

About Us

The Clarkson Primary School Business Plan 2021 – 2023 outlines our school's commitment and strategic direction to ensure a focus on 'Every student, every classroom, every day', reflecting the policies, guidelines and initiatives of the Western Australian Department of Education.

Clarkson Primary School is a Level 5 Independent Public Primary School, providing a quality education to students from Kindergarten to Year 6, serving families in the suburb of Clarkson and surrounding area. It is a suburb that includes a mix of young and established families that are a part of the history of the area. Clarkson Primary School opened in 1993 and became an Independent Public School in 2015. It is located within the North Metropolitan educational region of Perth and caters for approximately 330 students from Kindergarten to Year 6.

Clarkson Primary School celebrates a rich cultural diversity with over 38 different ethnicities, with 35% of our families coming from language backgrounds other than English. Approximately 16% of the students are of Indigenous origin.

Clarkson Primary School has an Index of Community Social-Education Advantage (ICSEA) of 960. The average ICSEA across Australia is 1000. When 'like school' comparisons are referred to in this document they are made with schools with a similar ICSEA.

The philosophy of learning and teaching that underpins our program delivery at Clarkson Primary School enables teachers to evaluate and refine their practice. It is a consistent and commonly shared approach throughout the school and community. Staff at Clarkson Primary School commit to, embrace and work as part of a professional learning community, using innovation, reflective practice, rigorous data analysis, an agreed instructional framework, a range of classroom observation and feedback models and professional learning. This is underpinned by a coaching model, with all staff having high expectations of themselves and others and a commitment to establishing a reputation of excellence across the school. We incorporate the teaching of dispositions to improve the development of effective learning habits.

Staff at Clarkson PS follow an agreed lesson format across Learning Areas that includes high impact instructional practices which are targeted at student need. The lesson format includes a daily review, specific learning intentions and success criteria, explicit instruction, a gradual release model of practice (I Do, We Do, You Do), and a plenary. All phase levels follow evidence-based pedagogy to deliver engaging teaching and learning programs that develop the whole child. Play-based learning is embedded throughout the Early Years, extending into strong social, emotional and pastoral care programs that complement the Western Australian Curriculum delivery across the school.

Positive Behaviour is embedded throughout Clarkson PS using the CPS Behaviour Matrix, which outlines the high-level expected behaviours at Clarkson PS. The Behaviour Matrix outlines the expected positive behaviours aligned with our school beliefs of Safe, Responsible, Respectful and Learners.

Data collected through the Clarkson PS Whole School Assessment Schedule, Student Profiles and Classroom-based assessment is analysed and carefully considered to ensure high quality educational outcomes for students.

What you will See, Feel and Hear.

At Clarkson Primary School you will **see** students who are happy, engaged, smiling, polite, friendly, collaborative, and respectful. Our students develop the skills to learn through the focus on strong evidence and research based whole school pedagogy. An emphasis on high quality teaching with all staff encouraging our students to be creative and innovative through play-based learning, social-emotional development and a strong pastoral care approach, enable us to create a learning environment where all children have the opportunity to succeed.

At Clarkson Primary School you will **feel** valued, welcome and safe in our school. We value a sense of togetherness, belonging, acceptance, support and confidence.

At Clarkson Primary School you will **hear** joy, happiness, excitement, communication, understanding, participation, discussion, curiosity, critical thinking.

