



# CURRAMBINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

## PROSPECTUS



# Together

## Towards Tomorrow

# Welcome to Currambine Primary School



Every parent wants to ensure they are choosing the best primary school for their child and I welcome the opportunity to provide an overview of what Currambine Primary School can offer your family.

Over fifty per cent of our families have come from beyond Currambine Primary School's boundaries, drawn by our reputation for academic challenge, high standards of student behaviour, a caring and supportive community and deeply-committed staff.

We offer high-quality curriculum tailored to the needs of our students, specialist programs in Physical Education, Music, Visual Art and French and a learning environment that focuses on the social and emotional growth of each student. Every student participates in regular social and emotional learning programs as part of the curriculum, designed to improve social skills, enhance mental health and prevent bullying.

With just over seven hundred students and nearly one hundred staff, our school is big enough to provide extensive opportunities, with a leadership structure that ensures individual attention and support.

As an Independent Public School, we are afforded increased flexibilities and responsibilities to make local decisions across a range of school operations to enhance educational outcomes for students. One of the benefits of this is the privilege of hand-picking our

staff, and the staff we recruit are deeply committed to the young people in their care.

***Currambine Primary School strives to grow each child's academic knowledge, skills, sense of wellbeing and intrapersonal skills in an inclusive, engaging and positive learning environment.***

Our school motto, 'Together Towards Tomorrow', emphasises the importance we place on our sense of community, our desire to innovate and develop learners prepared for the 21st century.

I welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss your child's education and look forward to your family becoming part of our school community.

Yours sincerely,

**Geoff Smith**  
**Principal**



# Curriculum

Currambine Primary School offers a **comprehensive curriculum which is challenging, diverse and inclusive.**

As an Independent Public School, Currambine Primary School has **greater flexibility to tailor the delivery of the Western Australian curriculum to more effectively meet the needs of the young people in our care.** Teachers respond to their students' needs and interests, which inform their approach to teaching, learning and assessment.

Currambine Primary School **recognises literacy as an essential skill for students in becoming successful learners and as a foundation for success in all learning areas.** All children in the early childhood are exposed to systematic instruction in synthetic phonics to maximise their literacy success. We offer specialist small group intervention programs such as Mini-lit, Multi-lit and Direct Instruction. Home reading is an important part of the curriculum and "reading nights" milestones are celebrated throughout the year. All Kindergarten students are screened by a Speech Pathologist and, if required, referred on to the appropriate support services as early as possible. This information also provides teachers with important information to ensure that all children's needs are supported in the classroom.

At Currambine Primary School we aim to **ensure all children from Kindergarten to Year Six reach their potential in numeracy.** The teaching of mathematics includes a strong focus on conceptualising, understanding and application. The programs focus on explicit instruction with multiple opportunities to practise mathematics skills successfully. Mental mathematics instruction includes a focus on both mastery of basic facts and combinations and learning strategies to complete complex mental calculations.

We offer a **range of specialist programs including: Visual Art, Physical Education, French and Music, along with an instrumental music program offered by the Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS).** Opportunities to perform are also a feature of the curriculum, including Carols by Twilight (Year Three), Farewell Song (Year Four), WA Government Schools Music Society Performance (Year Five) and Graduation Song (Year Six). Classes take turns to present at assemblies throughout the year, providing opportunities to develop public speaking skills.

***School camps are offered in Year Three and Year Six and are seen as an integral part of the school curriculum. School camps enable students to explore, extend and enrich their learning and develop social skills, in a non-school setting. It assists in the development of independence and decision-making skills as well as increased confidence and environmental awareness.***

Students are exposed to a **digitally rich learning environment, that seeks to shape students into lifelong learners and prepare them for the 21st Century.** All students from Kindergarten to Year Six have access to iPads to ensure they acquire digital literacy and technology skills. All classrooms are equipped with electronic whiteboards to support the learning programs.

**Effective differentiation is an important part of our curriculum delivery process and is based on the premise that every student can do remarkable things with the appropriate guidance and support.** Where appropriate, children are offered tailored instruction to meet individual needs through group adjustments and programs, both in and outside of the classroom, or individual case management plans.

Our school welcomes the enrolment of all students including those with a disability, English as an additional language or experiencing challenges with their learning. **As a larger school, our diverse peer composition allows Currambine Primary School to organize peer groups to enhance learning.** We are also able to provide a wide range of courses for students and have teachers that are specialized in particular subjects.

