

Queenscliff Primary School Prep Enrolment 2026

Dear Prospective Prep Families,

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My name is Mat McRae, and I am the proud principal of Queenscliff Primary School.

At Queenscliff Primary School, we are dedicated to providing a stimulating, inclusive and safe learning environment where every student can thrive academically, socially and emotionally. We aim to equip our students with the necessary skills, knowledge and character traits to be critical and creative thinkers, resilient and empathetic individuals and globally-minded citizens who want to make a positive difference to others, the environment and the world around them. We aim to inspire curiosity, encourage independent thinking and instil a lifelong love of learning.



We are a small, coastal school with a total of 170 enrolments overlooking the beautiful Swan Bay. We offer small class sizes with expert educators and support staff who celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of our students, differentiate learning to cater to individual student needs and create a positive, supportive and calm learning environment so that all learners can thrive and flourish. We pride ourselves on our systematic, structured literacy instruction in our Prep to Year 2 classrooms and timetabled instruction of 10 hours of literacy and 6 hours of numeracy lessons weekly to ensure our students have solid foundations in literacy and numeracy.

Preparing students for a changing world is essential to a successful education in the 21st century. We offer a guaranteed, viable and rigorous curriculum using the Victorian Curriculum, that is differentiated by our educators to cater to individual student needs and abilities. Our staff plan, teach and assess students' learning using an Instructional Model to ensure consistency in approach throughout the school and use evidence-based pedagogies and practices to plan, teach and assess student learning.

Our School values of *integrity*, *optimism*, *gratitude* and *empathy* are embedded into our curriculum and wellbeing programs to build resilience, compassion and understanding in our graduates. At Queenscliff Primary School we offer a comprehensive curriculum focused on developing and consolidating literacy and numeracy skills. Students engage in a diverse range of specialist subjects to nurture the discovery of their individual strengths and interests. Students participate in a range of Specialist programs, including Physical Education, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, First Nations and Science/STEM. As part of the Science program, our students participate in Kitchen Garden program whereby they grow vegetables and fruit to create

delicious recipes and sell produce to our parent community. We firmly believe in the importance of developing well-rounded individuals who are not only academically proficient but also possess strong interpersonal skills, a care for their environment, respect for the First Nations People and a connection to the Queenscliff community.

Our School values the power of the Arts. Biannually, we offer our students the opportunity to perform in a musical production biannually and in the odd year, our students create stunning artworks for an Art Show held within the community. Our students represent our school at Performing Arts festivals and concerts, as well as engage in singing outreach at aged care residences in the Borough. Our comprehensive Arts program aims to build our students' confidence, self-esteem and resilience, as well as providing them with the opportunity to discover their own passions, talents and interests to become a well-rounded individual.

At Queenscliff Primary School, we firmly believe in the importance of integrating technology into our teaching and learning. The purposeful use of technology offers students the opportunity to think independently and develop skills that will help them thrive in our technologically advanced society, both now and in the future. By effectively incorporating digital technologies across our curriculum, students learn to collaborate, connect, create, apply knowledge, and seek timely feedback on their learning. At Queenscliff Primary School, students in Prep to Year 2 will use iPads and students in Year 3 to 6 will have access to chromebooks. We offer a set of iPads for students to use in Prep to Year 2 to support their learning. Students in Year 3 to 6 have access to a chromebook provided by the school, resulting in a 1 to 1 student/chromebook ratio. Our students also engage in a digital citizenship program whereby they learn to be active, safe and respectful online users. We offer a comprehensive robotics and coding program from Prep to Year 6, whereby our students learn to create, problem solve, collaborate and engage in critical thinking.

Queenscliff Primary School values parent and community engagement. We endeavour to provide opportunities for parents, families, and community members to be actively involved in our classrooms, educational programs and extra-curricula initiatives. We believe in having a strong, positive partnership between parents, the community and members of staff to foster a sense of team in nurturing your child's education.

Every student at Queenscliff Primary School is respected, valued, and nurtured as a learner and individual. Every student is unique and brings their own experiences and understanding of the world to our classrooms every day. We embrace and celebrate diversity at our school, so that every child can thrive and flourish.

We are hosting an Open Morning for prospective families on **Thursday 3 April and Monday 19 May at 9:30am**. This will involve a School Tour led by myself and our Assistant Principal, Mrs. Melissa Fitzgerald and a 'Meet and Greet' information session with our Prep Teacher, Mrs. Jackie Morris. Registrations for the Open Morning are available on our website.

I would be delighted to meet with you. Our school website offers detailed information on our School and its educational programs to support your child and to book a school tour, visit queenscliffps.vic.edu.au . To contact our school directly, phone 5258 1696 or email as queenscliff.ps@education.vic.gov.au .

I look forward to meeting you.

With every best wish,



Mathew McRae
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Queenscliff Primary School