

Small School, BIG Vision!

Excellence in learning and positive relationships

We aim to prepare students to contend with a very dynamic 21st century in which creativity, cooperative work, connectedness to the world and adaptability are key features. Kananook Primary School is proud of its achievements in creating a warm, harmonious and caring learning environment where students feel secure, happy and are highly motivated to learn. We aim to make the school a place where every child becomes strong and confident, having high self-esteem and high standards of academic achievement and social behaviour. At Kananook Primary School we promote "learning together". <http://kps.vic.edu.au/page/164/School-Vision>

School Values

- › **Excellence:** in the achievement of individual and team goals (Do your very best)
- › **Responsibility:** for our words, actions and learning (Be in charge of yourself)
- › **Tolerance:** of diversity and individual differences (Understand and accept that people are different)
- › **Integrity:** of individuals in their words, actions and relationships

Stage Not Age Learning

At Kananook Primary School every child will be taught at their point of need. Our teachers ensure that today's students can develop the knowledge, understanding, attitudes, creativity and collaborative skills necessary to be lifelong learners. <http://kps.vic.edu.au/page/208/Stage-Based-Learning>

At Kananook we are positive about the family atmosphere of our small school and embrace this through the implementation of our stage based learning structure. All students are placed in home groups, but experience the benefits of our stage based learning and flexible grouping arrangements every day. Visit our website at <http://www.kps.vic.edu.au> to find out what the research says about our approach.



KANANOOK PRIMARY SCHOOL



Enrolments

We accept enrolments from outside our area as there are no formal restrictions. Those wishing to apply can complete the enrolment form included in the information pack, on the website or pick up a form from the school office. A copy of your child's Birth Certificate and Immunisation History Statement are also required to complete enrolment.

Please contact us on 9786 6066 for answers to any other questions that you may have or to book a personalised tour.

Specialist Programs

- › Visual Arts
- › Music and Performing Arts
- › Japanese Language
- › Physical and Sport Education

Kananook Out of School Hours Care – KOOSH

Our KOOSH facility operates every school day from 7.00am to 8.45am & 3.30pm to 6.00pm



Scan the QR code to visit our website



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What Our Students Say

Our annual Attitude to School Survey results consistently show a positive attitude (above State means) in ALL aspects of school life.

Support and Enrichment opportunities are further enhanced through:

- › Camping Program
- › First Aid Program
- › Family Life Program
- › Whole School Water Safety and Swimming Program
- › Whole School Production Annually
- › Collaborative teaching methods in open learning spaces
- › Library borrowing
- › Information Technology, including desktops and notebooks in all classrooms
- › Program for Students with Disabilities
- › Chess Competition Annually
- › House Sport & House Song Competition Annually
- › Student Representative Council (SRC) run Special Event Days
- › SRC Canteen
- › Vegetable Gardens and Cooking
- › An extensive Kinder to Prep and Year 6 to 7 Transition Program
- › Literacy Planet subscription for use at home and school
- › Maths Olympiad and Maths Games Extension Program
- › Formal Year 6 Graduation Night
- › Weekly Assembly – Student run
- › Reading and Literacy Support Program
- › Incursion/Excursion Program

<http://kps.vic.edu.au/page/184/School-Programs>



Outstanding Facilities

Kananook Primary School boasts one of the largest school sites in the Southern Metropolitan Region. **Kananook Primary School has:**

- › A BER Building (Cooinda) houses our three Year 4/5/6 classes
- › Large fully carpeted, heated and air conditioned classrooms which include award winning learning spaces to cater for our "Stage Not Age" philosophy
- › Mirrabooka Arts Wing containing well equipped Music, Art and LOTE (Japanese) rooms
- › A large Multi-Purpose Hall
- › A Library
- › A 21 seat School Bus
- › An Environment Centre
- › A courtyard with gazebo and gas BBQ for school and community gatherings
- › A wide variety of sporting facilities, courts and grounds
- › A Kids Kitchen used in conjunction with our Science Program and Environment Centre
- › A designated Prep Playground
- › Large, shaded decking and play areas



A Whole School Approach

Daily 5: Making readers, writers and lifelong learners

Daily 5 allows children independence of activities in a guided, structured way. These research based tasks (Read to Self, Read to Someone, Listen to Reading, Word Work and Work on Writing) have the biggest impact on student reading and writing achievement. Every child is given reading goals based on four important reading strategies.

C= comprehension
A= accuracy in reading words
F= fluency
E= extending their vocabulary

We welcome parents as partners in our quest to make their child a reader, writer and lifelong learner.

Student Wellbeing

We are a Restorative School

We have been watching what has been happening in the world of education when it comes to creating a strong school culture, to building effective relationships, to resolving conflict and achieving high student behaviour levels. The bottom line is that we think there is a better way. Working restoratively is about asking the right questions when things go wrong.

Put simply, we will be asking your children questions like:

- › What happened?
- › How has that made people feel?
- › And what action needs to be taken to make that better?

Student Testimonial

It is all about me being responsible for my actions and knowing that nobody is going to do it for me. I have to fix things and it needs to be more than just 'Sorry'.

Parent Testimonial

Great community, approachable teachers, dedicated to all students achieving their very best.

Staff Testimonial

Punitive treatment of bad behaviour only makes the student more angry and resentful, the restorative framework that we use makes students responsible for their actions and creates greater empathy for others.

The following support programs are crucial to our Wellbeing Policy:

- › Kids on Track: Year 5/6
- › Extensive Student Achievements Awards
- › Buddy Program with Prep and Year 5/6 children
- › Student Leadership Program including SRC
- › FREE Breakfast Club
- › Bikes Over Lunch Time Program (BOLT)
- › Cooking Over Lunch Time Program (COLT)
- › Family Life Program
- › Lunchtime Activities
- › School Dog
- › Transition Programs across the school
- › Student Voice



Footsteps in Maths

Goal setting and self-evaluation plays a vital role in our Mathematics Program as children stay focused and achieve success. This is a highly organised and monitored program in mathematics that meets our motto of "Stage Not Age Learning".



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