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*"My children are in their early years at Currambine Primary School which has provided them with the best start to their education.*

*I have been impressed by how engaging, supportive and caring the teachers and school staff are. My children have been provided with many opportunities to maximise their learning potential and develop confidence, always in a happy and safe environment.*

*There is effective leadership, with an amazing Principal and Associate Principals who work in partnership with the families.*

*The school has a very strong sense of community, with many opportunities throughout the year for the children and their families to participate in wonderful school and community events."*

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Sheri-Lynn, Mum to Avery and Imogen

# Student Well-being

At Currambine Primary School, we believe that student resilience and well-being are essential for both academic and social development, and this is optimised by a safe, supportive and respectful learning environment. We offer **a comprehensive approach to student mental health to ensure that each student can reach their full potential.**

We offer **numerous programs to support students in managing their mental health and their relationships with others.** Mindfulness is practised across all year levels, helping students to understand self-awareness and techniques to calm and focus the mind. The 'I Do It' programs (Kindergarten to Year One) focuses on playing together, manners, problem solving and resolving conflict. The 'Friendly Schools Plus' program (Year Two onwards) focuses on bullying prevention, with a focus on managing online bullying for students in Year Five and Six. The 'Bounce Back' program (Years Two, Four and Six) focuses on developing our students' resiliency, the ability to bounce back from challenging or disappointing situations. The 'Aussie Optimism' program (Years Five and Six) offers a skill-building approach, focusing on developing students' emotional and social skills to reduce their risk of anxiety and depression.



We offer **a range of resources to support the social and emotional needs of our students.** Our School Psychologist is on site two days per week and works with families and school staff to offer small group support and individual case management. Our School Chaplaincy program supports the wellbeing of students and school community through the provision of pastoral care services and strategies delivered by a chaplain two days per week. The school also has access to a nurse who conducts specific screening of Kindergarten children and can support children with specific concerns.

***"I love how well rounded and confident both my children have become and this is thanks to Currambine Primary School and their staff."***

Alana, Mum to Riley and Jordan



There are **a diverse range of leadership roles on offer, giving students the opportunity to develop leadership skills, learn the skills of collaboration and experience the many satisfactions of contributing to the welfare of others.** The most commonly known and valued form of leadership is performed by two groups of selected Year Six students: Student Councillors and Faction Captains. We also have a Tech Team who assist with the technical side of our assemblies and the Cocky Crew, who have environmental duties. Students are placed into vertical house groups, encouraging authentic interaction between the year levels and enabling older students to act as mentors and leaders to our younger students.

We have recently implemented **the WA Positive Behaviour**

**Support (PBS) program which improves student academic and behaviour outcomes** by ensuring all students have access to the most effective and accurately implemented instructional and behavioural practices and interventions possible. The WA PBS program ensures that students know what is expected of them and choose to fulfil those expectations because they know what to do, have the skills to do it and see the natural benefits for acting responsibly.

We provide school tours and orientation sessions **to ease the transition and ensure the best experience for you and your child as they begin at Currambine Primary School.** All prospective parents and students are welcome to attend a guided school tour with our Student Councillors or Kindergarten teachers, to familiarise yourselves with the facilities. An orientation

program for Kindergarten students includes a trio of sessions before the commencement of the school year, which will help you to prepare your child for starting school and also familiarise your child with the premises and teachers.

Students that enrol throughout the year are often matched with an existing student in a buddy system, to ease any anxiety and help them to settle in. A **"buddy bench" is available which aims to reduce social isolation, improve mental well-being and overcome bullying.** If a child feels lonely during recess or lunchtime, they can go to the bench as a signal that they need someone to play with and students are taught to approach them, to talk to them and include them in their games.

***A Play and Learning Skills (P.A.L.S) program is available for parents of children aged up to four years.***

***The community program aims to support parents and provide resources to maximise your child's learning potential.***

***All children aged up to four years are welcome to attend with their parents. P.A.L.S is held on Monday mornings in the Undercover Area.***

# Our Teachers

**As an Independent Public School, we are privileged to be able to hand-pick our staff and match each of them to the needs of our students and the community. This ensures we have a balance of experience, knowledge, skills and expertise.**

The staff we recruit are **deeply committed to making a difference to the young people in our care.** Our cohesive team maintain high, but realistic, expectations of every student and ensure that we build strong and meaningful relationships with students, their families and the Currumbine community.

With **an experienced leadership team, our staff are inspired to remain at the top of their game** through professional development, mentoring and rigorous approaches to planning and leadership development.

The **structure of our school management team cultivates a small-school feel and ensures that all students receive the attention that they require.** The school is divided into three age-based sections, each with a dedicated Associate Principal. Kindergarten to Year One, Years Two and Three, and Years Four to Six are each managed by a dedicated Associate Principal, under the leadership of Principal, Geoff Smith.

