the school facilities and experience fun, engaging learning activities that introduce them to the environment and structure of school.

Once you have chosen Noorat P.S we provide information to ease nerves and opportunities for you to information meet the teachers and Principal, as well as other parents of students beginning school.

When your child enrolls at Noorat Primary School your whole family joins a new community. You all have a chance to make new friends, meet new families and support each other.

Throughout Term 1, Prep students have a rest day each Wednesday, which is a great opportunity to relax at home and recharge, ready for learning again.

Throughout the first year of school, children will develop routines and positive experiences that will build independence. This will prepare them for the remainder of their school journey. They will develop socially, physically and academically in a friendly, vibrant and motivated community.

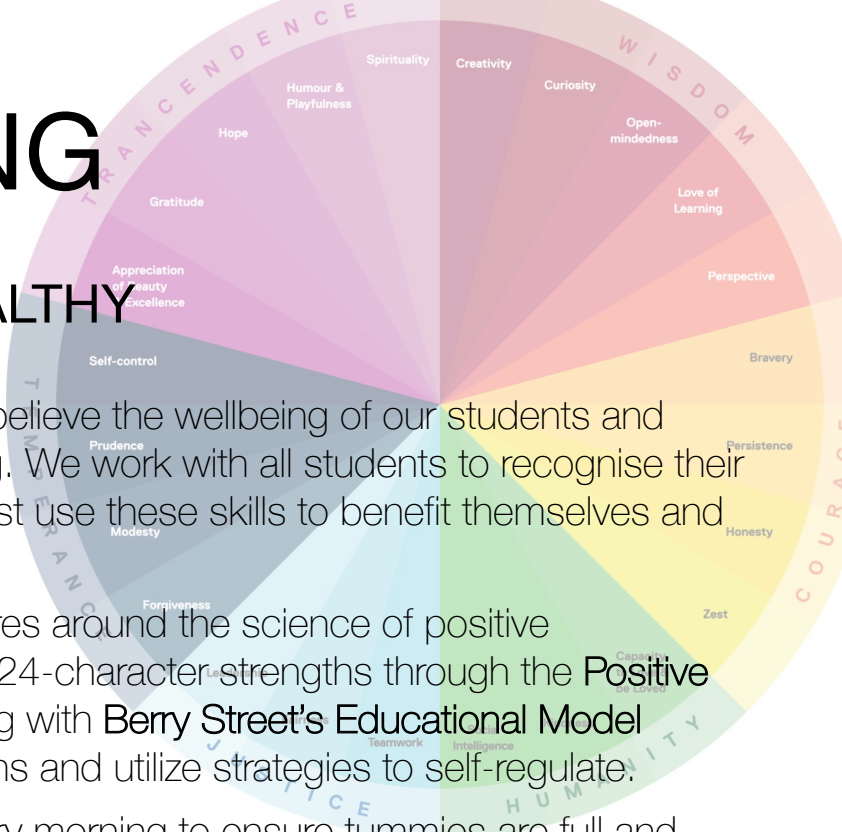
WELLBEING

SAFE, HAPPY & HEALTHY

At Noorat Primary School we believe the wellbeing of our students and families is central to all learning. We work with all students to recognise their strengths and learn how to best use these skills to benefit themselves and others.

Our wellbeing curriculum centres around the science of positive psychology and exploring the 24-character strengths through the **Positive Education** program. This, along with **Berry Street's Educational Model** allows us all to identify emotions and utilize strategies to self-regulate.

We offer a Breakfast Club every morning to ensure tummies are full and students are ready to learn. We know that happy and healthy children learn better.



HOME-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

WE'RE A TEAM

We are one big team at Noorat Primary School and communication is key in ensuring a positive and successful start to schooling. We welcome parents and carers into our school community to engage in our learning and support our students by participating in our extra-curricular events.

EXCELLENCE

IN STUDENT OUTCOMES

We strive for excellence in all areas of teaching and learning at Noorat P.S. We have high expectations of all students and believe every child can achieve every day.

