



# Warrnambool East Primary School

The chance to be inspired



“Our school  
is like  
‘Fun4Kids’  
every day!”

Year 1 student



WELCOME

our school

At Warrnambool East P.S. 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 really important to recognise that a great school isn't just about academic achievements;

- it's about creativity,
- it's about curiosity,
- it's about engagement in a broad curriculum,
- it's about friendship,
- it's about young children living and working together in harmony,
- it's about fun,
- it's about embracing new opportunities,
- it's about developing open and enquiring minds in a changing world.

At Warrnambool East P.S. we know the fantastic opportunities and achievements that we enjoy and celebrate, are made possible by our great team of teachers, educational support staff and our families.



Our school is a friendly and happy school, where we all care and encourage one another to be the best we can be.



# learning for everyone

At Warrnambool East P.S we cater for the full academic, emotional, social and moral development of our students. We teach the Australian Curriculum in an engaging and sequential way across the school.

English and Mathematics are at the heart of our curriculum and take up the larger part of teaching time. Every child is treated as an individual and with rigorous assessment and planning, teachers develop personalised, explicit teaching for their students.

We are determined that all students succeed and reach high standards. Our students' progress is regularly monitored and intervention and acceleration programs are implemented across the school to meet a diverse range of learning needs.

Information Communication Technologies, current and emerging, are naturally embedded into everything we do - teaching and learning and communication with the school, with families and beyond.

Students engage in specialist teaching in Science, Physical Education and The Arts.

Our Inquiry Learning Curriculum captures the curiosity of our students and provides them with an inquiry framework to deepen their understandings, skills and knowledge and about their world and their place in the world. Our Inquiry Learning Curriculum incorporates the Australian Curriculum and is sequential from foundation to year 6.

**Inquiry Learning poses questions for students to wonder about, look for possibilities, weigh up alternatives, justify positions, seek answers, deepen their knowledge and share and apply their learning to the world.**

- **what** are 'The Arts' and how do they help us express ourselves?
- **is** life better now or in the olden days?
- **what** factors influence what and how we learn?
- **how** have machines changed work, leisure and lifestyles?
- **how** did early exploration and settlement in Australia shape our nation?
- **how** can we become active citizens who contribute to the global world?
- **how** can we build a just world?

**We know children have differing abilities, interests and learning preferences and our goal is for all students to learn what they need to learn and not spend time on what they already know.**

'It was evident to me that the school is characterised by a positive and proactive culture where students are engaged and connected to their learning.

**Congratulations to everyone involved!**

Dr Sonia Sharp Deputy Secretary DEECD 2013

# technology

Our school community has embraced the challenge of both ICT professional learning and resourcing our school with current and plentiful ICT infrastructure and equipment. A variety of ICT devices are utilised by students and staff, including Interactive Whiteboards in all classrooms, digital cameras and microscopes, laptops and desktop computers, iPods, iPads and netbooks. The 'Bring-Your-Own-iPad program from year 3 and the integration of the iPad into all learning areas across the school, prep to year six, has contributed to technology being positively integrated into teaching and learning and being a truly powerful tool for creating and sharing learning.

To provide our children with an education that is relevant and will equip them to navigate this century, our children need to be not only literate and numerate, but also:

- ➊ have good personal and communication skills
- ➋ be able to work independently and as part of a team
- ➌ be able to think for themselves and to be creative
- ➍ be confident with and competent with ICT.

'What I love about Warrnambool East Primary School the most, is using all the technology at school because it makes me want to learn.'

*year 6 student*

# student wellbeing and management

At Warrnambool East P.S. we believe the wellbeing and engagement of our students is central to them learning and being positively involved in our school. Our students are challenged by their teachers to aim high and are stimulated and inspired by their learning, this in turn leads to students who are motivated, committed to learning and achieving excellent educational outcomes, in a disciplined and positive school.

- ➊ 'Learning How to Learn and Lead' is an integral part of our school and is a great anchoring point for everyone. It is the framework for establishing high expectations, classroom organisation and management and determining and acknowledging different learning preferences.
- ➋ Wellbeing Team- Our Wellbeing Team provides students and families with professional counselling, and welfare and wellbeing support through a range of proactive programs such as Drumbeat, Kids Hope Mentoring, Music and Mindfulness Programs.

