



Flowerdale Primary School

Small Schools Are Great Schools

SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY

VISION

At Flowerdale, our goal is to produce lifelong learners within our small school setting. We develop the capacity of children to be resilient and respected members of their local community, whilst encouraging their sense of curiosity and wonder about the world in which we all live. Students at Flowerdale understand the importance of living in a sustainable world and caring for both the environment and its people.

MISSION

At Flowerdale Primary School the teacher's role is to guide, providing access to information rather than acting as the primary source of information, the students' search for knowledge is met as they learn to find answers to their questions. For students to construct knowledge, they need the opportunity to discover for themselves, and practice skills in authentic situations. Providing students access to hands-on activities, and allowing adequate time and space to use materials that reinforce the lesson being studied, creates an opportunity for individual discovery and construction of knowledge to occur.

Equally important to self-discovery is having the opportunity to study things that are meaningful and relevant to one's life and interests. Developing a curriculum around student interests fosters intrinsic motivation and stimulates the passion to learn. When students have ownership in the curriculum, they are motivated to work hard and master the skills necessary to reach their goals.

Helping students to develop a deep love and respect for themselves, others, and their environment occurs through an open sharing of ideas and a respectful approach to discipline. When the voice of each student is heard, an environment evolves where students feel free to express themselves.

At Flowerdale Primary School we strive to achieve a learning community in which every member of the community makes a valuable contribution to the life journey of all.

VALUES

At Flowerdale Primary School we have chosen five values which are embedded into all our school policies and form the basis of our Positive School Behaviour Matrix and teaching practices. These values are:

TEAMWORK - RESPECT – BOUNCING BACK – PERSONAL BEST – COMPASSION



OBJECTIVES

- To ensure all children are treated with respect and protected from harm
- The school serves to ensure that the children of this community are provided with access to a quality educational program without having to leave their local area.
- The school will provide a positive and safe learning environment that reflects the interest and cultures of all students.
- To ensure that all students benefit from a holistic approach to learning and are able to achieve their full potential in academic, social and emotional learning.
- Together, with our wider community connections we aim to develop connected, well-adjusted and considerate citizens of the future.
- To maintain strong family/community/school partnerships at our school
- To encourage parent and community volunteers and the contributions they can provide to our students and programs.
- To foster inclusive programs that support the needs of all students
- To nurture a curiosity for our natural environment and to encourage sustainable practices