



Welcome to

Bethal Primary School



Collaboration

Perseverance

Respect

Curriculum

At Bethal Primary School, we offer a comprehensive curriculum to all students from Foundation to Grade 6. We organise our teaching in a way that maximises student learning. The morning sessions are generally a 2-hour literacy block that includes Reading, Writing and Speaking & Listening, followed by Mathematics sessions. Throughout the week, teachers endeavour to cover a minimum of 10 hours of Literacy and 5 hours of Mathematics.

We use the Victorian Curriculum to plan, implement and assess units of work. We use an Inquiry approach to learning, which encourages students to ask questions and discover new understandings through research, investigations, discussions and sharing with others. At Bethal PS, we aim for our students to be literate, numerate and curious.



At Bethal Primary School, emphasis is placed on developing the whole child and we enforce our 3 values of Collaboration, Perseverance and Respect at all times.

Specialist areas

Bethal Primary School offers specialist programs including Spanish, Visual Art, Music and Physical Education. Students attend these sessions for 1 hour per week.

During **Spanish** classes, students will develop an understanding of how languages work, which leads to improved literacy skills. Students will also learn about other countries and cultures, including special celebrations from different Spanish speaking countries. Students will practice speaking with each other in Spanish through engaging games and activities and will regularly use technology as a learning tool.

During **Visual Arts**, the students will learn a variety of artistic techniques. They will undertake various art activities such as sculpting, painting, drawing, studying artists and creating their own artworks. Students will learn how to appreciate artworks and will be encouraged to talk about their work and the work of others in a critical manner.

The **Music** program covers all aspects of music education such as pitch, rhythm, singing, dancing and creative movement. We cover a variety of themes such as travelling around the world and learning rhymes, dances and songs associated with a wide variety of music genres from a range of cultures. Music instruments such as glockenspiels and untuned percussion instruments are used to explore basic rhythm patterns. Students will have the opportunity to perform to other grades and at the weekly school assembly.

During **Physical Education**, children will be active participants in a fitness and sport program. In Foundation, The **Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)** is a movement-based program, which helps younger students, improve their eye/hand and eye/foot coordination, fitness, balance, locomotion and eye-tracking skills. All students will learn how to stay healthy and active, as well as developing new skills to play major games such as basketball, football, soccer and netball. In Grade 5 and 6, students will participate in Interschool sports, playing summer and winter sports.



Bethal Staff 2020

We have a committed staff at Bethal Primary School. We have team members that speak Arabic, Turkish, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Spanish, Finnish, German and Punjabi to cater for our diverse, multicultural community.

Bethal Kindergarten

Our onsite kindergarten has been open since 2014. At Bethal Kindergarten, a stimulating and engaging learning program is offered, that engages students based on their interests and developmental needs.

EAL program

Intensive English classes are provided to support students that have newly arrived in Australia. EAL classes assist students to develop their English and literacy skills.

Literacy Support

We offer a Literacy Support program to students from Foundation to Year 2. Literacy Support is a supplementary program designed to support students who are having difficulty with reading and writing. We have an experienced team implementing the program and working with students. This work takes place both in and out of the classroom.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

The Kitchen Garden program runs with our Grade 3/4 students. It includes 1 hour of cooking classes and 1 hour of gardening per week. The aim of the program is to provide pleasurable food education and for students to form a positive relationship with food for life.

Instrumental Music Program

We are very excited about our Instrumental Music Program that is generously subsidised by the 'Two Friends Foundation' philanthropists. Students have the opportunity to play guitar, keyboard, drums, ukulele or violin. Our tutors are all professional musicians that offer private tuition for the students. Students also get the opportunity to be part of the school band.

Breakfast club

Bethal PS runs a twice-weekly breakfast program at no cost to the community. Staff and volunteers run the Breakfast Club and all students and their families are encouraged to come along and start the day with a substantial breakfast.

Community Hub

We have a fantastic community hub, which serves as a gateway to connect families with each other, with their school and with support services. Our hub welcomes many local and migrant families and offers various programs, including English classes, women's wellbeing classes and playgroups. The programs are a wonderful way to network and meet other families, while offering the opportunity to learn new skills.