

## Let me tell you about a GREAT school.....

As Principal of Goonawarra Primary School I am very proud of all that the school is currently offering the students in our care and the local community.

The school has a rich history which dates back to 1987 when it was established to service the Goonawarra and Rolling Meadows Estates.

The 2016 enrolment of 368 students is accommodated in 17 classes. This includes three Prep classes catering for the needs of 55 students, which is one of the largest Prep enrolments over the last 16 years.

The school is set on four hectares of grassed open space with three large adventure playground areas and attractive gardens and outside facilities.

The architecturally designed original school building has many unique features. This building is complemented by the new BER construction which contains six modern classrooms. In addition to the classrooms there is a gymnasium, Visual and Performing Arts venue and a spacious, well equipped, child friendly library with twenty research computers available for student use.

All classrooms are installed with split system air conditioning and have their own interactive whiteboard as well as access to notebook computers and iPads.

The school has a strong commitment to providing a curriculum which is both supportive of the needs of individual students and which challenges them to achieve their best. The school is devoted to strengthening achievement across all curriculum areas with the major focuses of the current Strategic Plan being targeted towards English and Numeracy.

The school is dedicated to empowering students with the core values that will assist them in developing the attributes of responsible citizenship. The **core values** have been summarised into an acronym of **G.R.E.A.T.** The school community is now aware of the sayings '**Goonawarra is G.R.E.A.T!**' and '**At Goonawarra we aim to be Generous, Responsible, Enthusiastic, Ambitious and Trustworthy.**' The meanings and the practical applications of these words are regularly explored and discussed in the classrooms by our very professional and caring staff.

Through positions such as Junior School Council, House Captains, Choir Captains and events such as 'Principal for a Day' many opportunities are provided for students to engage in a range of activities which promote and foster leadership and social skills development.

Parental input is very much valued at Goonawarra. Many opportunities exist for parents and the local and wider communities to be involved in school events and activities at many and varied levels. The school also offers an excellent Out of Hours School Care Program (Before and After School). There is a very comprehensive and engaging Transition program from preschool to school and through to secondary school.

If you would like to arrange a tour of the school or hear more about the excellent learning opportunities available at Goonawarra, please contact me at school in person or phone 9744 7137.

Regards

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Principal