



# CURRAMBINE PRIMARY SCHOOL

TOGETHER TOWARDS TOMORROW

## Prospectus





# Welcome to Currambine Primary School

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

Over fifty per cent of our families 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, French and Technologies, 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 750 students and nearly 100 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, recruiting staff that 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.

We 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.

# Our Vision, Mission & Values

## Our Motto

Together Towards Tomorrow.

## Our Vision

At Currambine Primary School, we are committed to ensuring that each child develops the breadth of capability that will allow them to face their future with confidence. Their 'tomorrow' depends on our today.

## Our Mission

We work to reach each child so that they can reach their 'tomorrow' with confidence. It is our work to know our children's individual interests and capabilities. It is our work to provide them with the academic and social/emotional skills that stretch and strengthen them. It is our work to consider deeply the world that they will encounter, so that we are sure that what we teach is relevant to what they face. We walk together as staff and a wider community; remaining open, informed and positive.

## Our Values

Our School's core values are captured as ERIK (Excellence, Respect, Integrity and Kindness). These operate in various ways to frame our relationships and work as staff, our growth and development as students and our partnership and connection to the school's parents and carers.

As staff, we understand these as individual values, which offer us guidance in the way we act as professional people at Currambine Primary School.

For us Excellence, the drive to grow and to achieve, is not purely understood as individual success. It is always moderated by a deep Respect for connection and for the value and capability of other people. Integrity, the standing up for what is worth standing up for regardless of the situation, is always moderated by a commitment to treat with true Kindness, the other people involved in any situation we face. Together, these four values work to support us to prepare our students for their 'tomorrow'. This is the Currambine way.

## Excellence

We are passionate about establishing engaging, well-managed classroom environments focused on inspiring students to do their best. We work collaboratively with others, we lead by example, we are committed to modelling best practice and professional behaviours.

## Respect

We work with flexibility and fairness to ensure others feel valued as members of the team, class, and community; demonstrating a willingness to change or find common ground. We choose our words, actions, and tone to build and maintain effective relationships.

## Integrity

We act with integrity; honouring our commitments and delivering on our promises, being trustworthy and accountable. We are self-reflective and take responsibility for our actions and their impact.

## Kindness

We work to create an inclusive environment; supporting others both personally and professionally. We value small, daily acts of kindness that build belonging. We bring humour to our work and we check in on each other regularly.





# 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 the 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 literacy success. We offer specialist small group intervention programs such as Mini-lit, Maglit and Reading Mastery. 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, Music and Technologies, 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), ANZAC Choir (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 organise peer groups to enhance learning. We are also able to provide a wide range of courses for students and have teachers that are specialised 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 Ludwig

# Student Wellbeing

**At Currambine Primary School, we believe that student resilience and wellbeing 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 and Four) 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 2.5 days per week and works with families and school staff to offer 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 three 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.

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***“Friendly welcoming school, lovely staff, fantastic students. All round a great place for my daughter to learn and grow.”***

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Claire Hall-Mellors



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 that assists with the technical side of our assemblies and the Cocky Crew, that has 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 wellbeing 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 during term time 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 maintains 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 Pre-Primary, Year One to Year Three, and Year Four to Year Six are each managed by a dedicated Associate Principal, under the leadership of our Principal.

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***“A high quality public school. The classrooms are lively and colourful, and the teachers go above and beyond for their students. The school provides a strong curriculum and academics and offers additional support to students that may need it. The administration staff are always helpful, not to mention, the children look happy to be there!  
A great community for children to thrive in.”***

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Kim Mitchell





# Facilities

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

Currambine Primary School's classrooms are a mix of 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, French and Technologies. A new Technology room was opened in 2020, providing a first-class Technology experience.

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

Currambine 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 per 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 Currambine 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 annual ANZAC Commemorative Ceremony and Carols by Twilight, and all parents are encouraged to become involved in our vibrant school community.**

The Currambine Primary School Parents and Citizens' (P&C) Association 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. Our P&C committee fundraises through various activities, including school discos, colour runs, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day gift stalls, and provides a forum for parents to discuss important matters relating to the school and its community.

Currambine Primary School is also 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 and staff 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 classrooms to view their child's work. 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 help inform our decisions.

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***“Currambine Primary School has been amazing for our family. They are inclusive and go above and beyond for the special needs children. I am so glad we chose this school.”***

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Jordan Burgess







## 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.**



# Together

## Towards Tomorrow



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