



# Panton Hill Primary School

## SCHOOL PROFILE

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### **CONTEXT:**

Panton Hill Primary School is set in a semi-rural area, 38 kilometres north east of Melbourne. Enrolments over the last twenty years have ranged from 98 – 147 with the current enrolment of 138 for 2020 being within the usual range. The school has a long history dating back to 1871 and has catered for five generations of some local families. The distinctive brass bell, historic entrance building and former principal's residence give the school a strongly historic focus.

Our school has strong community links and values parent input and support. We are proud of our close-knit community school in which learning is a three-way partnership between students, parents and staff. Parents are welcomed into school life, both within and outside the classroom, participating in many curriculum, social and fund raising events. The active and committed school council provides governance to management and policy processes.

The buildings include two fire-safe classrooms completed in 1994, where the junior classes are currently located; an administration area, art room, interview room, first aid facility, toilet block, disabled shower and toilet built in 1999; a music / multi-purpose room added in 2007; and the BER building completed in 2011, that provides exciting learning spaces for the senior students.

The school has ample facilities to provide a full curriculum program. The school also has access to the community hall, tennis courts, football oval, the memorial park facilities and library bus. We are adjacent to and work closely with the local kindergarten and church.

The extensive grounds include three areas of playground equipment, areas for both active and passive play, attractive gardens, grassed areas, a rotunda and vegetable garden. The school has a dedicated Out of School Hours Care facility (before and after school care programs), managed by TheirCare.

### **CURRICULUM:**

Panton Hill Primary School provides quality teaching and learning programs in the eight Key Learning Areas. Literacy and Numeracy are recognised as the foundation of effective learning and life skills and are therefore given special emphasis within the school's integrated curriculum. At Panton Hill Primary School, we follow the Victorian Curriculum as set by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority

Students are provided with a range of learning experiences to enable them to reach their full potential. Specialist programs include Physical Education, Music, Italian, Art, Reading Intervention and Library. Panton Hill students are involved in interschool sport against other local schools as well as other sporting events like Hooptime and Netball. A Year 3 to 6 Camping Program offers a variety of experiences - City Camp; Sovereign Hill; Ace Hi Ranch; Camp Wilkin in Anglesea.



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Students also have access to programs in instrumental music, swimming, family life, Life Ed, and SRI. Regular excursions, Panton Hill Has Got Talent, On the Hill Festival participation and the end of year concert are important activities in the school calendar. Student roles and responsibilities include School Captains, Vice Captains, Junior School Council and a variety of monitor roles including Sports Shed and Library. Class groups are multi-aged reflecting the developmental learning stages of children. An active Prep / Year 6 buddy program operates.

Staff plan as teams to provide continuous development in all areas from Prep to Year 6.

Panton Hill Primary School prioritises Professional Development (PD) for teachers. Our talented and dedicated teachers frequently attend professional development activities to update their considerable skills and experience. Our staff remains at the forefront of modern educational thinking and expertise. School programs are innovative, following a well-planned, sequential curriculum. All staff participate in an annual performance and development review and appraisal process.

The teaching and learning program at PHPS aims for excellence and to equip students for the challenges of the future. All classrooms are equipped with interactive whiteboards; and notebook computers and iPads are shared across the school to support program delivery. The school has continued to provide all students with a range of learning experiences to help children develop their full potential, to encourage excellence; adapt to change and participate effectively in society.