***“My son came to Currumbine Primary School in the Third Term of 2019. It was a big decision for our family after being at a Catholic school for eight years. Our experience has been nothing but amazing! My son’s teacher is the best teacher he has ever had and he now goes to school running in instead of dreading every day. He has also made the most amazing new buddies! Thank you with all my heart.”***

Michelle, Mum to Jevon



# Facilities

**Our dynamic, purpose-built teaching rooms encourage collaboration, investigation and participation in personalised learning.**

Currumbine Primary School’s classrooms are a mix between fixed brick and insulated demountable buildings, all of which are air-conditioned. Most of the school’s transportable classrooms were replaced with new transportable buildings in 2020.

We offer **a learning environment that is engaging and rich with digital learning experiences.** All classrooms have access to wireless digital technology and are equipped with electronic whiteboards to facilitate the learning and teaching process.

We offer **specialist facilities for visual art, music and French.** A new science / technology room was opened in 2020, providing a first-class science / technology experience.

There are **several age-specific play spaces,** including four playgrounds, two netball / basketball courts, two astroturf play areas and an expansive oval.

Currumbine Primary School’s **library resource centre is well-stocked with a wide range of books,** meticulously chosen to engage readers of all levels.

The school is **fully gated, providing a safe environment** for our students.

The **canteen operates five days a week, offering a range of healthy menu options** each school day at both recess and lunch.

Our enclosed, carpeted **undercover assembly area ensures assemblies are comfortable** for our students.

An independently run (YMCA) **Before and After School Hours Care is available on site.** This service runs in a collaborative approach with Currumbine Primary School, ensuring that children can move smoothly between the service and school as required. Several other before and after school care providers also provide drop off and pick up services to the school.

# The Currambine Primary School Community

Parents and the broader community play a vital role in supporting successful learning outcomes for our children and **we are proud to have a strong school community at Currambine Primary School.** We gather together for special events such as our ANZAC Ceremony and Carols by Twilight and all parents are encouraged to become involved in our vibrant school community.

Our Parents and Citizens' (P&C) Committee consists of **enthusiastic parents, teachers and other interested community members who contribute their ideas and skills to the school. They work actively to support our students on their journey through school.** The committee fundraises through various activities, including school discos, colour runs, Mothers Day and Fathers Day stalls, and provides a forum for parents to discuss important matters relating to the school and its community.

Currambine Primary School is home to the **LADDs (Loving and Devoted Dads) Fathering Project, which aims to improve child development outcomes by inspiring and equipping fathers and father figures to engage positively with their kids.** Run by volunteer fathers, the LADDs organise activities to encourage greater involvement by the fathering cohort within the school community and, in doing so, strengthen links and relationships with like-minded men to the benefit of, and for better outcomes

for our children. Past activities have included a school camp-out, Bunnings Sausage Sizzle, dads in the canteen, bike rides, beach safety days and IT safety nights.

Our **School Board consists of parents, community, staff and student members who are committed to supporting the school to achieve the best outcomes for its students.** They assist in setting and enhancing school goals, endorsing the Annual School Report, Business Plan and reviewing school performance.

We understand that **family involvement is critical to your child's success and we provide many ways to keep you involved through every step of the journey.** Parent information nights are held early in Term One to provide an overview of how the year will progress and, where required, one-on-one meetings can be arranged to discuss your child's individual needs. An Open Night is hosted in Term Three, where parents are invited to visit the classrooms and view schoolwork. We keep our community up to date on broader school activities via fortnightly newsletters, Connect and the school's Facebook page and we regularly engage with our school community to inform our decisions.

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*"I highly recommend this school. The Principal is absolutely amazing and has a heart of gold. The resources and facilities this school have are exceptional. The teachers go above and beyond for our children. This school is a community I am so blessed my children have been a part of."*

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Krystalie, Mum to Kai, Jackson and Riley



# Our Values

Currumbine Primary School's organisational values are;

- Collaboration
- Empathy
- Flexibility
- Fairness
- Humour
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Passion
- Reflection





### Siren Times

School Start:	8.30am
Recess - Start:	10.40am
Wednesday:	10.30am
Recess - Finish:	11.00am
1st Lunch:	1.00pm
2nd Lunch:	1.15pm
Lunch - Finish:	1.38pm
School Finish:	2.40pm

We welcome the opportunity to answer any questions that you may have.

To find out more, to arrange a visit, or to enrol your child, please call us on 08 6207 6100 or email: [currambine.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:currambine.ps@education.wa.edu.au)

**You can also view further information on our website: [www.currambineps.wa.edu.au](http://www.currambineps.wa.edu.au)**

**We look forward to welcoming you and your family to Currambine Primary School.**



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