



## SCHOOL PROFILE & PHILOSOPHY

### Vision

Gladstone Park Primary School believes in a co-operative approach between its students, staff and parents. Through working together, students will develop positive attitudes, skills and the abilities to confidently meet the challenges in front of them.

The school's motto "*Achieving Excellence*" reflects our core values:

- **Respect**
- **Honesty**
- **Responsibility**
- **Cooperation**
- **Unity**

Gladstone Park Primary School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of children. Our school community recognises the importance of, and a responsibility for, ensuring our school is a safe, supportive and enriching environment which respects and fosters the dignity and self-esteem of children, and enables them to thrive in their learning and development.

Gladstone Park Primary School aims to provide a teaching and learning environment that effectively supports students to reach their potential, including high achieving and special needs students. The school provides many specialist teachers and supports this through dedicated facilities for a number of the associated learning areas. The students have access to an exciting array of extra- and intra-curricula programs that enhance personal and academic development. The school is well-supported by the parent population both within the classroom and in fund-raising.

Gladstone Park Primary School was opened in 1970. It is situated in a residential estate in the north western suburbs and is close to Melbourne Airport. The school is located next to Gladstone Park Secondary College. The present enrolment of 450 students is located in 18 fully air-conditioned classrooms.

Although the majority of these students were born in Australia, many of their parents were born in other countries and another language, as well as English, is spoken at home. There are more than 28 different nationalities at Gladstone Park and over 50% of families receive the Education Maintenance Allowance.

The dedicated and committed staff team work very well together in Professional Learning Teams to support the children in their social, emotional, academic and physical development. The School Council provides outstanding leadership and support for the staff and parents of the Gladstone Park community.

Gladstone Park Primary School provides a balanced curriculum featuring quality, sequential programs. AusVELS is used as the framework for teaching and learning programs.

Specialist programs are offered in Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Physical Education, Languages (Italian), Library and English as an Additional Language (EAL). There are literacy intervention programs to enhance the students' abilities in reading.

The Arts represents a major curriculum focus; involving, specialist programs, annual concerts, violin lessons, senior and junior choirs and a chamber choir, and the annual concerts are particularly successful.

The challenge the school faces is to continue to strive for excellence in outcomes for the students by ensuring programs remain relevant, age-appropriate and effective.

The School Strategic Plan identifies improved Student Learning as a major improvement area. The school has placed a great emphasis on developing consistent high-level teaching and learning strategies in literacy and numeracy, supported by significant professional development.

