

**Compton Primary School was opened in 1865. The school is 5 kilometres west of Mount Gambier.**

The school consists of three stone buildings and four new classrooms which were built in 2010. A new toilet block with disabled facilities was also upgraded in 2010. There are 4 classes - Reception/1, Year 1 /2/3, Year 4/5, Year 6/7. All classrooms have Interactive Whiteboards.

Compton Primary School is a small, caring and supportive community of learning that is committed to shared values and collaborative partnerships between staff, parents, children and the wider community.

There is a deep commitment to actively engage our students in quality learning and this empowers them with skills for independent life-long learning and an optimistic view of the ever changing world.

In 2012 we start with 86 enrolments and end the year in the mid 90s. Over the past 5 years student enrolment has increased by 65% with 33% of students attending from outside the district.

We have developed strong curriculum and sporting links with other small schools in the district.

Compton belongs to a group of seven schools which conduct an annual District Schools Sports Day. Before the tabloid events begin all schools gather in the Cave Gardens for a traditional march along Commercial Street.

A Professional Learning Network has been established and has become extremely proactive in teacher and SSO learning with five schools involved.

Our supportive school community enhances school development:

A close knit, committed community exists that this

prepared to share in the learning experiences of their children.

Parents are very active and are involved in fundraising, electives, classroom support, excursions, Governing Council, working bees, LAP, Mt Gambier Christmas Parade and several sub-committees. The school encourages strong parent involvement and this builds close parent, teacher, student relationships. There is a strong sense of community.

## **Pride and Excellence**

### **Teaching and Learning Programs**

The school has an emphasis on academic excellence with our students consistently being above the state average in National testing.

The school offers a broad curriculum to cater for the needs of all students. A full range of academic subjects and extra curricula activities are offered to students from reception to year seven. Many special programs and events exist to extend our students, their skills and school experiences.

We strongly encourage student participation in sport and fitness activities.

Programs and activities include: Premier's Reading Challenge, Student Leadership, fundraisers, Camps, Entry into art, craft and IT competitions, Active After School Communities Program, SAPSASA, choir, guitar, CWA involvement, Community Coach Training, Be Active Program.

Each class has a School Support Officer working with the teachers and students for the literacy and numeracy block as well as for visual arts and performing arts. This support provides for greater one on one and small group learning of basic academic skills.

### **Assessment and Reporting**

- Student learning is continually assessed through both formal and informal means.

- Student workbooks go home twice a term and provide information to parents including teacher, student and principal comments on student learning, progress, attitude and effort.
- Parent - Teacher - Student interviews assist the three way flow of information about children's progress. These formal interviews occur at the end of term 1 but parents are encouraged to make appointments to see a teacher whenever the need arises.
- A mid year summary report is sent home at the end of term 2.
- Literacy and Numeracy Tests give objective performance information directly to staff and parents and is used as a snapshot of Literacy and Numeracy learning.
- State and University competitions provide assessment information in key learning areas.
- The provision of term four written reports summarise the student's progress for the year.

### **Student Behaviour Management**

All students at Compton have the right to feel safe and secure both in the classroom and the school yard. Positive behaviour is modelled, expected and rewarded. One simple 'School Code' exists for all students. We have an Anti Bullying Policy which is explicitly taught to students each year.

### **School Dress Code**

The Compton Primary School Council and parent community feel that a school 'Dress Code' in the colours of bottle green, gold and black will add to the presentation of our school within both the local and district communities. A School Dress Code also builds self esteem amongst students, a feeling of belonging to a team or organisation. This discourages peer group pressure and is a cheap alternative when dressing children for school. School bucket hats must be worn outside in terms 1 and 4. Year seven students can wear a commemorative windcheater each year which doubles as part of the school uniform.

## Focus Programs - Performing Arts

Our Performing Arts Program includes a bi annual whole school musical. R-7 music lessons are conducted weekly. Dance is focus at Compton. The school choir, The Compton Cool Cats perform in the wider community on a regular basis.

Guitar lessons are offered to older students.

The school participates bi annually in Move It at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre.

Each year the school participates in the Mount Gambier Christmas Parade.

We are also invited to perform at CWA and Senior Citizens functions and to other community organisations throughout the year.

## Information and Communication Technology

We have 30 networked computers and Lap Tops in our school.

Students access computers everyday. Information technology is embedded into the curriculum and is used in our teaching and learning programs all the time.

Each class has a weekly skills based lesson where the explicit teaching of an application occurs.

## Learning Assistance Program (LAP)

This program provides the opportunity for students to work one to one with an adult for an hour once a week.

The program provides a special time for our students to have adult attention focussed on them while doing something that they enjoy.

LAP relies on volunteers from either the School Community or the Wider Community.

Our students who are currently on LAP are there for a variety of reasons and I can confidently say that all students and all volunteers are thoroughly enjoying their time together.

I strongly urge anyone who might have an hour a week to spare to really consider becoming a LAP friend to one of our students. I would dearly love all students in the school to be on the program.

## Student Leadership

The Upper Primary Class is involved in the Leadership Program which develops communication skills, organisational, planning skills and public speaking skills of effective leadership.

Students vote for School Captains and Vice Captains and we have a buddy system set up which includes all students within the school.

All students are members of an established Community Group. Community Groups meet once a week with adult mentors. The groups are Grounds and Environment, School / Community Services, Special Events and Communication / Publicity.

Whole school activities are organised regularly for junior coaches to work along side their buddies. In 2011 these sessions will have an anti bullying focus.

## Junior Coach/ Buddy System

All students in the Upper Primary Class are Junior Coaches. After intensive learning sessions on the roles and responsibilities of being in such a position students connect with their buddies from the rest of the school. From there we hold regular whole school activity sessions to ensure that our junior coaches get to know their buddies very well.

Younger students can find their Junior Coaches in the yard to help them if a teacher is not available.

## R-7 Visual Arts Program

We run a skill based Visual Arts Program in all classes. From this program all students enter art and craft work into the Mount Gambier Show. We hold an annual Art Exhibition of children's and community members work in term 4.

## Other 2012 Programs

- Quality Start Program
- Numeracy and Literacy Blocks
- Premier's Reading Challenge
- Italian
- Footsteps Dance
- District Sports Day
- Student Well Being
- Anti Bullying Program
- Active After School Program

# WELCOME TO Compton Primary School 2012



The Compton Primary School share these Values.

**QUALITY** - giving your best effort at doing the best you can on everything you do.

**INTEGRITY** -

**Honesty** - telling the truth.

**Trustworthiness** - doing what you say you will do.

**Reliability** - others being able to depend on you.

**Perseverance** - sticking to the task.

**Participation** - having a go, being involved, taking a risk.

**RESPECT** -

**Good Manners** - being polite.

**Self Discipline** - being responsible for yourself, being in control of yourself.

**Conduct** - behaving appropriately.

**Self Respect** - caring about yourself.

**Fairness** - thinking of others.

**Teamwork** - getting along with others.

**EQUITY** - a fair share for all.

**FRIENDSHIP** - enjoying being with others.

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