

School Overview

Columba Catholic Primary School opened for the first time in Hope Street Buryip in March, 2001. Columba is part of the Iona-Maryknoll Parish. The school has a modern and innovative facility including new classrooms and a library containing the latest technology. In 2011 there were 16 staff members, 81 families and 131 students. Columba prides itself on catering for the individual needs of students with extensive intervention programs and extra-curricula activities. Columba uses the Blueearth sports program and has a strong Arts focus with students regularly participating in Music; Visual and Performing Arts. Columba has a tremendously dedicated staff who use exemplary teaching skills and strategies to facilitate learning. Through these learning experiences students are taught to be life-long, co-operative and inquiring learners. Columba boasts highly successful student leadership initiatives and very effective pastoral care and wellbeing processes. Our motto is 'Let Your Light Shine'. Parents are an integral part of the school and are encouraged to participate in all programs. Education is seen as a partnership between home, school and the wider parish community including the Sacramental program which is 'Parish Based, Family Centred and School Supported'.



*Shel Cubbins
Principal
29/3/13*

Our School Vision

**"Those who seek the Lord lack no great thing"
St Columba**

Columba Catholic Primary School is a community that gives witness to the Church's mission to proclaim Christ's message. Our hope is to further develop an environment of spiritual, academic, emotional and physical well being.

At Columba:

We believe in providing a welcome and open place of learning for those who wish to foster Christian values.

We believe in providing quality Religious Education that enables students to deepen their faith.

We believe that each child is entitled to a comprehensive curriculum that acknowledges that all children learn differently and can achieve.

We believe in providing positive learning experiences as well as a positive environment that encourages and challenges students to take responsibility for their own learning.

We believe teachers require special qualities of heart and mind; they must prepare carefully and be constantly aware of changes to current teaching practice.

We believe in providing a welcome, friendly and safe environment where everyone is respected and treated fairly and justly.

We believe students and staff thrive in a school that is well managed and resourced.

We believe in acknowledging the vital role of parents in the education of their children.

We believe in building on the partnership that exists between school families, parish and the wider community.



*Dr. Cursons
10th April 2013*