

Welcome to Kinross Primary School



Kinross Primary School is in the West Coast Education District approximately 5 kilometres north of Joondalup. The school was established in 1995. There are currently 532 primary students enrolled in Years 1 – 5 and 80 Kindergarten and 108 Pre Primary students in pre compulsory programs. Following year 5, children move on to Kinross College for Years 6 - 10.

The buildings and grounds are well established and well maintained, providing an excellent educational facility for students and staff.

The Kinross School vision is that individual student needs are met through teaching and learning programs, which reflect current 'Best Practice'. To facilitate this, staff have a program of professional development to provide current information about Department of Education and Training initiatives. These initiatives are also included regularly in the fortnightly school newsletter.

The school provides an educational program that caters for a broad spectrum of abilities, needs and interests of students and has strong links with parents and the local community. An active Student Council and Student Forum meet to promote student activities.

Students attending the school are characteristically from the suburb of Kinross, with some enrolments from families residing in nearby suburbs.

Programs

Kindergarten and Pre Primary

The school has seven units on site providing Four Year Old and Five Year Old programs. The units feature up-to-date resources and programs, carefully selected to maximise learning opportunities. 'Interest Centres' are allocated generous space to encourage interaction between the children. The focus changes frequently in response to the developmental learning programs devised by Early Childhood Teachers supported by Education Assistants. Parent involvement is encouraged.

Primary

Students study a full range of subjects across the eight learning areas. The exception is Languages Other Than English (Italian), which is studied by Years 2 to 5. There is a focus on library, visual arts, physical education and music, which have specialist teacher tuition time. Some students attend Primary Extension and Challenge classes provided by the District. As of 2006 the District Office PEAC centre will operate at Kinross Primary School. Talented and Gifted programs operate across the school.



Significant funding has been allocated to support information communication technologies and the provision of computers in each room. This will be extended using Department of Education and Training (DET) funding over the future years. Our computers have Internet access while digital, still and video cameras are used extensively.

The school development plan currently has five priority areas. These priorities are outlined on the rear of this document. The priority areas are developed in consultation with parents, staff and students. They are consistent with Dept of Education and Training Key Directions.

Resources

The school comprises three teaching blocks comprising fourteen teaching areas. Each has a central activity area for cooking, etc. The school also has a Performing Arts room and a Visual Arts room. In addition there are eight temporary classrooms.

A modern well-resourced and automated library resource centre is the communications hub of the school. Specialist instruction in the use of the automated facilities provides students with experience in using computer equipment. Computers are also available for Internet access and group tuition.

A well-equipped administration block is centrally located in the school. The reception area is attended 8.30am to 3.30pm. A substantial covered assembly area provides an ideal venue for school assemblies and wet weather physical education. Roller doors make it possible to use the area as a hall. The area is also ideal for extra curricula activities including visiting performers and exhibitions. A committed team, comprising a manager, staff and volunteer workers, provide school lunches each day from a canteen facility connected to the undercover area. Multi purpose courts are available for student use and for hire to the general public.



SUPPORT SERVICES

- ◆ School Psychologist
- ◆ Community Health Nurse
- ◆ Dental Services
- ◆ Additional School Services are available from West Coast District Office

Parents



At Kinross Primary School, parents and care givers are recognised as important contributors to their child's social, physical, cultural, moral and intellectual development. We perceive our relationship with parents and care givers as being part of a team endeavouring to achieve common goals. Parent involvement is welcomed and encouraged. The school provides information via a fortnightly newsletter.

Parents play an important part in the life of the school:

- ◆ helping with the implementation of a range of in-class programs.
- ◆ assisting with extra curricula activities.
- ◆ participating in the school decision making process via an active P&C and School Council.
- ◆ supporting the ongoing development of the school resources and facilities via the P&C.
- ◆ attending parent information sessions and meetings.

Enrolment Policy

In keeping with DET policy, the school's enrolment policy is non-discriminatory and without consideration of religious denomination, race or academic achievement. Admission is subject to approval by the Principal. Special needs, which the child may have as well as family court orders must be declared at the time of completing the application for enrolment form for all new students. We have a review and assessment period to ensure each child is placed appropriately. The school has a dress code policy that requires students to wear an agreed code of dress.

Special Initiatives

- ◆ *Students at Educational Risk Intervention Program and Individual Education Planning*
- ◆ *Collaborative Planning Structures.*
- ◆ *Information Communication Technologies*
- ◆ *PEAC (Primary Extension and Challenge) Program & Gifted and Talented Programs*
- ◆ *In-term swimming lessons*
- ◆ *Class Music Program*
- ◆ *Visual Arts Program*
- ◆ *Physical Education Program*
- ◆ *Italian - Language Other Than English*
- ◆ *Kinross Writers' Club*
- ◆ *Kinross Guitar Club*
- ◆ *Kinross History Club*

2006 Kinross Primary School Recommended Priorities

- ◆ First Steps Literacy
- ◆ ICT Enriched Classrooms
- ◆ SIS Recording and Reporting
- ◆ Integrating Curriculum Guides into Phase of Learning Team Planning
- ◆ WALNA First Cut
- ◆ Promoting Our Classrooms
- ◆ System and School Initiatives



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