

Special Needs

At St Michael's Primary School, we believe children have their own individual needs that need to be met by the classroom teacher. In some cases, special programmes are provided for the children. These are...

Reading Recovery

This is an evidence based, effective program designed to teach effective reading strategies with a holistic approach. It provides 20 weeks of daily, intensive, high quality one on one instruction for students in Year 1 who have been identified as experiencing reading and writing difficulties. Lessons are individually tailored to provide explicit instruction for each student.

Quick Smart Numeracy & Literacy

QuickSmart is a 30-week intervention program aimed at middle school students whose numeracy or literacy outcomes are below minimum standards. QuickSmart is designed to enhance a student's fluency in either literacy (reading and comprehension) or numeracy by improving their information retrieval times.

Early Mathematical Understanding Numeracy Assessment K-6 and Early Intervention

This program aims to give teachers an overview of students' from K-6 understanding of mathematical concepts as well as identify and provide support for students in the area of numeracy. Early intervention is the primary focus of the program. An annual assessment is completed on all students at the start of each year.

Gifted & Talented

Children may prove to be exceeding their stage of learning and therefore need extension into the next stage or beyond. These children are catered for in the mainstream classroom with the teacher providing work at a more challenging level.

Other Programmes

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| Library | School Excursions | Gymnastics |
| Whole School Focus Units | Drama Production | |
| Blue Earth (Health/PD) | Dance | Swimming Program |
| Sporting Schools Program | Instrumental Music | |



DATES FOR 2020

INFORMATION NIGHT – We will hold an Information Night on Monday 10/8/20 here at school at 6.00pm. *(NB – dependent upon Covid 19 restrictions)*

KINDERGARTEN 2021 INTERVIEWS are planned for Week 7 and Week 8 of Term 3. Please contact the school to make an appointment for your child and a parent to have a half hour interview with the Principal.

TRANSITION TO SCHOOL VISITS - 2021 KINDERGARTEN

Wednesday, 2 September, 2020
Friday, 18 September, 2020
Thursday, 15 October, 2020
Monday, 26 October, 2020
Wednesday, 11 November, 2020
Tuesday, 1 December, 2020

NB – all dates dependent on easing of Covid-19 restrictions

START DATES FOR 2020 SCHOOL YEAR

School begins 2021 for Years 1-6, Friday, 29 Jan 2021
Best Start Interviews for Kindergarten 2021 will be held from Fri 29 Jan – Mon 1 Feb 2021
School begins for Kinder children, Tuesday, 2 Feb 2021



Kinder Transition Day 2019

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information, enrolment form or a handbook you can contact the Principal in one of the following ways:

- Phone – 02 6927 3483
- Mobile – 0427 273 483
- Write – PO Box 161, Coolamon
- Visit – 55 Methul St, Coolamon
- Email – smc-info@ww.catholic.edu.au
- Website - <http://web.smcww.catholic.edu.au/>

ENROLLING NOW

St. Michael's



Primary School



Coolamon

OUR VISION

ST MICHAEL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Is committed to Jesus Christ and his Gospel;

Knows and celebrates our Catholic faith tradition;

Educates the whole person: body, spirit, heart and mind;

Promotes education in the service of a better world;

Provides our children with reasons for living, hoping and loving.



Religious Education

All children enrolled in the School participate in our Religious Education Programme, which includes 30-40 minute lessons per day, School Masses, and preparation programmes for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

The focus of our lessons is to learn about the life Jesus lived and the messages he gave us through his actions and how we can live our own lives better through modelling these actions.

OUR SCHOOL

History

In 1896 a community of three 'Sisters of St. Joseph' from North Goulburn were sent to Coolamon after a request from Bishop Gallagher. The School operated in a weatherboard building shared with the Church. In 1936 the current school was built catering for four classrooms. In 1977 one of the verandas was closed in to act as a Library. The School was appointed its first lay Principal in 1981 although the Sisters remained in teaching positions at the School. In the year 2001 the School built a multipurpose court to cater for basketball, tennis, volleyball and netball. In 2002 the School worked on improving the grounds by adding a watering system, extra trees for shade, while extending our border gardens. In 2005 our school was extended by the addition of two new classrooms and the office was refurbished. In 2008, due to the continued growth of the school, another new classroom was built as well as a new toilet block. In 2010 a grant from the Australian Government's BER Program allowed us to refurbish all classrooms, install Interactive Whiteboards in all rooms, build a new library and multipurpose hall, construct a COLA over our basketball court which was also resurfaced and build a large covered outdoor learning area. In 2010 we also installed Solar Panels for the generation of "green" electricity as well as a number of rainwater collection tanks around the school. In 2013 we received a \$30 000 grant, under the National Solar Schools Program, to install water tanks and connect the school toilets to these water tanks. Between 2013 and present we have carried out extensive painting and re-carpeting throughout the majority of the school as well as undertaking a thorough resourcing enterprise in which all Year 3-6 students access their own individual Chromebook computer and extensive ICT resources have been introduced into K-2 classes.



The School Today

St. Michael's is a co-educational Catholic School providing quality education to Catholic and non-Catholic children from Coolamon and districts.

St. Michael's is a Learning Community functioning under our Vision and in the belief that children need support and challenge for learning to take place. The relationships developed between staff and students form the foundations to our approach to teaching and discipline.

The Curriculum

We believe effective Learning & Teaching takes place through:

- Meaningful learning opportunities
- Inquiry
- Collaboration
- Communication
- Self Responsibility
- Human Development

We educate the children in the following Key Learning Areas:

- Mathematics
- English
- Science & Technology
- History & Geography
- Creative Arts
- Personal Development/Health/Physical Education

Our Facilities

- All rooms are fully air conditioned and heated.
- Interactive and/or Large Screen digital technology in all rooms.
- Chromebooks, Laptop computers and iPads with WiFi in all classrooms.
- Fully resourced Library.
- Digital, video, and still cameras and associated multimedia resources such as editing software etc.
- Parish Hall used for Sport and Drama Productions.
- Large School Oval.
- Playground equipment.
- Covered Multipurpose Court.
- Covered Outdoor eating and learning space.
- Outdoor seating around a beautiful mosaic.
- Vegetable Garden and Chook House.

Our Fees

School Fees are charged for the general running of the School and for resource purchasing. Fees are compulsory and are billed each term.

2021 Rates - School Fees

1st child - \$262 per term: \$1048 per year
2nd child - \$197 per term: \$788 per year
3rd child - \$132 per term: \$528 per year
4th or more - \$74 per term: \$296 per year

Compulsory Cleaning/Maintenance Levy

\$30 per family per term: \$120 per year

Compulsory Technology Levy

\$40 per student per term: \$160 per year