

## Welcome

Happy engaged students and quality teaching programs are two key elements that your child will experience when they attend Spencer Park Primary School. Situated in the picturesque city of Albany, we have 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 focusses on seven **core values** (respect, care and compassion, doing your best, honesty and trustworthiness, care 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.

Social/emotional literacy is taught through the **Zones of Regulation** and all students are afforded opportunities to manage their regulation through regular sensory breaks or the use of one of our many breakout spaces throughout the school.

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 targetted approach to meeting each child's



## 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** is evidence-based, best practice, and includes a phonemic awareness program, supporting children's abilities to manipulate sounds in oral and written texts, important skills for reading success. Our teaching program includes the Heggerty Phonemic Awareness program; PLD, a structured, synthetic phonics program; and Talk for Writing, an oral-language based writing program. All programs give students the best chance to *crack the* reading and writing code.

Our **maths curriculum** is a daily experience of concrete learning, integrating a hands-on maths approach to the curriculum.

**Literacy Support** is provided to all students as it is needed. This may be one-to-one or in small groups.

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 classrooms are air-conditioned and have projectors for whole-class lessons. We have a **purpose-built Early Childhood Centre** and a **junior primary cluster**, and **dedicated music and science room** and **outdoor classroom**. We are lucky to have both an undercover area and a school hall, which is fitted for school performances and assemblies alike.

Our school grounds are attractive, with bold colours and lovely gardens. There is **specialised fitness equipment** and wide open spaces for students to enjoy.

We share our campus with the Spencer Park Education Support Centre, affording us the rich opportunity to provide **integrated learning**.

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

