



# Ainslie Parklands Primary School

Celebrating creativity, fostering independence  
and striving for excellence.



**Respect**

**Responsibility**

**Resilience**





Welcome to

# Ainslie Parklands Primary School

## Principal's Message

Ainslie Parklands Primary School has a strong focus on academic achievement and a positive approach to wellbeing, which nurtures our students to become independent critical thinkers and passionate learners. Through a stimulating and engaging learning environment, thorough assessment and strong connections, we are committed to meeting each child's point of need. We develop individual next steps to progress their learning – whether that be social, emotional or academic growth. Parents are valued in this process, and we work in partnership with you to create considerate and confident life-long learners.

We provide authentic learning opportunities, with a strong focus on the outdoor classroom and incorporate the opinions and interests of our students. This ensures they have a voice in, and therefore ownership of their learning, which allows them to maximise their outcomes.

Set on beautiful grounds, our students are our greatest achievement. I am privileged to lead the Ainslie Parklands Primary School community, where we work together to ensure our students are happy, connected and inspired. We welcome you to come and experience our unique learning environment and discover why we are so proud of our school!



Jane Capon  
Principal

## About us

Our school is set in spacious, well-developed and attractive grounds. These provide many naturally shaded areas and easily accommodate both active and passive learning. The Foundation through to Year 2 students have their own designated spaces in one of our two main buildings, and the Years 3-6 students are housed in the other main building. In addition to this, we have a designated Music Studio, Visual Arts Studio, Auslan & S.T.E.M. Studios, a classroom kitchen, library and hall to help support our specialist and rotation programs. Vegetable gardens and the orchard provide the base for cooking through our Kitchen Garden program, with native gardens, compost heaps and frog habitats providing further outdoor learning opportunities for our children.

Ainslie Parklands Primary School has a strong and welcoming parent community, who are actively involved in their child's learning - both in and out of the classroom. Our parent Community Engagement Team is a great way to meet other parents while providing extra opportunities for our children at school.





## Teaching and Learning

We are committed to ensuring Ainslie Parklands Primary School is a safe and caring environment which nurtures mutual respect and trust, and also consolidates co-operative working habits and attitudes.

We believe in the importance of celebrating our students' achievements and in acknowledging and enjoying creativity and problem solving in all that we do.



### As a learning community, we believe that:

- Numeracy and literacy skills are fundamental for each student's development and future success.
- Learning is an active process, and along with explicit teaching, students need opportunities to explore materials, ideas and concepts.
- As well as a focus on academic rigour, a successful learning environment fosters personal qualities including tolerance, kindness, flexibility, creativity, curiosity, independence and self-awareness.
- Having a say in decision making around their learning is a key motivator for students in their academic and social growth.
- We all bring a diverse set of experiences to the learning process and these differences should be recognised and celebrated.



In addition to the standard curriculum, Ainslie Parklands Primary School offers a range of activities for all ages with a wide variety of interests:

- Access to our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program, through a trained provider
- Excursions and incursions to connect students with experts and provide a range of hands-on learning opportunities
- High quality, specialist-led sessions in Auslan and the Arts (Visual Arts and Music)
- External camp program for Years 3-6
- P.E., swimming program, athletics, sport clinics and Interschool Sport
- Student leadership development, with leaders running various lunchtime clubs, where student voice is highly valued in school decision making.







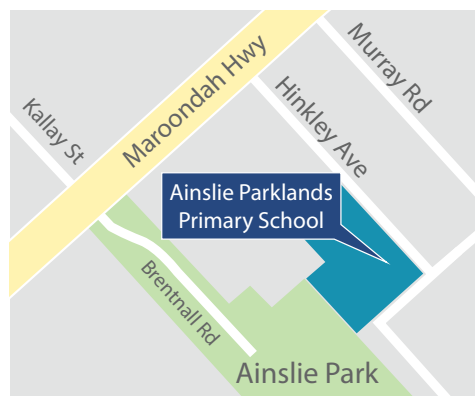
## Hands-on Learning (F-2)

A component in our Foundation to Year 2 program focuses on exploring hands-on learning activities that utilize the outdoor classroom as well as in the indoor environment. These activities introduce children to independently direct their own learning through a structured plan, investigation, and completion of their project.

## Inquiry-based Learning (Years 3-6)

Within the 3-6 studios, the students work within an inquiry-based learning model. Our belief is that this model includes teaching methods built on students' individual knowledge and interests and emphasizes learning how to learn and how to find out, using both traditional and contemporary methods. Each teacher has the mandate that the learning within their classroom must be engaging, relevant, challenging and significant.

We develop the whole child through our commitment to academic excellence, valuing life-long learning and embracing the outdoor classroom



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