

OUR VISION

Growth Through Learning

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Cambridge Primary School strives to equip and empower lifelong learners that contribute collaboratively to build a positive, inclusive, and successful school and community.



Cambridge Primary School

Respect-Integrity-Self resilience -Excellence.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Jane Budd

The school holidays have come to an end, and we are thrilled to extend a big welcome back to all students and parents. We look forward to another promising and exciting year filled with opportunities for growth, learning, and new experiences. We are excited to continue our School's strong tradition of fostering achievement and community.

A special welcome goes out to our new families joining the Cambridge Primary School community. We hope your time with us is enjoyable and rewarding. We would also like to introduce our new staff members: Alycia Larcombe (4A) and Melanie Blackburn (6D) and welcome back Sarah Draper (Speech Therapist) from family leave, who will be working on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are absolutely thrilled to have such caring, talented, and enthusiastic staff at Cambridge Primary. Please take a moment to say hello to our new families and staff if you see them around and make them feel welcome.

Our school values – **Respect, Integrity, Self-Resilience, and Excellence** – guide everything we do and help shape the culture of our school. These values are not only instilled in our students but are also embraced by our staff and the broader school community.

During the Christmas break, several improvements were made around the school, including classroom painting, grounds maintenance by the gardeners, and an upgrade to the staffroom. We remain committed to enhancing our school facilities and will continue making improvements to create a welcoming and supportive learning environment for everyone.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!



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Parent Contribution 2025

We continue to invite parents once again to make payment towards the 2025 school voluntary contributions. Parent contributions can be made via the office or phone.

Cambridge Primary School Council approves the school contributions each year, ensuring costs to parents are kept to a minimum, affordable for families and proportionate to the needs of the school.

Contributions go specifically towards items that we believe add value to the school experience for students.

Within our school this support has allowed us to offer a wide range of special curriculum experiences for our students

- upgrades around the school
- refurbishment of school grounds

We continue to value your contributions in supporting our school's programs and resources, without your contributions, many of these things may not be possible.

Please contact the school on 9748 9011 or via email cambridge.ps@education.vic.gov.au for your specific family BPay details and any further details you may require.

Once again, we thank you for your ongoing support and valued contribution

Playgrounds & School Gates

We ask that **no students or siblings** are on playgrounds **before or after school**. Students are to walk calmly to their classrooms and wait patiently for the bell to go. All school gates will open each morning from 8.35am -8.50am, and afterschool from 3.10pm -3.35pm. Please make sure you are on time dropping off & pick up your child/ren from school. Cambridge Primary Schools' yard duty policy is available through the front office.

Attendance

At Cambridge Primary School we actively encourage all students to come to school every day. If children are unwell then home is the best place for them, but obviously the more time students spend at school the more learning they do. Please plan ahead if possible and **book holidays & appointments during school holidays or after school** and avoid allowing students to stay at home for 'special' days such as birthdays or visits from extended family members. **REMEMBER** every learning minute counts at Cambridge Primary School and "it is not ok to be away." If your child is sick and is absent from school, please send a note to the class teacher or phone the school (9748 9011) explaining the absence. Compass can also be used for this.

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Change of Contact Details

It is absolutely critical that the school is advised immediately of any changes to parent or emergency contact details (mobile phone numbers, addresses etc). These become vital when children are unwell or injured. Prompt contact with families can avoid a lot of distress and confusion. The Department of Education does not provide accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

The cost of any medical attention or ambulance for a student will be borne by the parent/guardian. Parents are liable for all medical expenses incurred because of student injury, including transport costs such as ambulance or air ambulance costs, which can be very expensive. **We highly recommend that all families have their ambulance subscriptions up to date.**

School Privacy

Schools Privacy Policy - It is compulsory for the school to provide information regarding the school's privacy policy. Please visit the following link for more information. You will also find this information on our school website.

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/Schools-Privacy-Policy-information-for-parents.aspx>

Anaphylaxis

We continue to have a number of students who are allergic to nuts. We ask families to take care when packing lunches to make sure that nut products do not find their way into the lunchbox.