Teachers are committed to best-practice teaching and ongoing professional development. We plan collaboratively and connect with other small schools while ensuring we meet individual needs and maintain personalised learning approaches. Technology is used to engage and support learning.

Students in Years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to participate in the Victorian High Ability Program where their learning is further strengthened by collaborating online with peers and a teacher.

Our Student Leaders attend a range of leadership opportunities where they see the difference that can be made in the local community. This work is amplified in our Hands on Learning program through designing and implementing student developed projects to benefit others.



PERSONALISED LEARNING

ENGAGING CURRICULUM

At Noorat P.S. Literacy and Numeracy, along with student wellbeing, is core to everything we do. We engage students and invite them to explore their passions and interests by developing their confidence and skills, linking learning to the Victorian Curriculum.

A variety of assessments ensures we cater for every students individual point of need.

EXTRA OPPORTUNITIES

We believe in developing well-rounded students who have the confidence to approach and problem-solve through any challenge they face. Not only do we offer an abundance of in-school experiences, but we offer a wide range of extra-curricular activities throughout the school year.

- Hands on Learning Program
- Gnurad Gundidj School for Student Leadership collaborative days
- Swimming lessons
- Personal Development lessons with a qualified midwife
- Camps, sleepovers and excursions
- Somers Camp
- Inter-School Sports
- Cross Country
- Author visits with Cudgee and Panmure Primary Schools
- May Noonan, Lyndoch
- Anzac & Remembrance Day services
- Clean up Australia Day
- Cultural celebrations
- 1:1 iPads & Makerbot Replica+ 3D printer
- Cows Create Careers Program

TEACHING & LEARNING

OUR CURRICULUM

LITERACY

We have designed a Literacy Program that is systematic and comprehensive to ensure every child is catered for and can become a confident individual. Our Literacy teaching and learning draws upon best classroom practice that incorporates research-based programs and strategies such as Sounds Write, The Big 6 of Reading and 6+1 Traits of Writing.

Every child has access to our extensive library which contains a wide-variety of literature to engage students and support their reading progress.

NUMERACY

Our teachers plan thoroughly to provide targeted, sequential lessons that are scaffolded and differentiated to cater for individual student needs. We develop the numeracy skills of our students by building understanding, fluency, reasoning, modelling and problem solving.

A range of materials are used to support learning and build deeper understanding. Students learn to think flexibly by applying a range of strategies when solving authentic real-life tasks. We teach vocabulary as children develop the essential numeracy skills required for their personal and future professional lives.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

We have an extensive range of technology available to students to enhance their learning and create 21st century learners including 1:1 iPads, a MakerBot 3D printer, cisco WebEx interactive board, smart boards, apple TVs and specialist STEAM room.

We foster the development of being safe and responsible users of technology while utilising technology to engage students and allow us to connect with the world.

EXTRA CURRICULAR

MARC VAN LIBRARY

We have a Specialist MARC Van Teacher who, along with her Library van, visits our students weekly to provide a comprehensive and exciting literature program.

HANDS ON LEARNING

HoL is a practical program that caters to the different ways young people learn, helping build confidence, engagement and achievement at school. Students work collaboratively to plan, design, problem solve and create meaningful projects that benefit the school and local community.

THE ARTS

Our Arts program focusses on the creative elements of visual art, drama, dance, media and music.

KITCHEN GARDEN

Our students plant a range of seasonal fruits, vegetables and herbs which they take care of throughout the year and utilise in our cooking sessions. Students collect the eggs from our very own chickens and use them, along with the fresh produce we grow to create fabulous meals which we enjoy eating together.

LOTE - AUSLAN

Our students learn AUSLAN on a weekly basis through interactive lessons tailored to their level.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our students engage in P.E and sporting sessions throughout the week to develop gross-motor skills while developing cooperation and teamwork abilities.





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