

Banyule Primary School is located in Rosanna and is an important part of a very close local community. The Student Family Occupation (SFO) Index is 0.3033. The enrolment in 2009 is 205.6 students with numbers expected to increase over the next few years as young families move into the area. The teaching staff consists of a strong team of Graduate, Accomplished and Experienced teachers. Education Support Officers (ESO) assist students with needs, coordinate the Out of School Hours Care program, provide ICT support and run the general office in a most professional and efficient manner. The school gained Performance and Development Culture accreditation in 2008, thus ensuring that effective processes are in place to support student learning and staff personal development.

At Banyule Primary School we actively engage all children in learning experiences that cater for their individual abilities and learning styles and prepare them to be lifelong learners. A comprehensive curriculum based on the Victorian Essential Learning Standards (VELS) is implemented across all areas of learning. Units of work are integrated in order to engage children in authentic and meaningful learning experiences. This is greatly enhanced by the use of interactive whiteboards in every classroom. Specialist programs include Cultural Awareness, Art, Music and Performing Arts. The Physical Education and Sports programs emphasise a healthy body/healthy mind ethos, often resulting in success for both individuals and teams, with many progressing to higher levels of competition.

Other special programs which support the curriculum include Reading Recovery, Student Welfare (including Bounce Back and You Can Do It), Instrumental Music, Dance, Peer Support, Buddies, Camping, Perceptual Motor Program, Choirs, Recorder, and Student Leadership.

Many children take the opportunities to be extended and challenged in programs such as Chess Club and G.A.T.E.WAYS programs.

The school is in phase one of the BER program and as such the new building program consisting of four new classrooms and a library will begin in July 2009. BPS is also in phase one of the National Pride Program which will provide funding for the refurbishment of a science/kitchen facility in term three 2009. It is also anticipated that the National Solar Schools Program will provide funding for the installation of solar panels on the infant building during 2009.

A major focus for the whole school is Sustainability. BPS would like to become a 5-star sustainable school in the future with students taking responsibility for reducing waste, energy, water and focussing on biodiversity.