Fresh Food & water

Students are encouraged to eat fruit and vegetables ONLY during class over course of the day to support energy and focus while learning. Please make sure that food is in a separate container or Ziplock bag. Students are also encouraged to ONLY have water in their drink bottles daily.

Uniform

Wearing our school uniform with pride is essential. Please ensure that you send your child/ren to school in our full school uniform. From week 3 onwards parents and carers will begin to receive notices of incorrect uniform items. If you are unsure of our uniform policy, please visit our website.

A reminder of the schools' uniform expectations – specific jewellery i.e. ear studs and sleepers can be worn, but no necklaces, bracelets or rings are to be worn. Hair that is shoulder-length or longer must be tied up, with hair ties and bows in school colours (Navy or White) All students are required to **wear black school shoes or black sport shoes**. Bike shorts (Navy) may be worn under dresses but not as a standalone item.

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Sun Smart:

We are starting to experience some very hot days over the holiday period, and it is about to heat up again. It is crucial that all students have a school hat and wear sunscreen. If students are seen without a hat, they must remain in undercover areas. Hats must be worn for PE or any outdoor activity this includes recess & lunchtimes. If a student does not have a hat, they will not be able to participate in the activity. School Hats can be purchased from Noones at 54 Old Geelong Road, (next to Spotlight).

Diaries

To support consistency and help students develop their organisational skills, every student from Prep to Year Six will receive a school diary. Diaries can be used for communication between parents and teachers via written notes. However, please be aware that, in line with our communication policy, teachers may take 24-48 hours to respond. (within their working hours) Absences should still be reported through Compass or the front office. We ask that students record their nightly reading in their diaries. Each year level will discuss specific expectations with their classes. Please note that if a diary is lost or damaged, we do not have replacements available. Thank you for your support in helping students develop these important organisational habits.

Assemblies

This term our Whole School Assemblies are scheduled for Friday 7th February, Friday 28th February & Friday 28th March at 2.30pm in the Big Gym. We encourage our families to attend. The structure of assembly is the national anthem, the school declaration and a focus on school values will be delivered by our school captains. At times will also love to showcase work that our students have achieved.

Communication & Correspondence

We would like to remind parents & carers of our procedure when collecting your child from school early. Please come to the office to get your child/ren signed out. We thank you for your support and we strongly encourage families not to pick up their children during recess and lunchtime as this can be a tricky time to announce for students.

Time to speak with teachers

We understand that there are times that parents would like to discuss certain things with their child's teacher throughout the school term. To ensure teachers are not inundated with unexpected parent conversations at the beginning and end of the day, we ask that parents make an appointment as our staff a very dedicated and attend many Professional Learning opportunities and meetings after school. They will need to schedule a time. Thank you for your understanding

Valuable Toys/Trading Cards/ Mobile Phones

We request that valuable items be left at home including toys, electronic games, and equipment as it is extremely difficult to ensure their security. Mobile phones are not permitted in the class and must be left at the office in the morning and collected afterschool.

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Meet & Greet

Meet and Greet interviews will be conducted for Prep to Year 6 families from 1.00 pm to 5.30 pm on Wednesday 26th February 2025. Interviews will be of 10 minutes duration. Meet and Greet sessions are not for discussing academics, rather this time is used for our teachers to meet with our families to get to know what makes our students them. During this time, you may wish to share things like family dynamics, outside-of-school interests, fun facts about your family, or any other important information relating to how your child learns. Information on how to book your 10-minute session will be communicated via Compass closer to the date.

Student will be dismissed at 12.25pm on this day.

The Compass booking system will be open from Monday 17th February 2025 at 9.00 am until 4.00 pm Friday 21st February 2025

School Staff have a right to be safe at work



Schools are positive places of learning where everyone has a right to a safe and healthy learning environment. Schools are also workplaces, and school staff deserve to work in an environment where they don't feel threatened or unsafe.

When a small number of parents and carers behave unacceptably towards a staff member or another member of the school community, this can affect their health, safety and wellbeing. The impact can also be felt by the wider school community.

