

GLEN WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

SPECIALIST PROGRAMS



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PRINCIPAL'S WELCOME

On behalf of the students, staff and School Council I would like to extend a warm welcome and to also thank you for making the time to visit our wonderful school. We are incredibly proud of all that we offer at Glen Waverley Primary School including the vast array of specialist learning programs which are implemented by staff who have expertise in a particular aspect of the curriculum. This experience enables a deeper and broader subject knowledge and the capacity to extend the children's thinking, development and attainment even further.

The purpose of this brochure is to provide you with a snap-shot of our school's specialist learning programs as our dedicated and talented specialist teachers provide an experiential learning approach by linking the theory and practical skills to their area of the curriculum. These programs also promote the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum which provides the children with the skills, knowledge and understanding they need to develop into well-rounded and informed individuals. In fact, a rich diet of learning experiences is undoubtedly the best way to develop well-rounded, engaged and globally minded citizens of the world!

If you happen to be on a school tour of our school may I also encourage you to visit as many specialists learning areas as possible and engage with the children whilst doing so. Some questions you may like to ask are:

- 1.What are you learning?
- 2.Why are you learning this?
- 3.How are you learning this?
- 4.How will you know if you have been successful?

In closing, once again thank you for making the time to visit or inquire about Glen Waverley Primary School and if you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact our school on 9802 9938 or at glen.waverley.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely,
Frank Catalano



MUSIC

At Glen Waverley Primary School we are fortunate to offer a large and vibrant Music program. Students learn music from Foundation to Year 6 and have the opportunity to participate in Senior Choir, Junior Choir, String Ensemble, School Band and Drum Ensemble.

In the classroom students explore beat, rhythm, pitch, melody and composition through singing, body percussion, movement and sight-reading music. Students also use and learn a variety of instruments including keyboards, guitars, ukuleles, xylophones and percussion.

We also offer Music Innovation to small groups of students who elect to learn music on a deeper level. Glen Waverley Primary School also participates in the Victorian State School Spectacular each year. This allows our students to experience a production at a professional standard.

What the students of GWPS say about the Music program:

‘Music is a very interesting and fun specialist at our school. From prep to grade 6 we explore many different learning techniques to enhance our abilities.’ – Ruhara (Year 5)

‘We explore different types of cool sounds and get to use fun instruments’ – Ayaan (Year 2)



LANGUAGES

The Glen Waverley Primary School Languages program engages students grasping a new language and improving their Mandarin skills through a range of rigorous learning experiences. Targeting the complex language of Chinese through learning of conversational skills, reading, and writing simplified Chinese characters and integrating whole school inquiry-based topics, the program also deepens students' understanding of Chinese through stories, songs, and cultural events.

What the students of GWPS say about the Language program:

"I like Languages because we get to be so creative in our projects: we get to make posters, PowerPoints, origami and we learn so much" - Trisha (Year 3)

"I like languages clas because it gives me more information and knowledge about other cultures and beliefs apart from my own - Jordan (Year 5)



VISUAL ARTS

At Glen Waverley Primary School we have an expansive and engaging Visual Arts program taught fortnightly in a dedicated Art Room. Students have opportunities to create artworks with a variety of art materials and mediums, linking our school values and inquiry units. We offer multiple extra programs such as Art Innovation, Artist in School, lunchtime Art clubs and after school art classes.

We take great pride in our Visual Arts program and seek to showcase children's work throughout the school and wider community. We also encourage the children to value their learning by displaying it at home or storing it in a folio.

What the students of GWPS say about the Art program:

"I like how we get to be creative and we have access to things like clay, that we have not been able to make before. We get to have our own say over what we make express student voice in our artworks" - Tianna (Year 2)

"I love coming to art class because we get to be creative. We get to do lots of fun lessons like painting or clay. May (Year 3)



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

At Glen Waverley Primary School, all learners participate in one hour of Physical Education each week with a specialist PE teacher. We aim to develop the learner's confidence, coordination, and physical literacy through a range of individual and group learning tasks. There is a consistent focus on respect and encouraging learners to interact with each other in a positive manner.

In Foundation to Year 2, learners participate in learning tasks and minor games designed to develop their fundamental motor skills (FMS). Throughout the lessons, we also aim to develop their understanding of why physical activity is important and how our body reacts to exercise.

In Years 3-6, the learners are further extending the development of their fundamental motor skills in order to participate in games and sports, both within and beyond our school.

What the students of GWPS say about the Physical Education program:

“ PE is fun and exciting.” – Thamika, (Year 3)

“I like how we get a say in what activities and games we play.” – Dion, (Year 4)