A CARING CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

IN EDUCATION

ST. MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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VISION STATEMENT

St. Mary’s Primary School, Altona
is a welcoming and supportive Catholic Community.
We value and celebrate our faith, diversity,
individuality and promote life-long learning.
In the Spirit of Mary MacKillop.

SCHOOL PROFILE

St Mary’s Primary School is situated approximately sixteen kilometres west of the City of Melbourne. The parish priest, principal and staff see St Mary’s as a community of people sharing a common belief in a Christian concept of life, centred on Jesus Christ.
CURRICULUM

- We offer a comprehensive curriculum in a contemporary, engaging, challenging and supportive learning environment.
- Our focused Literacy and Numeracy Programs are the cornerstone of our strategy to ensure that all students entrusted to our care experience success in their learning.
- Information & Communication Technology is fundamental to all learning at St. Mary’s. Computer terminals are networked throughout the school and available for student use in all classrooms. There is an additional bank of ten computers in each of our three buildings. Interactive whiteboards in all classrooms have enhanced the embedding of ICT into our daily learning and teaching. As has the completion of our new Technology, Research and Information Centre (TRI Centre).
- An Instrumental Music program, specialist Art and Music teachers ensure that the Arts are a prominent feature in our school.
- We are committed to improving the physical wellbeing of all of our students. All children participate in a sequential, developmental Physical Education and Sport program. Children in Years 4 – 6 are involved in Inter-School Sport Competitions eg. Swimming, Cross Country, Athletics, Summer and Winter Team Sports.
- Student Wellbeing is a priority at St. Mary’s and is supported by our Behaviour Management and Anti Bullying Policies and our Restorative practices.
- As a Nutrition Australia, ‘Healthy Eating School’ and a ‘Kids – Go For Your Life School’ we value the importance of healthy eating and physical activity.
- Our Camp/Outdoor Education Program operates from Prep to Yr 6. Beginning in Prep with a breakfast at school culminating with a three day camp off site in Yr 6.

PHYSICAL FEATURES

- Air conditioning in all classrooms and work areas.
- Beautiful grounds including large grassed areas shaded seating area, netball and basketball courts, sandpit and two adventure playgrounds.

A modern, well equipped hall. A safe, secure, fenced playground.
LEADERSHIP

- The school promotes a strong leadership programme involving students and parents in decision and policy making in the school
- Student leadership is promoted through, Junior School Council, House and School Captains, Peer Mediators, Sports Captains, Social Justice and Wellbeing Leaders.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

- Is highly valued at St Mary’s. Parents may choose to become involved at many different levels: School Education Board, Parents and Friends Association, Classroom parent helpers and tuckshop duties are just some of the ways parents assist in the life of the school.

SCHOOL FEES

- School Fees for the 2014 Year are as follows:
  - Family Fee $1000.00
  - Curriculum Levy $220.00
  - Excursion Levy $60.00
- Payment options include:
  - Cash (at the School Office)
  - Cheque
  - Credit Card (major cards)
  - Direct Debit from Bank Account, Credit Card or Centrelink
- Other costs incurred during the year are included on regular statements eg. Sacramental Programme, Camps and Swimming Programmes.

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE

- Camp Australia operates Before and After School Care onsite. Care is offered between 7am and 8.30am and from the end of the school day until 6pm. They can be contacted on 1300 105 343 for more information.