

# Singleton Public School

*A Quality Education  
For All In A  
Caring Environment*

QUALITY

RESPECT

RESPONSIBILITY

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## Enter to Learn

Singleton Public School offers high quality education in a welcoming and supportive environment, reflecting our core values of **quality, respect** and **responsibility**. We have a highly committed and qualified staff who provide a challenging and stimulating curriculum for your child. We are recognised for the wide range of outstanding educational, sporting and cultural experiences on offer. All children are encouraged to achieve to their fullest potential academically and to excel in chosen areas of interest.

## Professional and caring staff

Our staff provide a nurturing environment where the welfare of students and their families is paramount. We model our core values by demonstrating quality relationships, responsible behaviour and respect for all members of the school and community.

There is a strong commitment to continuous improvement of our school through professional learning by teachers, administrative and support staff.

Our staff are passionate about providing a diverse range of learning experiences for all children.

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### **Safe and happy at school**

Your child's welfare is our primary concern. Children need to feel happy and safe in their environment to achieve their full potential.

We have an effective school welfare and discipline policy and a social skills program that allows your child to build positive interpersonal relationships. Students are specifically taught a variety of strategies that are essential for them to be able to relate to others.

We believe it is important to have open and honest relationships between school and home. Therefore, we regularly communicate with parents at bi-annual parent-teacher interviews, through the weekly newsletter, individual class notes, by phone and at personal meetings when these are considered necessary. We encourage parents to communicate with their child's class teacher when home circumstances change or when the parent has concerns for their child.

In the particular areas of child protection and drug education, the students are taught: how to recognize their own feelings, who they can trust, how to act in an appropriately assertive manner and ways to keep themselves safe.

### **A dynamic school community**

The high level of participation from our parents and volunteers helps make our school a dynamic learning environment.

Numerous parent bodies meet regularly to contribute to our school. We actively encourage parents to support our teaching and learning programs.

### **Transition to school**

To assist future Kindergarten children and their parents with acquainting themselves to life in "big school" we hold a "Getting to Know Your School" transition program.

This involves an initial parent information session in Term 3 for all parents of prospective Kindergarten children. At this meeting we outline Early Stage 1 outcomes and help you get to know our school. We talk about the curriculum, student welfare, Key Learning Areas, supporting children at home with reading, school readiness, benchmarking, boys' education, non-local enrolments, etc.

During Term 4 we hold another parent information session to explain the Kindergarten transition program. The program involves the children coming to school for one morning per week over a three week period during Term 4. This aids readiness for the following year.

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## Catering for students with disabilities

Singleton Public School offers outstanding educational programs and individual support for students with disabilities both within mainstream classrooms and in the Special Education Support Unit.

Our Special Education Unit is staffed with dedicated teachers and teacher's aides who provide individualized learning programs. This unit offers the Singleton community the opportunity for students with special needs to access the curriculum. They are supported by an enthusiastic group of parents, known as "dude" who fundraise and promote the importance of an inclusive education.

This Unit plays an integral part in the daily life of our school. It affords opportunities for all our students to develop empathy and acceptance. We are proud to embrace the diversity our Special Education Unit children bring to our school community.

## Your child will receive a strong foundation in Numeracy

Numeracy programs at Singleton Public School are carefully planned within the state mathematics syllabus. Teachers plan in grade teams to best cater for the individual needs and learning styles of all children. Ongoing assessment of children's learning drives our teaching and learning program.

## A strong foundation in Literacy

The Singleton Public School community has a strong commitment to Literacy. Experienced teachers keep up-to-date with current teaching practices through their professional learning and the Reading Recovery program.

Our P & C has recently invested in the most current literacy resources across the school to provide children with quality classroom resources, computer software and up-to-date technology in each classroom.

Literacy skills of our students are developed across all Key Learning Areas. In the learning to read stages instruction takes place using graded texts appropriate to the child's level of development with an emphasis on individual progress and achievement.

Independent readers are exposed to a broad range of texts and literature to build on their literacy skills.

Our school is part of the Singleton Dads' Home Reading Program where children in the early years take home high quality readers every night. We encourage dads to read these books with their children.



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### **Supporting our students' learning**

Our Learning Support Team meets weekly to monitor the progress of all students. We identify those children who are experiencing occasional or ongoing difficulties with their learning and allocate resources to support them. This is done through the Support Teachers Learning Assistance, the School Counsellor, Reading Recovery, other educators employed by the Department of Education & Training and community expertise.

We work closely with parents to maximize learning opportunities for children. We report student achievement to parents through written reports twice a year and parent interviews.

### **State of the art technology**

The school has a five year technology plan to support state of the art technology in every classroom. This includes an interactive electronic whiteboard and three personal computers, all linked to a school network with access to the internet, in every classroom, K-6. To date this plan has come to fruition in all Year 3-6 classrooms with 3-4 computers in each K-2 classroom. Teaching staff are trained in effectively using this technology as a tool to enhance student learning. The P & C, along with the school, are well on the way to making this vision a reality.

In addition, as the information skills hub of the school, the library has a computer lab with 27 computers for whole class lessons and explicit instruction in their use.



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### **A strong focus on the arts**

The strength of our music program is recognised by the community and fosters music appreciation and talents of children. There are opportunities for students to participate in the school bands, ensembles and choir.

Under the tuition of qualified band directors children can belong to one of our school bands. Tuition is also available by members of the Upper Hunter Conservatorium of Music and instruments are available for hire through the school.

Our Creative & Practical Arts curriculum allows children to develop skills in self-expression and creativity.

Our students regularly perform at Regional functions, school and community events and participate in workshops in many areas of the arts.

### **Excellence through innovative programs**

We offer a number of innovative programs to cater for individual interests and talents. These include:

- Public speaking;
- Debating;
- Cattle judging; and
- Dance.

### **Learning to empathise**

At an early age our students actively participate in a Roots of Empathy program. We invite a mum or dad with their new baby to visit the Year 1 classes on a regular basis so that the children can view first-hand the changes that take place in the early months of a baby's development. Children learn about feelings and how to care about others in an empathic manner.



## PROSPECTUS

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### Active and healthy students

The Physical Education and Health Curriculum allows children to enjoy an active and healthy lifestyle through regular physical exercise.

Children play a number of sports and participate in a daily PE program to develop skills and fitness.

Singleton Public School participates with success and sportsmanship in the Primary Schools Sports Association for a number of different sports and codes.

Learn to Swim is an important annual school program for all Year 2 students and other non-swimmers.

Our students are also encouraged to develop their special skills through a number of groups such as Jump Rope for Heart and horse sports.

The school runs a highly successful Active After School program with over 100 children. This encourages participation and promotes an active lifestyle.



### Contacting the school

We welcome enquiries about our school. Please feel free to contact us if you require further information.

You are able to do this by:-

- phoning the school during the office hours of 8.30 am - 3.30 pm;
- forwarding an email with your enquiry;
- making an appointment to speak to the school's Principal.

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