

**2026 INFORMATION EVENING**

# Mirripoa Primary School

*“Learning and Growing Together”*



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# WELCOME

## Darryl Diment – Principal

At Mirripoa, we come together on the traditional lands of the Wadawurrung people to learn and grow together. We share, respect, and celebrate the many different countries and cultures that make up our school community. We recognize our differences as a strength and see them as an opportunity for understanding and acceptance.

Our name comes from the Wadawurrung language.  
*'Mirri'* meaning sunny and *'poa'* meaning plains.

This year we have 635 students with 28 grades:

- 5 grades in Prep
- 5 grades in Year 1
- 5 grades in Year 2
- 4 grades in Year 3
- 4 grades in Year 4
- 3 grades in Year 5
- 2 grades in Year 6

Myself

- Evidence based teaching practices
- Warm demander (high expectations for learning and behaviour)
- Balanced approach
- Your kids will be...

**“Teaching  
is an art  
form  
informed  
by  
science.”**

# Our Vision

*Together we inspire and grow curious learners who think critically and thrive in their communities.*



Our school mascot.

# ADMINISTRATION TEAM

- Darryl Diment: Principal
- Kandice Bell: Assistant Principal
- Alicia Nuttall: Assistant Principal
- Ingrid Polwarth: Business Manager
- Fiona Houston: Admin Support
- Alex Mathisen: Admin Support
- Carli Buhagiar: Admin Support

**Warm demanders expect a great deal of their students, convince them of their own brilliance, and help them to reach their potential in a disciplined and structured environment - Delpit 2016**

# OUR LEARNING LEADERS

- Jake Dowsett: Inclusion Leader
- Kirsten Keenan: Wellbeing Leader
- Lauren Field: Maths Leader
- Rachel Everett: English Leader



# THE UNIFORM



# THINGS TO KNOW

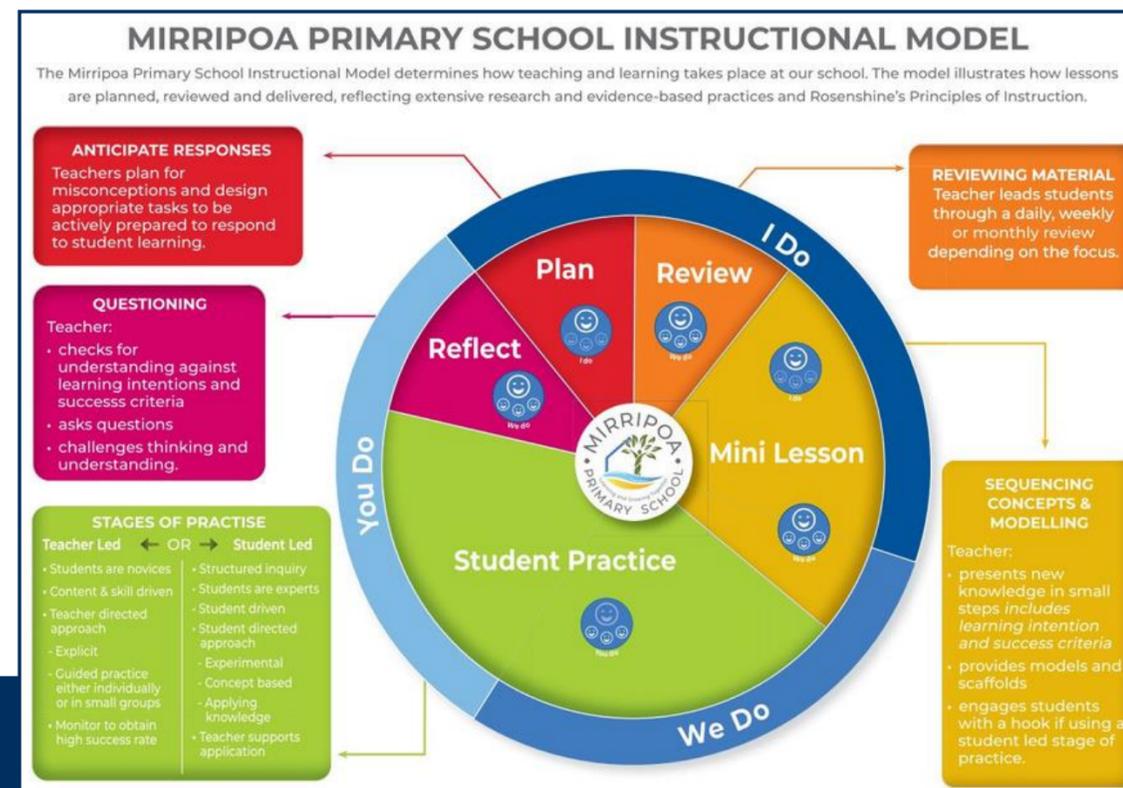
- Outside Hours School Care provided is by Big Childcare.
- Student excellence awards are presented at our whole school fortnightly learning celebrations.
- Students participate in fortnightly Peer Support Groups, as well as a peer mediation program.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in lunch time clubs: outdoor games, library, homework, gardening, coding, choir and Cozy Corner.
- All classroom volunteers complete a Working With Children's Check online and our training program provided by the school.
- Students are able to order lunch each Thursday.
- All schools are registered with the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority with school policies in place.
- School Council assists with the school's governance.



