

## Welcome.....

Castletown is a large primary school situated in the pristine sea side town of Esperance. Between 540—590 students attend our school. The school has been operating since 1966 and has an excellent reputation for providing opportunities for all students to reach their potential. We encourage and value academic excellence and high standards and are committed to developing children to be life long learners.

We have a team of dedicated, caring professionals who share their talents and skills to provide your child with comprehensive and challenging programs.



## Our Values.....

Our actions are guided by the four core Department of Education Values -

- ★ Learning
- ★ Excellence
- ★ Equity
- ★ Care

and the core shared values of:

- ★ A pursuit of knowledge and a commitment to the achievement of potential.
- ★ Self acceptance and respect of self.
- ★ Respect and concern for others and their rights.
- ★ Social and civic responsibility.
- ★ Environmental responsibility.

Our school also runs a virtues program, which supports our values.

## Our Curriculum.....

Our curriculum, as guided by the Australian Curriculum, provides breadth and depth in the following learning areas of English, Mathematics, Science, Humanities & Social Sciences, Health & Physical Education, The Arts, and Technology & Enterprise.

Specialist programs include Music and Physical Education.

In addition, other programs that operate include:

- ★ Students at Educational Risk
- ★ Gifted and Talented programs
- ★ Instrumental music
- ★ Religious Instruction is offered every week for one half an hour.
- ★ Accelerated Reading
- ★ A Learning Support Co-ordinator assists in developing suitable programs for students with disabilities in mainstream classes.
- ★ A school camp is organised for senior students.
- ★ Several cultural events throughout the year enhance the arts for our students.
- ★ After School Sports program operates on Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

## Support Agencies.....

A school psychologist is available to assist children with special problems.

The school nurse regularly visits the school to care for the general health and well being of students.

Speech pathologists visit the school to assist teachers in their referrals of students experiencing speech and language difficulties.

A Dental Therapy Centre is situated at Esperance Primary School.

## School Policies.....

### ***Behaviour Management***

Students, staff and parents have agreed recognised responsibilities and rights in relation to the provision of a safe, positive and caring environment in the school.

Our school aims to:

- ★ Create a positive caring environment so teachers and students can work together in harmony and where rights and responsibilities are recognised and respected.
- ★ Establish a set of rules that protect the rights of all individuals.
- ★ Provide a clear set of consequences for individuals who do not accept their responsibilities.

### ***Uniform***

Students are expected to wear the school uniform which has been determined in consultation with the School Council.

### ***No Hat, No Play!***

Our school is a Sun Smart School. Broad brim hats are to be worn all year to protect children from the sun's UV rays. 'No hat, no play' policy is strictly enforced.

### **Homework**

The school has a policy for students from Year 1-7 to do homework on four days of the week, Friday being a respite day. A homework book for each child is essential for documentary evidence of expectations from the school. Parents are asked to sign their child's homework book each night after checking the work.

### **Bicycle Safety**

Children should not ride to school unless proficient in the skills of bike riding, usually around years 4/5. Australian Standard helmets are compulsory. It is recommended children chain their bikes to the racks.

### **Reporting To Parents**

A reporting policy flyer is sent home to parents at the beginning of the year.

During the first three weeks of school teachers conduct a parent meeting to discuss expectations, curriculum, philosophy and classroom organisation.

Oral reporting is conducted at the beginning of Term 2.

Formal reports are sent to parents at the end of Semester 1 and 2.

An "Open Night" is held in Term 3 giving parents an opportunity to view children's work and progress.

Parents are encouraged to work closely with their child's classroom teacher and are most welcome to make contact informally and on a regular basis. Appointments to see your child on a formal basis may be made through the office.

## **Procedures.....**

### **Faction System**

Children, on commencing school, are placed in one of four factions, Cygnet (gold), Challenger (blue), Success (red), and Parmelia (green) - names of some of our early W.A. sailing ships. The faction system promotes loyalty, team spirit and reinforces our school values.

### **School Councillors**

These are elected annually as our student school leaders by the students and staff and announced at the Graduation/Prize Giving Ceremony each December. School Councillors act as models to the rest of the school in terms of behaviour, presentation and respect for school rules. Councillors perform a range of duties.

### **Assemblies**

These are held fortnightly on Thursday mornings from 8.55 a.m. A class item is presented as well as honour certificates and special presentations. The assemblies are conducted by a class or by the Councillors. Parents are encouraged to attend.

### **Transport**

Seven buses serve the hinterland of our school. Two town buses carry children to and from the town centre.

In the event of any deviation from normal bus routine, parents must write a note contacting the bus driver and school.

### **Absences**

All absences by students must be explained verbally or by a note, stating reason, to the school from the parent. Children should not miss school for trivial reasons. Every day is important in your child's education.

### **Parents as Partners**

The importance of parents in partnership with the school in the education of their child is well known and well documented. There are many levels in which parents can become involved at the school such as School Council, P&C and sub committees such as canteen and uniform. Parents can be supportive of the school in many ways:

- ★ In the educational programs
- ★ Parent help in the classrooms
- ★ Volunteers – covering books, helping in the library

You, as a parent, will find many opportunities to become involved in your child's education.



## **CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL**



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Educate,  
Succeed”***

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