Unacceptable or unreasonable behaviours include, but are not limited to:

- being violent or threatening violence of any kind, including being physically intimidating, aggressive hand gestures or invading another person's personal space
- speaking or behaving in a rude, aggressive or threatening way, either in person, via email, social media, or over the telephone
- sending demanding, rude, confronting or threatening letters, emails or text messages
- discriminatory or derogatory comments
- the use of social media or public forums to make inappropriate or threatening remarks about the school, staff or students.

If a parent or carer behaves in an unacceptable way, the school principal may contact them to talk about this further and there may be consequences. This may include making a School

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Community Safety Order to prohibit or limit harmful, threatening or abusive behaviour from a parent, carer or other adult to members of the school community.

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Parent grievance process

If you would like to raise any concerns regarding your child/ren, the correct process is to speak to the classroom teacher first and discuss your concerns at this level. If you are not satisfied with the actions or outcome, please contact the office and ask to speak to an assistant principal. All staff at Cambridge Primary School have 24-48 work hours to respond to any parent communication during work hours.

Helmets

All bike and scooter riders are required to wear a bike helmet in Victoria. Mandatory bicycle **helmet laws** were introduced in July 1990. Police can stop bike and scooter riders and issue a fine or a warning for not wearing an approved bicycle helmet. This applies when riding:

- on roads
- on bike and shared paths
- in bike lanes
- in recreational parks
- in car parks

It is crucial that as a community we ensure our children are safe both to and from school. Please ensure you purchase a helmet if your child is riding a bike or scooter to school. Staff will be monitoring students arriving to school in the morning. If students are found not wearing a helmet, parents will be contacted and asked to drop off a helmet or collect the bike or scooter after school as we will not allow a student to ride home without a helmet.

Further information

Exceptions: For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact an Assistant Principal if you would like to discuss this.

Emergencies: In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

Parent support: The Mobile phones in school's webpage provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones.

If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.

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Volunteers

We are reaching out to our parent community to see if any parents/ grandparents would like to volunteer a small amount of time in the canteen and or our school library. If you would like to become a parent volunteer, please contact the office (9748.9011) leaving your name and number and either Ms Green or Mrs Da Silva will be in touch with you.

To assist you with applying for a Working with Children Check please click the image below. The link will direct you to the website to fill in your application.

All community volunteers at Cambridge Primary School are required to have a valid Working with Children Check. This is free for volunteers.

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Child Safe Standards

We are committed to providing a child safe environment. We want the students of Cambridge to be safe and to feel safe. It is also important that their voices are heard about decisions that affect their lives. Our child safe policies, procedures, strategies and practices will be inclusive of the needs of all children, particularly Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, students in out of home care, LGBTIQ students and children who are vulnerable.

We have a range of policies in place to help all staff, and visitors to our school understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively in ensuring that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people is at the forefront of all they do and every decision they make.

These policies include:

Attendance policy

Bullying prevention policy

Child Safety Code of Conduct

Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy

Complaints and concerns policy

Digital learning policy

Responding and Reporting Obligations policy

Student wellbeing and engagement policy

Visitors' policy

Volunteers' policy

If you would like to read any of these policies, they are available on our school website. Alternatively, you can ask for a printed copy at our administration office.

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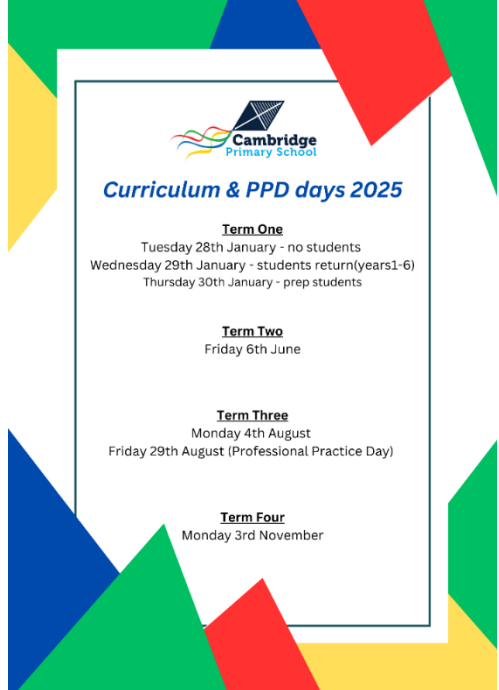
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30 ways to say "HOW WAS YOUR DAY?"