# THINGS TO KNOW

## Teaching & Learning

- At this stage, indicative 2026 numbers suggest it is close to 700 students.
- Teachers collaborate and plan together, experiencing a fantastic professional learning program.
- Our Instructional model informs our approach to teaching numeracy and literacy and is supported by the latest evidence-based research.
- Literacy follows an explicit and systematic structure while Numeracy allows for explicit instruction and exploration.



# THINGS TO KNOW

## Teaching & Learning

- A balanced and blended approach to technology. We currently have iPads and netbooks that are used to complement our teaching program.
- Specialist subjects are Visual Arts, Performing Arts, PE and STEM.
- Our language is Indonesian.
- We focus on building knowledge across curriculum areas, developing expertise in topics while also applying and transferring that knowledge across learning areas.
- We value reading and our library is a fabulous space and place.

### THE BIG SIX



[littlelearnersloveliteracy.com.au](http://littlelearnersloveliteracy.com.au)

# THINGS TO KNOW

## Wellbeing

- Visible Wellbeing is our approach to student wellbeing.
- Students are members of a cross-age Peer Support Group.
- Wellbeing team of 2 staff with vast knowledge and expertise.
- Multicultural Education Support member.



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RESPECTFUL REBECCA



KIND KEVIN

**WELL BEING NON-NEGOTIABLES AT MIRRIPOA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**GEM DIARIES**  
Students and teachers will utilise the student diaries to complete GEM tasks in Social and Emotional lessons and in order to promote positive mental health and well-being. This will build on student's resilience and bank of self-care strategies.

**MORNING GREETINGS**  
Morning greeting create a positive start to the day, establish connections, a sense of belonging, build social intelligence and promote routine and punctuality.

**READY TO LEARN - ZONES OF REGULATION CHECK-INS**  
This enables students to let their teacher know how they are feeling and their teacher can address any concerns over the morning.

**STRATEGIES TOOLBELT**  
Each student will have a personalised tool belt of strategies that they can use to regulate and focus.

**INDIVIDUALISED CARE**  
Students who need extra assistance for their mental health and well-being will receive dedicated support and care.

**BRAIN BREAKS AND POSITIVE PRIMERS WITH A PURPOSE**  
Our daily routines incorporate regular brain breaks and positive primers to maintain optimal cognitive performance and overall well-being. The choice of a brain break or positive primer should be purposeful, and that purpose will be communicated to the students. By doing this we build resilience and self-care strategies.

**PROMOTE KINDNESS**  
Students will be not only encouraged but also presented with ample opportunities to discuss, foster, and embody kindness.

**WELLBEING GOALS**  
Utilising the Visible Well-being Rubric, student's will create individualised well-being goals.

RESPECT EXCELLENCE KINDNESS

# THINGS TO KNOW

## Disability Inclusion

- Inclusive support and strategies for eligible students.
- Funding provides education support staff for the student and grade.
- There is a 10-week evidence collecting period.
- DI includes SSS from the Region, education support staff and other external support team members.



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**Disability Inclusion**  
Education for All

# ENROLMENT

## Timeline & Process

- Use [Find my School](#) to locate your designated neighbourhood school (referred to as your local school). Our boundaries are slightly changing in 2026.
- Submit an enrolment application for Foundation (Prep) **by Friday 25th July 2025.**
- You will be notified of the outcome of your application by Friday 9th August 2025. As per the department's Placement Policy, this may include a letter of offer or an unsuccessful application letter.
- Parents/carers who received a letter of offer, need to return a completed enrolment form to accept their child's place by **Friday 22nd August 2025.**
- Families will take part in enrolment information and transition sessions during **Term 4, 2025.**
- Children will start Foundation (Prep) from **Wednesday 28 January 2026.**

### Mirripoa Primary School

Campus years	Prep to 6
Address	80 Unity Drive Mount Duneed 3216
School phone	03 5264 2000
Website	<a href="#">Visit school site</a>
Region	South West

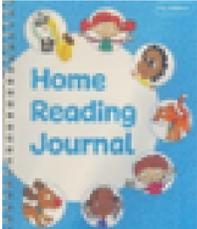
Placement Policy  
Eligible children have the right to be admitted to their designated neighbourhood government school, regardless of capacity. We have insufficient accommodation at our school for all families who seek entry.

# OUR SPACES

- We value a strong and positive relationship between students and teachers.
- Collaborative/outdoor/quiet reflection areas.
- State of the art facilities, furnishings, fittings and equipment.
- Redesigning Learning Common areas to define learning spaces.
- We are using them 'traditionally' but with opportunities for collaborative and independent learning.
- Relocatable buildings continue to be incorporated to support our needs.



# COMMUNICATION

Platform	Purpose	Examples
Compass 	Administration and communicating & reporting on student learning	Administration messages sent to the school or specific grades e.g. newsletter, permissions, reminders. Published student reports in June and December. Absence notes
Mirripoa Mail 	Communicate and celebrate	The principal and school communicating and celebrating whole school news, teaching practice and events including images.
Student Diaries 	Communication between parents, <u>carers</u> and teachers	Communication between teacher and home. Early departures, recording of reading.



## WHERE TO FIND US ONLINE



Our school website is: <https://mirriapoas.vic.edu.au/>



Have you liked our school Instagram page?  
Our Official Instagram Page is: @Mirriapoas



Find our Official Facebook Page:  
@MirripoaPrimarySchool



# QUESTIONS



**Thank  
you!**

Everyone is welcome to come across and visit a learning space, library and gym. We will have a staff member in each area to answer any questions.