INFORMATION BOOKLET 2013

COME AND VISIT US AT COLAC WEST
ENROLMENTS FOR 2014

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Everyone is Most Welcome at Colac West Primary School

Colac West is a "You Can Do It!" School
Dear Parents and Carers

We have prepared this information to inform you of some of the things we offer at Colac West Primary School in preparation for you and your child’s ‘Primary School Adventure’.

As a small sized City School, we offer a safe, compassionate and friendly environment, with large well equipped classrooms and pleasant grounds. At our school all children are treated as individuals by our experienced and dedicated teachers and support staff. We cater for all abilities, backgrounds and needs, working in partnership with you, to help your children grow and develop to their full potential.

Our school is a recognised ‘You Can Do It’ school, building student’s abilities in Confidence, Persistence, Organisation, Getting Along and Resilience. Year 6 students all are involved with new Preps each year as part of the Buddy Program to help make new student’s school experience a smoother transition.

Class sizes are deliberately kept low at Colac West. We focus on Literacy and Numeracy, providing additional support and training in these areas for students and staff. There are several assistance programs available and supported by class teachers and learning assistants. Specialist programs operate in Art, Music and Library, with a weekly Sport and PE focus. Popular additions to our programs include Choir, Instrumental Music, Netbooks (Years 4-6), Junior School Council, House Captains, the Vegetable Garden, Cooking and these fit in as part of the curriculum.

School Council and a vibrant Parents and Friends allow parents to have input to decision making in the school. Many parents help with reading, sport, excursions, special events and assisting in the canteen.

Parents are invited to visit the school to discuss any matters of interest or concern. Please contact the Office and an appointment will be arranged. We look forward to seeing you.

Peter Nelson (Acting Principal)
WHAT DOES OUR SCHOOL OFFER YOUR CHILD

CURRICULUM – what will my child learn?
Our school seeks to provide a safe and caring environment, where learning is the focus and the welfare of each child is of the utmost importance. Our students are given a sound academic grounding, but they are also extended in many other directions - in the creative arts which introduce pupils to music and many two and three-dimensional art forms, upon the sporting field, and in their overall development as individuals. All our programs are based on the recommended curriculum in the Victorian Education Learning Standards (VELS) in preparation for the forthcoming Australian Curriculum.

Colac West Specialist & Extension Programs

- School Vegetable Garden
- Library
- Premier’s Reading Challenge
- Bike Education
- Inter School Sport
- Art Specialist
- Successmaker program
- Religious Education
- Transition programs
- Choir
- Program Achieve–You Can Do It
- Netbooks in Years 5 & 6
- Camps & Excursions
- Music Specialist
- Mathletics program
- Human Development
- Intra School Sport
- Social Education
- Integration
- Reading Recovery
- Instrumental Musical groups
- Annual School Concert
- Restorative Practices
- Thrass Reading & Spelling
YOU CAN DO IT! Education
- Program Achieve – what is this?

At Colac West we incorporate Program Achieve into our everyday school culture.

Program Achieve is a comprehensive package to explicitly teach Social Skills, by addressing what are called the Five Foundations (also known as the ‘Keys to Success’):

1. Confidence
2. Persistence
3. Getting Along
4. Organisation
5. Resilience

The package is implemented over a two-year cycle, throughout the Primary years.

In combination with Restorative Practices, the program fits our approach to ‘Safe Schools are Effective Schools’ and is supported by the VELS area of ‘Personal and Social Learning’.

RESTORATIVE PRACTICES
- what are they?

Restorative Practices are based on the values-based, collaborative whole school approach to dealing with misbehaviour and conflict called restorative justice. This approach builds positive relationships within our school, where we share some simple, but key understandings:

- Wrongdoing is an offence against everyone
- Relationships are damaged by conflict
- Affected people, including the perpetrator must be brought together
- Damaged relationships must be healed and wrongs must be put right.
ENROLMENT PROCEDURES

(1) Arrange an Interview with the Principal.
(2) Tour of the school - parents/carers are welcome at any time to make an appointment for a guided tour.
(3) Complete Enrolment/Confidential Information Form – confidential information has proved to be invaluable on many occasions to enable staff to quickly contact parents/carers in cases of illness or accident. You are requested to provide all the information necessary and should you change your address, phone number or occupation, please notify the school as soon as possible. Children enrolling for the first time in a Victorian school require an extract of birth certificate and immunisation certificate.
(4) Setting the day for commencement – Wednesday January 29th 2014.
(5) Provision of Parent Information Booklet.

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS

At Colac West we provide weekly Specialist Programs in Art, Music and Library as part of the normal curriculum. We have a broad support program that assists with Reading Recovery, Rainbow Reading, Learning Assistants for Literacy and Numeracy, Trainees, Integration and Chaplaincy.
“The Smaller City School”

Colac West

Specialists

Art

Music

Library
Reading Assistance – Rainbow Reading

Thrass & Successmaker Programs

Infant Developmental Curriculum
Netbooks Years 4, 5 & 6

Interactive Whiteboards – all classes

Large Shaded Playgrounds

Recently Renovated Rooms
EDUCATION WEEK
May 20th – 24th

Come and visit us at Colac West. You might just be surprised what you find inside!

View DEVELOPMENTAL CURRICULUM INFANT CLASSROOMS

- Meet our caring and friendly students and staff.
- See the whole school in operation.
- Have your questions, queries and concerns answered.
- Ring for a personal tour appointment not just in Education Week, at any time.
- Special Assembly & Open Morning Thursday May 23rd