



Tecoma Primary School

Learn, Grow, Achieve

A warm and vibrant learning community in the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges, where every child is known, valued and inspired to reach their full potential.

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"It is my pleasure to welcome you to Tecoma Primary School, a place where every child is known, valued and inspired to reach their full potential. Strong relationships between students, families and staff are the foundation for everything we do, and you will feel that warmth the moment you walk through our gate."

Katrina Ellis, Principal



Our Values

Our motto **Learn, Grow, Achieve** shows up everywhere: in our classrooms, our playground, and how we treat each other. The values are introduced to every class through our Start Up program at the beginning of each year, and celebrated every week at assembly with student awards.

Respect

Resilience

Personal Best

Creativity

Our Vision

We strive to create a responsive, cooperative and innovative teaching and learning environment, developing the whole person as a committed life-long learner who embraces self-development, achievement, and contributing to their community. Set in the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges, we pair high expectations with genuine care, so every child leaves us confident, curious and kind. Our door is always open, and we would love to show you around and let you feel it for yourself.

A Week at Tecoma

Alongside daily English and Maths, every child gets a taste of all our specialist favourites:

PE & Sport

weekly sessions plus inter-school competition and a proud volleyball tradition

Digital Technology

robotics, 3D printing, iPads and Chromebooks, eSmart accredited

Art

weekly sessions with our specialist Arts teacher, Prep to Grade 6

Music

classroom lessons, choir, instrumental program and a whole-school production

Science & Japanese

hands-on, curious and full of questions

Sustainability

veggie patch, chickens, and chasing 5-star ResourceSmart status

Wellbeing

Respectful Relationships, The Resilience Project and positive behaviour support in every classroom





We are serious about getting the teaching right. Here is the thinking behind what happens in our classrooms every day.

The Science of Learning

Our whole approach is grounded in the Science of Learning: what research from education, linguistics, psychology, neuroscience and cognitive science tells us actually works. We build a knowledge-rich curriculum, because a strong foundation of knowledge is what turns kids into confident thinkers and capable problem-solvers.

Explicit Instruction

Rather than leaving kids to work things out alone, our teachers clearly explain and demonstrate new ideas, breaking them into manageable steps that build on each other. It is systematic, engaging and success-focused. Victoria now requires every government school to teach this way from Prep to Grade 2; at Tecoma, we are already there.

English · ~10 hours a week

From Foundation to Year 2, students explicitly learn the sounds of spoken English, how sounds connect to letters and words, and how to read, spell and write with confidence. From Year 3 the emphasis shifts to reading to learn: richer texts, deeper vocabulary and strong writing.



Maths · ~5 hours a week

Confident problem-solving starts with understanding numbers. We teach number sense and automaticity explicitly, and give them real time to develop, so students take on measurement, geometry, statistics and everything else maths has in store from a secure base.



Support for Every Learner

Through our Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) we do not wait for kids to fall behind. We screen early and often, offer targeted small-group and individual support where it is needed, and stretch students who are ready for more through our Enrichment Program.

Screen early

Universal academic and wellbeing screening for every student, so nothing is left to chance.

Small-group support

Small group intervention for literacy, numeracy and wellbeing give a timely boost when it is needed.

Stretch the high flyers

VHAP, ICAS, extension opportunities, competitions and clubs (Robotics, STEM, Chess) keep our quickest learners hungry for more.





Wellbeing & Culture

Wellbeing is woven into everyday school life. School-Wide Positive Behaviour Support, Respectful Relationships and The Resilience Project build resilience, independence and kindness, with every child's safety our number one job. We learn together on Wurundjeri Country, and celebrate Reconciliation Week and NAIDOC Week every year.

Leadership, Buddies & Clubs

School Captains are voted in by students and staff, Grade 6 students lead real portfolios, and student voice gives every class a say. Every Prep is paired with a Grade 5 buddy from day one, and lunchtimes overflow with clubs: art, choir, dance, coding, gardening, cross country and quiet time in the library.

Beyond the Classroom

Camps build up year by year: a Grade 2 sleepover at school, Grade 3/4 at Forest Edge or Phillip Island, Grade 5 at Lakewood Park and Grade 6 at Camp Coonawarra. At home we enjoy a STEM Learning Centre, two adventure playgrounds, an amphitheatre, netball and basketball courts, and a veggie patch with resident chickens.



The little things families love

Sausage sizzles at working bees. Feeding the chickens and searching for tadpoles in the Frog Bog. Footy Day face paint, the Grade 6 big ride to Knox City, and a whole-school production every two years. Small moments, big memories.



Enrolment & Contact

Ready to visit?

Call the office on (03) 9754 2354 to book a tour. Our Step into Prep program runs four sessions in Term 4 to help new Foundation families settle in.

Come join in

Join our Parents' Association, volunteer in classrooms (free Working with Children Check required), or grab a shovel at a working bee each term.

Say hello

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