



# WATSONIA HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Strive for the Heights*



*Watsonia Heights Primary School* prepares learners for a **positive** and **confident** life in the 21st Century. The school is a leading **co-educational** learning **community** that is committed to delivering the **highest quality education** for every child in every classroom.

**Our core principles for learning and teaching are:**

- Pursuing academic excellence
- Respecting oneself and others
- Appreciating cultural heritage
- Readiness to embrace appropriate change
- Individualised learning, teaching and leadership
- Valuing the importance of positive school and family relationships
- Developing a positive and strong view of oneself (socially, physically and emotionally)



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## Quality Learning & Teaching

Our dynamic curriculum offers a well-rounded primary education. A passionate and talented staff team delivers individualised teaching approaches and learning programs that tailored to the interests, needs and abilities of your child. Your child will be encouraged and challenged to extend their knowledge and skills beyond the classroom and into the world through meaningful and purposeful inquiry.

### **The Early Years**

Our prep to year 4 Teaching Teams place a high priority on developing the fundamental knowledge, skills and behaviours in literacy and numeracy and other areas including physical, emotional and social capacities that underpin all future learning.

### **The Middle Years**

Our 5/6 Teaching Teams place a high priority on extending students' knowledge, skills and behaviours in literacy and numeracy, and expand learning to promote higher levels of thinking, independence and creativity.

### **eLearning for a New Generation**

The school provides a technology rich learning environment. Our classrooms and global partners engage in meaningful and purposeful 21st Century learning to:

- Learning and prepare for the future
- Develop information and communication skills
- Foster teamwork and collaboration
- Create multi-cultural understanding
- Connect learning and teaching with the rapidly changing world



# innovation opportunity

Central to our vision is the learner and improving learning outcomes for all. Learning is a dynamic and interactive experience. For us, it is a process that naturally intergrates subject disciplines into one and necessitates higher level, independent thinking. Students develop meta-cognitive skills to think about thinking and learn about learning. These skills enable our students to recognise what they have learned and understand how they learned it. eLearning is an integral tool support and enhance the quality of a students's education.

## Uniting & Connecting People

Learning takes place in a safe and enriching educational community in which all members are encouraged to enjoy learning and respect each other. Our Code of Cooperation values the rights and responsibilities of all students, and includes:

**S – Success** – Our school is focussed on ensuring success for each and every child. This is built on the notion that all children can succeed and that success for one child is quite different to that of another. Success takes many forms and is a very personalised concept. Success also relates to team and school success. WHPS is built upon ongoing improvement and, collectively, we work extremely hard for sustained SUCCESS!

**T – Teamwork** – WHPS is a team. Staff, students and parents working together for a collective goal of improvement. This relationship between all stakeholders is imperatively important to securing our effectiveness. We promote a sense of team and a unified approach to 'getting better on purpose'. Relationship development is a highly valued commodity at WHPS. The way we interact and connect with people, learning and life is a focussed goal of our school.

**R – Respect** – WHPS develops the notion of respect in all that we do! Amongst other things we promote Respect for self, other people, their cultures, individual and collective learning, our physical and global environment. This is a cornerstone of our belief system that promotes empathy and a development of self.

**I – Individuality** – We are committed to improving and enhancing every individual at our school. We focus on providing an individual learning environment that ensures each child is catered for in their ongoing development. EVERYONE counts and EVERYONE is special. We also see ourselves as an individual school working and aligned within a quality education system. WHPS is special in it's endeavours and we provide the highest quality learning environment that is individual in it's uniqueness.

**V – Visionary** – At WHPS we Strive for the Heights! We are visionary in our pursuits and foresight to be 'cutting edge' in our mission and goals. Students and staff are encouraged to set aspirational goals – and to reach them! We have a futuristic vision to education and our high expectations are empowering, realistic and achievable! We can be what choose to be!

**E – Effort** – We promote effort! This value is a life long trait that ensures ongoing success for all stakeholders. Whilst we acknowledge, celebrate and nurture achievement we understand the power of effort! People with an instilled work ethic are destined to achieve beyond expectations whilst those with innate skills can relax in self belief. Effort = excellence!



Lasting friendships are formed at our school. We value the enduring connections and involvement of all our families and community partners. A broad range of interest groups and activities provide enjoyment and social occasions for students, staff and parents alike. Our parents association regularly organise:

- **Special activity days**
- **Family Fun Nights**
- **Community Trivia Nights**
- **Fundraisers**
- **Social Morning Teas**
- **Classroom Helpers**

Our Kindergarten to Prep and Year 6 to 7 Transition Program provides support for students and families to create individualised educational pathways. The partnership and relationship developed with parents is vitally important for improved student performance. As a school we value respect and consider parental involvement in school life and in helping to shape the future for our students and for future students.

## Challenges & Opportunities

Our broad curriculum and extensive co-curricular activities enables students to experience new challenges and opportunities beyond the classroom, and achieve to the maximum of their ability. The range of activities and programs that we offer include:

- National Tours
- Individual Literacy and Numeracy Support Programs
- Physical and Life Education
- Interschool Sport
- Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)
- Music Program
- Library Program
- Discovery Learning Program
- Visual and Performing Arts
- School Productions and Choir
- Instrumental Music Tuition
- Junior School Council
- Student Buddy Program
- Prep to Year 6 Camping Program
- Incursions and Excursions
- Before and After School Program
- Positive, dynamic and engaging classroom programs in all classrooms



***Thank you for considering Watsonia Heights Primary School for your child. Families and prospective students are warmly invited to visit during school hours or open day activities. Please contact the school's reception for an appointment.***



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