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today?
2. What is something that made you laugh?
3. What is something that made your teacher laugh?
4. Who is someone you helped today?
5. What is the worst thing that happened to you today?
6. If you could sit next to anyone in your class, who would it be and why?
7. Is there anyone you would not want to sit next to?
8. What is something you did to help someone today?
9. If you could change something about your day, what would it be?
10. If I asked your teacher how their day was, what would they say?
11. What did you find tricky today?
12. Tell me about a time when you were bored today.
13. What word did your teacher say the most today?
14. What would you like to do more of at school?
15. What would you like to do less of at school?
16. Tell me about a book you read today.
17. Did anyone get in trouble today? Why?
18. If you were the teacher in your class, what would you do differently?
19. What is something that made your teacher cross today?
20. If you could play with someone you haven't played with before, who would it be?
21. Tell me about a time that you were kind to someone today.
22. If you were in charge of your class, what is something you would change?
23. Tell me about 3 different things you used today, that weren't a pencil.
24. What was the hardest rule to follow today?
25. Tell me something you know today, that you didn't know yesterday.
26. Did everyone have a friend to play with at recess and lunch?
27. What is something you found really easy?
28. What is something that made you feel proud today?
29. What is something that made you feel sad today?
30. What is something you are good at, that you could help your teacher teach the rest of the class?



@LaurieFairclough



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Curriculum & PPD days 2025

Term One
Tuesday 28th January - no students
Wednesday 29th January - students return (years 1-6)
Thursday 30th January - prep students

Term Two
Friday 6th June

Term Three
Monday 4th August
Friday 29th August (Professional Practice Day)

Term Four
Monday 3rd November

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R espect	<p>We will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • treat others with compassion, care and fairness • value and celebrate people's differences • be a caring and courteous friend • use kind words and be polite in all interactions • include others in our school, classroom groups and house colour activities • show care and concern for others
I ntegrity	<p>We will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make positive choices even when no one is watching • be honest, true and fair • take responsibility for actions and accept consequences • follow our school values and expectations • represent the school in all situations with positivity and pride • be safe and considerate
S elf-resilience	<p>We will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • try our best and find new ways to reach personal goals • bounce back from mistakes and setbacks • use growth mindset skills and strategies to overcome challenges • be positive and enthusiastic about learning • stretch the limits and take risks
E xcellence	<p>We will...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • aim high to be the very best we can be • be positive and enthusiastic about learning • come ready to engage in learning • set challenging learning goals • be a positive example to others • strive to learn and gain new knowledge

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IMPORTANT DATES – Term 1 2025	
7th February	Whole School Assembly 2.30
14th February	Breakfast Club
17th February	District Swimming Year 5 Swimming Program
26th February	Meet and Greet Students finish 12.25pm
28th February	Whole School Assembly 2.30
4th March	School Photos
7th March	Breakfast Club
10th March	Public Holiday
12th March	NAPLAN starts
20th March	Family Photos
21st March	Harmony Day
28th March	Whole School Assembly 2.30 Breakfast Club
4th April	End of Term 1 Students finish 1.45pm

Prep



PREP NEWS



Grade Preps have started their first year of school full of excitement and eagerness to learn. They have become familiar with the school and the daily routines and are beginning to come prepared for learning. The Preps have been introduced to their Specialist classes and on Wednesday's testing continues for students. Teachers are beginning to prepare and send home weekly readers and homework for students to complete.



THANK YOU

The Prep teachers would like to thank parents for their wonderful participation and interest in their student's education.



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Year 3



Congratulations to all our new Year 3s and the first RISE award winners for their exceptional start to the year and consistent demonstration of the RISE values.

