

2022 Annual Report to the School Community

School Name: Crib Point Primary School (3080)



- All teachers at the school meet the registration requirements of the Victorian Institute of Teaching (www.vit.vic.edu.au).
- The school meets prescribed minimum standards for registration as regulated by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority (VRQA) in accordance with the Education and Training Reform (ETR) Act 2006. This includes schools granted an exemption by the VRQA until 31 December of the previous calendar year from the minimum standards for student enrolment numbers and/or curriculum framework for school language program.
- The school is compliant with the Child Safe Standards prescribed in Ministerial Order No. 870 – Child Safe Standards, Managing Risk of Child Abuse in School.

- This 2022 Annual Report to the School Community has been tabled and endorsed at a meeting of the school council and will be publicly shared with the school community

About Our School

School context

Crib Point Primary School has a beautiful balance of contemporary education and facilities in stunning rural settings. Crib Point Primary School No. 3080 currently has an enrolment of 203 students; it is in a small town located in a semi-rural area close to the shores of Western Port Bay, 68km from Melbourne. Major industry and employment opportunities in the area include Blue Scope Steel, Esso Australia/BHP Billiton Long Island Point plant and HMAS Cerberus which is a major defence training facility. The school is adjacent to the towns popular sporting and leisure facilities, including tennis courts, a public outdoor pool and sporting ovals. Crib Point has an approximate population of 3183 people with the majority having been born in Australia with English as their first language. Current SFO 0.5398, which does not genuinely reflect our diverse family composition. Enrolments fluctuate continually throughout the year (approx.20-25% of the school population, not including foundation entry or year 6 exit students), a large contributor of this phenomena is the local Defence population who post in and out of the Australian Defence Force Cerberus Training Base. Crib Point Primary School has 10 permanent classrooms, a double portable classroom, art room, music room, S.T.E.M room, library, and administration wing. We have a gym and a portable building that are owned by the school, the portable unit is used for Hands On Learning, archiving and wellbeing. The school is situated in a large natural bush setting of 11 acres (44, 515 sq. m), which includes two large asphalt areas, two playgrounds, two small ovals, a shaded courtyard, and a fitness track. A 90,000 L water tank has been installed as part of our outdoor sustainability education area. We now also house two large water tanks to be used by the local authorities in the event of a bush fire. The school has an outdoor covered learning area and garden dedicated to Sustainability which was funded through the Building Education Revolution program. Each classroom has an interactive touchscreen television, 16 iPads and a ratio of 1:1 with laptop computers. Perseverance Primary School No. 3261 operates as a hub/annex of Crib Point Primary School and is located on French Island. The students at Perseverance are fortunate to be able to access specialist programs at Crib Point P.S. such as music, L.O.T.E, S.T.E.M and art on Fridays when Perseverance students travel to the mainland and join in at Crib Point P.S. Staff and professional development opportunities are accessed internally and externally to align with the strategic direction of each school and support student learning in the 21st century. We, at Crib Point Primary School are unwavering in our belief that with targeted teaching and individualised learning, every child can experience positive educational growth. Therefore, we recognise the importance of balance between student learning outcomes and well being, continuing to explore 21st century teaching and learning methods within the curriculum. We have a strong emphasis on Numeracy and Literacy. We have a whole school approach to Numeracy and have developed "I can" statements for every year level. We have continued to enhance our classroom libraries by purchasing new and contemporary literature. We have also just recently invested greatly in Soundwrite training for all staff. We have a strong relationship with Cerberus Navy Base and have a fabulous Defence Force Transition Aide who runs vital transition programs to integrate defence force students and their families into our school community. Crib Point P.S is privileged to have a dedicated S.T.E.M (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) educator, launching into the world of coding, robotics and 3D printing. We continue to run Art, Music, Physical Education, French, a Library, and various clubs around student interests. Perseverance students who attend Crib Point P.S on Fridays have the opportunity to partake in these specialist activities too. Crib Point P.S hosts a wonderful Before and After School Care program on site which is run by Camp Australia and this truly makes life a lot easier for parents who access this service. At Crib Point P.S. we provide a free daily breakfast club which is accessible to all students. Canteen also runs on Tuesdays and Fridays. OUR VISION: To inspire students to become life-long learners who achieve their potential. Our view of the future at Crib Point Primary School includes:

- An environment where confident students take responsibility for their own learning. We show initiative, celebrate our successes and value an inquiring mind.
- A challenging and comprehensive curriculum that stimulates all students to do their best. We value effort, endeavour and we pursue excellence.
- A highly skilled staff who are motivated and enthusiastic about learning and teaching. We respect a teacher's 'right to teach' and a student's 'right to learn'.
- An environment where respect for others and unity between all members of the school community is highly valued. We treat each other with consideration and regard. We are inclusive and 100% committed to celebrating each student's individuality.
- A caring and supportive environment which promotes honesty and where children feel safe and secure. We build positive relationships within our community.

At Crib Point Primary School, we are providing an 'Anchor for the future' while developing each individual to their full potential. Our school educates and nurtures our students to become valuable citizens while providing the literacy, numeracy and inquiry skills

required to be successful and productive members of the community. At Crib Point Primary and Perseverance Primary, we have embraced the motto THINK, is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary or Kind.

