

## Welcome

Situated in the picturesque city of Albany, Spencer Park Primary School has a **caring** and **responsive** staff and a **supportive parent community**. This makes our school a positive environment for all. Our motto “**Always Strive**” epitomises the approach of staff and students. Emphasis is placed on **nurturing** children to reach their full potential academically, socially and emotionally.



## Pedagogy

Our Early Childhood educators have **high expectations** of all students and believe that **every child matters, every day**. Our teachers understand the importance of **caring** and **fostering** our young students and aim to inspire curious and resilient learners. They understand the significance of developing the whole child including academic, social, emotional and physical needs. **Purpose-based play** that consolidates classroom learning and develops social skills is implemented daily and is combined with intentional, explicit teaching. **Hands-on activities and oral language programs** make up the majority of learning activities.

## Pastoral Care and Behaviour Management

Our school has a comprehensive **pastoral care** program which focuses on seven core values (respect, care and compassion, doing your best, honesty and trustworthiness, being environmentally kind and caring for our world, responsibility and tolerance and inclusion). Structures that provide for the care of our students include a **zero tolerance of bullying, school chaplain and mentoring program, breakfast program** and a comprehensive behaviour management program.

Our **case management model** of pastoral care and learning support provides a wrap-around service, supporting the academic, social and emotional needs of each and every child. Our links with service providers and feeder schools are comprehensive and ensure smooth transitions. **Regular meetings** that involve all stakeholders and service providers, ensure a targeted approach to meeting each child's needs.



## Class Sizes

Our class sizes average approximately 20 for kindergarten and pre-primary. Suitably qualified early childhood teachers and education assistants work closely to support our students.

## Academic Program

Our **literacy program** includes a phonemic awareness program, supporting children's abilities to manipulate sounds in oral and written texts, important skills for reading success.

Our **maths curriculum** is a daily experience of concrete learning, integrating YuMi maths approach with the Origo Maths program.

**Literacy Support** is provided to pre-primary students requiring extra assistance in areas of reading and writing. This support commences in Semester 2 of Pre-primary and continues throughout Year 1 and Year 2.

The school offers families with an early entry into school with a **0-3 year-old program** running throughout the week. This program runs at our Coolangarras kindy and in our onsite Kindy.



## Community Support

Our school also enjoys excellent **community support** with a small army of parent volunteers regularly engaged in the many activities within our school.

Our P&C is an **active and enthusiastic group of parents** that has helped organise many school improvement projects, including sports carnivals, the school disco and other fundraising events.

We have **strong links** with the Child Parent Centre, WANSLEA, Child Health Services and many other agency groups. All of these **support agencies** provide assistance to the school staff and individual parents on a needs basis.



## Facilities

Spencer Park Primary School has a purpose built Early Childhood Centre and a junior primary cluster, and dedicated music and science rooms. All classrooms are air-conditioned and all classrooms have projectors for whole class lessons.

We are fortunate to share our campus with the Spencer Park Education Support Centre. Our co-location affords us the rich opportunity to provide integrated learning and to share knowledge and expertise with regard to learning difficulties and disabilities.

If you would like to come and visit our wonderful school and view the classrooms, walk around our beautiful grounds or meet some of our friendly staff please contact the school.

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## Early Childhood Program