CANTEEN

If you would like to place a lunch order, you can go to www.flexischools.com.au and set up an account or you can write your child's name, grade and order on a brown paper bag with correct money inside the bag.

If you order an icy pole the bag will have a stamp on the bag that says CANTEEN, your child has to bring the bag back to the canteen and I will give the item to them.

You can find an updated Canteen menu is on the website community section under canteen.

Please remind your child not to share money with other students.

Next Thursday 13th & Friday 14th the canteen will have a Valentines theme there will be items at the canteen that the students can purchase.

What's new in the canteen

Spaghetti meat balls \$5.20

Satay Chicken (NO Nuts) gluten free \$5.60

Frozen apple cups \$1.00

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OUR SCHOOL PARTNER



**Looking to buy or
sell your home?**

Contact your local area specialist today.

Jeff Gaul
0406 270 790
jeff.gaul@raywhite.com

For every home sold through mention of the school, Cambridge Primary School will receive a generous donation.

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Music Bus

Lessons at Cambridge Primary School

The Music Bus has opened their term 1 enrolments and are inviting new students to apply. Classes offered are: · Keyboard (Prep-y6) · Ukulele (Prep-y6) · Drums (y1-y6) · Guitar (Y2-y6) Lessons are: * be 30 minute duration - once per week * held in the hi tech music classroom on wheels on our site * cost \$22 per week (\$24 drums) payable by the term on commencement If you wish to take part please complete this expression of interest form. <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/ee4627a5204c46158e1ab17e7c8069c6> Many thanks for your continued support



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Dads & Kids SportsFest

SPECIAL FREE EVENT
CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Join Ryan Carters, former BBL cricketer and Founder of Dadfit, for a fun afternoon of sport and games for Dads & Kids.




MONDAY
FEB 10
3:30-4:45 PM

GET ACTIVE WITH YOUR KIDS

- Have fun with your kids
- Connect with other dads
- Learn tips from former BBL cricketer Ryan Carters
- All family members welcome

BOOK YOUR PLACE - IT'S FREE!



www.dadfit.au/sportsfest

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DADFIT
FREE FIVE-WEEK PROGRAM
Starts Monday Feb 24
Cambridge Primary School
Hoppers Crossing



Drummond Street Services
READY, STEADY - FAMILY

What's Dadfit all about?

Being a dad is awesome, but it's also hard work.

Dadfit is a FREE program to help you be the best dad you can be:

- Get active
- Connect with other dads
- Share experiences
- Led by a former AFL player



What to expect in the program?

- Dad workouts**
Fun, full-body, suitable for all fitness levels
- Dad chats**
Catch up about issues facing dads, including parenting, relationships, health and wellbeing
- Dad challenges**
Dads supporting dads to try out new ideas

What's included?

The free program includes 5 x two-hour Dadfit sessions.

Each session includes a Workout (45 min), Dad Chat (60 min) and a Dad Challenge.

Timing: Meet weekly on Monday, 7-9pm for 5 weeks, starting Feb 24. (Skip a week for public holiday 10/3)

Location: Cambridge Primary School, 29 Caruthers Dr, Hoppers Crossing

Open to all dads in the area!



Sign up now to book your place!



www.dadfit.au/hoppers-crossing

Who leads the program?

Ryan Carters
Dadfit Founder, dad of three, fitness trainer, former pro cricketer

Glory Sekhon
Dadfit Co-Facilitator, dad of one, Drummond Street worker

"A highlight of my year."
— *Joachim, dad of three*

"Adding small steps each week to bring a better dad."
— *Usaha, dad of one*

"I've only known these dads for two weeks and it already feels like we're old friends."
— *Ajay, dad of two*

"My partner is happier since starting Dadfit, which is great for all of us."
— *Anna, mother of three*

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WYNDHAM ROTARY
**FUN
RUN**



SCAN ME

STEP UP FOR A BETTER COMMUNITY

SUNDAY 2ND MARCH
WYNDHAM PARK, WERRIBEE 3030

4KM WALK 5KM RUN 8KM WALK 10KM RUN

REGISTER AT

WWW.WYNDHAMROTARYFUNRUN.COM.AU



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