Progress towards strategic goals, student outcomes and student engagement

Learning

Crib Point Primary School has continued its journey and learning about the Science of Learning. We have had multiple professional learning days in this area and have been communicating this work to our parent community through the newsletter. Literacy and numeracy are always our main focus and we will continue to both support students and extend students in these areas. We are working to improve our percentage of students at or above expected standards in the area of numeracy according to teacher judgements.

A highlight in the area of NAPLAN was our numeracy results in Grade 3, exceeding similar schools results. We are working towards improving our results in numeracy in Grade 5.

2022 saw two teachers continue their participation in the Primary Maths and Science Specialist program to help improve our numeracy teaching practice. These specialists will work across P-6. Our future opportunities for improvement are in the area of having more students gaining high growth in all areas of the curriculum, Reading, Numeracy, Writing, Spelling and Grammar and Punctuation. We have strategically created our Intervention program that is not only targeting intervention, but extension as well. We look forward to the continued focus on our reading achievement moving forward. We have 13 students funded on the Program for students with Disabilities. We have found that the introduction of Sounds Write has supported this cohort of students as it is allowing for targeting teaching to their point of need, yet they are able to remain in the classroom with their peers. We continue to utilise our inclusion money to provide additional Education Support staff for all of our students.

Wellbeing

2022 saw us continue a number of wonderful wellbeing initiatives. We continued our Breakfast Club five mornings a week and continued to make care packages for families in need. The school staff continue to provide significant emotional support for both students and families. Our triage model of wellbeing has continued with great benefits. We have a large support team and we had a new private psychologist to join our team in 2022. We now have an external speech therapist, occupational therapist, private counselling psychologist, Australian Defence Force Transition Aide and additional support when required. We have continued our implementation of the Zones of Regulation, and this is now displayed in a number of our classrooms. We have continued to support the Ride 2 School and Walk to School initiatives and have added a number of mountain bikes to our assets. These were fully utilised with students completing Bike Education sessions and various mountain bike rides around the school. 2022 saw all staff complete the Berry Street Education Model four day professional learning. This is a model that supports students who have experienced trauma. We engaged with Peninsula Youth Services to specifically target this cohort of students who have been impacted on by lockdowns and covid. We ran art, equine and canine therapy. Due to the success of canine therapy, a therapy dog has become an important part of our wellbeing program. We had a fabulous year with our I Sea, I Care program, again winning awards for our involvement and contributions. We worked hard with students to transition back to full time school on-site so there were extensive plans in place to help overcome this. We have increased our chaplaincy program and we also now have a number of parents accessing this program.

Engagement

2022 saw Crib Point Primary School have significant absences in all year levels. We had higher absences than similar schools and the state average. Due to this, 2023 will see Crib Point Primary School become an attendance focus school. This means we will work closely with the region to implement positive strategies to reduce both our student absences and also our unauthorised absences. We put a number of initiatives into place in 2022 to support students to re-engage with school. This included smaller class sizes, an Education Support staff member in every classroom and a range of new wellbeing programs.

We have worked hard to ensure we have authentic student voice. Our Student Representative Council is a strong student body who put forth excellent ideas. This year saw three casual dress days with money being raised going towards Kids with Cancer, Motor Neurone Disease and Autism. The students chose these charities.

We have a number of extra curricula programs such as I sea, I care, and Winter and Spring concerts. We have also run bike education and the bike ed challenge and have class sets of bikes to allow for full participation. We run two weeks of heavily subsidised swimming lessons.

Each year we run coach approach in our PE program and it includes sports such as ultimate frisbee and lacrosse. These programs are tailored for whole school participation.

We have ensured that throughout the year we have various sporting groups coming in eg. AFL footy players.

2022 saw us engage with art bus for the first time. They worked with the whole school and we received significantly positive feedback from students.

Other highlights from the school year

Crib Point Primary School utilised the Victorian Government "Positive Start" initiative and were able to offer two free camps to our students, this included Somers Camp and The Ranch. We had two wonderful musical concert nights at Westernport Secondary College. This was the first time for these performances and they were both stunning evenings. Throughout the year, we were thrilled to be able to run events such as athletics day, swimming carnival, cross country and Colour Run. In December, we were able to celebrate our Christmas Concert. 2022 saw a significant increase in parent support and participation.

It was wonderful to be able to run swimming programs again and we were able to run two swimming programs. We also ran whole school first aid training through St John Ambulance.

A significant highlight for us was the development of our Grade 3/4 hub and new Allied Health Hub. This was a school funded capital works project that was led by the Victorian School Building Authority. This hub will provide space for us to extend our wellbeing programs and provide space for students NDIS workers to come on site and work with students.

Financial performance

In 2022 we received \$163 681 in equity money. Crib Point Primary School used this money to employ additional educational support staff to further support our programs and students. This includes providing additional hours so that breakfast club can run five days a week and help reduce class sizes. We have continued our involvement in the No Limits project, having a speech therapist once a fortnight for our Foundation students and an occupational therapist once a fortnight. We also joined the Learning Guarantee Project which has resulted in funding towards further Education Support wages. We undertook more significant fire preparedness works and this saw the removal of a number of trees. We received \$80,000 grant that was to purchase new staff iPads, Occupational Therapy equipment and furniture for the new portables when they arrive. We also received another donation for more staff to complete Sounds Write training, a synthetic phonics approach to reading, writing and spelling. We finished the year with \$120 556 in credit and \$134 697 in cash.

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