

School Profile

Goonawarra Primary School in Sunbury was established in 1987 to service the Goonawarra and Rolling Meadows Estates.

The 2015 enrolment of 320 students is accommodated in 15 classes. The staff consists of 22.8 equivalent fulltime members comprising 2 at Principal Class level, 16 teachers and 5 Education Support Staff.

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, which is 28 years old, 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, computer lab available to all students, Visual and Performing Arts venue, a Science and Technology room and a spacious, well equipped, child friendly library.

All classrooms have their own interactive whiteboard and Grades 3 – 6 have access to notepads 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 committed to strengthening student achievement across all curriculum areas with a major focus of the Strategic Plan being 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.

Through positions such as Junior School Council, House Captains, Choir Captains and events such as ‘Principal for a Day’, student leadership is developed.

Parental input is very much valued at Goonawarra. Many opportunities exist for parents and the local and wider communities to be involved in the life at the school at many and varied levels.

There is a very comprehensive and engaging Transition program from preschool to school and through to secondary school.

The school also offers an excellent Out of Hours School Care Program (Before and After School).