



# Little Grove PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Prospectus*



A PROUD INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL





*Welcome to  
Little Grove  
Primary,  
where we  
'Endeavour  
to Excel'.*

# *Mission*

*Our mission is to ensure that our students develop individual potential, self-esteem and confidence, as well as the knowledge, skills and attitudes required to contribute to the development of our changing society.*

# Values

Little Grove Primary School is guided by the following four core values:

## LEARNING

We have a positive approach to learning and encourage it in others. We advance student learning based on our belief that all students have the capacity to learn.

## EXCELLENCE

We have high expectations of ourselves and our students. We set standards of excellence and strive to achieve them. These standards and expectations challenge all of us to give our best.

## EQUITY

We have a right to an environment that is free of discrimination, abuse or exploitation. We recognise the differing circumstances and needs of our students and are dedicated to achieving the best possible outcomes for all.

## CARE

We treat all individuals with care. Our relationships are based on trust, mutual respect and the acceptance of responsibility.

In stating these values we acknowledge that the words alone are not sufficient. It is the actions, based on these values, which are important.





**Little Grove Primary School commenced operations in 1997. We are a proud Independent Public School with a small town feel located within the rural city of Albany, Western Australia.**

Our proximity to both the pristine Princess Royal Harbour and surrounding bushland makes our school a very attractive place to learn and one that provides endless opportunities for its students to experience variety and success. This is achieved through the diversity of our programs, the enthusiasm of our staff and the support of our wider school community.

Our excellent reputation rests in our strong sense of partnership with the parents and community and the values we celebrate. We are committed to realising the potential of all students, providing a balanced education that addresses the academic, social, emotional and physical aspects of our students' lives.

To enable the students at Little Grove Primary School

to achieve their academic and social potential, our school has developed a strong positive, collaborative culture within the school community. The learning needs of students, the professional knowledge and enthusiasm of staff, and the expectations of the community are used to establish quality learning and teaching programs and to maximise the educational opportunity and potential for each student.





# Programs

## **DIVERSE LEARNERS**

Every student has individual and diverse learning needs. These needs are catered for in a variety of ways including cross setting, individual education plans, individual or small group intervention programs, progress monitoring and case management with our school psychologist and other outside agencies. This tailor made support in collaboration with the classroom teacher and education assistants enable every child to reach their full potential.

## **MUSIC PROGRAM**

Our weekly music program includes the use of tuned and un-tuned instruments, dance and movement, basic theory and history of music. The music room is equipped with a wide variety of instruments, such as general percussion instruments, drums, ukuleles and xylophones. Our school choir participate in many community events such as the Albany Schools' Music Festival. The school also offers an instrumental music program, through the School of Instrumental Music, with the opportunity to play in a band with other schools across the district.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

Little Grove Primary School has a specialist physical education teacher who runs the program for all classes as well as co-ordinating all of our sporting events, such as swimming, athletics and cross country carnivals, both within the school and at interschool competitions. Students also have the opportunity to train for extra-curricular sports events like the Eagles Cup, orienteering and T20 Cricket.





## ICT

At Little Grove Primary, we endeavour to give each student the ability to excel in our rapidly changing world by integrating ICT (Information and Communication Technology) in the classroom. Each child has access to computers, laptops, interactive whiteboards and iPads, as well as interactive plasmas in the early childhood rooms. Students gain the skills to use these devices and a range of software as effective learning tools.

## ART

Little Grove Primary School children have been enthusiastically participating in the visual arts programme for several years now with the results of their developing skills proudly displayed around the school. The visual arts program caters for a wide scope of students and their different interests and is formally acknowledged with an art exhibition during the whole school Open Night.

## LOTE

Little Grove has a dedicated Japanese specialist teacher. Students can immerse themselves in the language and unique culture of Japan. This cultural link is reflected in the school's beautiful Japanese garden, featuring a mosaic created by our students. Our program starts in Kindergarten with students using iPads with the Early Learning Languages Australia program. Japanese is also offered at high school, to continue their learning in their secondary years.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Being 10km from the Albany town centre helps us have a small town feel with strong community support and involvement. Little Grove's P&C actively supports the school in many ways, including raising funds that have given our students access to the Mathletics and Spellodrome program, up to date play equipment, new computers and a play cave. The School Board ensures that all aspects of our students' education are catered for, checking that they are progressing successfully and helping to plan the school's future direction. There are also many individuals and local businesses who generously donate their time and resources to broaden the learning experiences of our students. Students also learn the value of giving back to others with their own fundraising in support of worthwhile charities and by participating in community activities.

## SUSTAINABILITY FOCUS

Sustainability is a focus area of the school, with many programs that engage the students in different facets of living with respect for their environment. The Kindergarten and Pre-Primary area has a nature playground that allows students to experience play in a creative, less structured way. Vegetable gardens are maintained by the students and help to supply the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen and Garden Programme and canteen with fresh organic produce. Students, with the help of community groups, are involved in the rehabilitation of bushland adjacent to the school, including the eradication of introduced species. Recycling programs, water harvesting, composting of food refuse and 'no trash days' increase awareness of sustainability issues and encourage the students to be more responsible for their local and global environment.

## PASTORAL CARE

Every child needs more than just reading and writing, and our pastoral programs and focus area of Positive and Supportive Learning Environment ensures your child feels supported and encouraged to do their best. The school has two major programs, Kidsmatter and PBS (Positive Behaviour Support), through which students and staff learn how to approach problems positively and effectively, and our school rules and behaviour expectations are consistently and explicitly taught. Extra assistance is given to students in need through access to a chaplain and a school psychologist, and other services include the school nurse and the dental health program. School volunteer mentors inspire and guide students, providing significant support to the school and teachers as well as contributing to the creation of stronger communities.

*We invite you and your family to become a part of our dynamic Little Grove Primary School community, where we live in harmony, care for others, have high expectations and endeavour to excel. In partnership together, we can help your child to reach their individual potential.*





# Little Grove SCHOOL SONG

by Adrienne Irving & Juli Lessmann

When we work and when we play  
When there's sun and when it's grey  
Underneath the karri trees' shade  
We wear our colours blue and jade

#### CHORUS:

Little Grove School beside the sea  
Little Grove School in Albany  
We're the coolest in the west  
Little Grove we're the best

Care for others that's our rule  
This is what we learn at school  
Respect for all you will agree  
Helps us live in harmony

#### Repeat CHORUS

We endeavour to excel  
We do our work and do it well  
And with our expectations high  
To do our best we always try

#### Repeat CHORUS

#### CODA:

We're the best  
Little Grove we're the best  
In the west  
Little Grove we're the best...  
Yeah!



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