- ➌ Being a 'Stronger Smarter Learning Community' and with input from our Koorie Educational Support Officers, our Koorie Students and families are acknowledged as integral to our school family.
- ➍ Warrnambool Government School Network provides Speech Therapy, Psychology and Social Worker services to our students and families.
- ➎ Reflection Program and Bully Audit- Positive student/school relationships and student safety are not compromised at our school. The Reflection Program addresses issues that require time for children to reflect on and if required, receive consequences and modify behaviour. Our school takes a proactive stance to bullying through conducting Bully Audits termly. We act swiftly if required, as all children have the right to feel safe and happy at school. Parents are notified if their child attends Reflection or is named in the Bully Audit.





# inspiring young

# scientists

The 'Inspiring Young Scientists' program highlights a unique partnership with Deakin University and provides opportunities for our students to work alongside 'real' scientists as we collaboratively undertake authentic research in our local marine and estuarine environments.



## beyond the classroom

Our school looks to the world outside to enrich what happens at school -

- 1 Garden Club - works tirelessly to keep our school looking magnificent and to raise money and provide support for others less fortunate.
- 2 Zoo Keepers - Responsible for caring for our Classroom Creatures.
- 3 Camps to places such as Melbourne, Werribee, Halls Gap and Port Fairy.
- 4 Twilight School and walks from Warrnambool to Port Fairy.
- 5 Winter and summer sports competitions with local schools.
- 6 Representation at local, regional and state level in Chess, Athletics and Cross Country.
- 7 Aerobics, Dance and Choir.
- 8 Swimming and Surf Lessons.

## keeping in touch

- 1 COMPASS is our School Management System and provides families and the school an online and easy way to communicate. Parents have a personal log on to access their child's world at school including attendance, timetables, achievement, behaviour, parent payments and the list is growing.
- 2 Our website provides general information and Our Blogs are regularly updated with school and student events and learning.
- 3 SKOOL BAG is an 'app' that provides regular updates via our website. Available FREE from the App store.
- 4 The Link - our weekly Newsletter published on the website and also available through our Skool Bag App.

**W:** [www.weps.vic.edu.au](http://www.weps.vic.edu.au)

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# ten good reasons

## for choosing Warrnambool East Primary School

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### Happy and Secure

Warrnambool East Primary School offers all children with a happy and secure start to school. (Parent)

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### Children Realise Their Potential

Every child is unique and with our personalised approach to assessment, teaching and learning and a curriculum designed to motivate and engage our students; every child at our school shines.

3

### Respect for Others

Our Keys to Success provide a common language and actions to enable respect for others-Organisation, Confidence, Getting Along, Persistence and Resilience.

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### Student Achievements - Standards

NAPLAN results indicated that Warrnambool East Primary School students who sat NAPLAN Reading and Numeracy in years 3 and 5 whilst at Warrnambool East P.S. achieved growth at or greater than students in all other schools. (My School Website). ACER Science Testing results indicated extraordinary achievement across the school, including 86% of year 2's achieving 2 years academic growth in 6 months and 60% of year 4's achieved 18 months academic growth in 6 months.

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### Our Reputation

'Schools like Warrnambool East Primary School do not support students to fully engage and extend their skills, knowledge and capabilities by accident. Professional teachers, professional leadership and management are the foundation upon which success is built. Many thanks for your fine work and of course.... The gardens are magnificent! Dr Sonia Sharp Deputy Secretary DEECD 2013

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### Inspiring Young Scientists

'Our students have a real passion for science, they love it! Working with the team from Deakin, makes it even more special.' (Science Teacher)

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### Resources

We have excellent facilities and resources including a sports stadium, science lab, spacious sports grounds and gardens, current technology across the school with one to one student devices in years 3 to 6 and continually updated literature and resources to engage our inquiring learners.

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### Beyond the Classroom

Buddies, Garden Club, Chess Club, Choir, Camps, Excursions, Incursions, Performances, Winter and Summer Sports, Swimming, Surf & Swim, Active After School Care...we never let an opportunity pass!

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### Our Grounds, Garden and Garden Club

Our grounds and our gardens are second to none. The Garden Club is an institution and has provided generations of students with a love of gardening and the skills and passion to live sustainably.

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### Home / School Partnership

We are one big family and great things can be achieved when we all work as one, for our children today and for their futures.





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