

## Our School

The staff at Tapping Primary School understand that there is nothing more important than developing strong, positive relationships with students and are committed to addressing issues of emotional wellbeing and self reflection

We are a lighthouse school for the implementation of the "Play is the Way" philosophy. We are committed to developing behaviour education and self management in students and are also committed to all students achieving their personal best.



## Facilities

We have a Covered Assembly area which is fully enclosed, carpeted with mounted speakers and curtains. This area is used extensively for performing arts and assemblies

A variety of outdoor play areas include a large oval; netball, basketball and tennis courts; a well appointed and fenced playground for kindergarten and pre-primary students; and a separate playground for junior students. All set playground structures are protected from the sun and rain.

A School Canteen operates every day and has a top rating for its healthy food options on offer. We further promote healthy food choices by running a Crunch and Sip program which encourages snacking on fruit and vegetables and sipping water in preference to juice and fizzy drinks.

Classes have access to two Computer Laboratories and computers in classrooms to maximise the use of a variety of research tools. Every classroom also has an interactive whiteboard.

Our P&C Association run a weekly Uniform Store.

## Our Community

At Tapping we work closely with the community to create a learning environment that promotes both academic and social / emotional competencies.

Our focus is on developing positive interpersonal skills, self control, self motivation and reflective thinking amongst the students by raising empathy levels and an increasing understandings of themselves and others.



**Tapping Primary School**  
*Creating Opportunities*

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## Welcome to Tapping Primary School

Tapping Primary School opened at the beginning of 2007 and has quickly developed a reputation for providing a supportive and safe learning environment for all students. Our professional, caring teachers and support staff offer a comprehensive and challenging program from Kindergarten to Year 7.

### Our Values

We believe that all staff must talk to students in a way that enables students to reflect -not react and should behave in a way that allows students to accept -not defend.



At Tapping we do not believe in using rewards, praise or punishments to manipulate student behaviour. We educate students about doing the right thing because it is the strong thing to do.

All staff have been extensively trained in using specific team building and interactive games to develop students'

- emotional intelligence,
- social competency,
- self management and
- cooperative behaviour.



Our school provides a breadth and depth of curriculum for all students in eight Learning Areas:

Mathematics, English, Society & Environment, Science, Technology & Enterprise, The Arts and Languages Other Than English.

### Our Curriculum

We implement a range of specific programs to target the academic needs of all students. These include:

- Extension and enrichment programs
- Students at Educational Risk programs
- Getting It Right in Literacy and Numeracy
- Academic profiles for all kindergarten and pre-primary students
- Whole mental maths program
- Interactive whiteboards in all classrooms



These programs enable us to provide individual attention to all our students.

We provide staff with challenging professional development opportunities to ensure they deliver the highest standard of education to each child.



### Special Programs

**GIR Teacher in Literacy** - A specialist teacher works with staff developing and implementing "best practice" in literacy

**Lexile Framework** - A program which motivates and encourages children to read at home and develop comprehension skills.

**100 Nights of Reading** - A program which motivates and encourages junior children to read at home.

**GIR Teachers in Numeracy** - We have three trained specialist teachers on staff who lead our mathematics progress implementation.

**Italian** - Specialist teachers take students from years 3-7 for an hour each week, immersing them in both the Italian language and culture.

**Music** - Specialist Performing Arts teachers take all classes from Years 1-7 with a focus on student participation and discovery. Everyone has a "part" to play. Choir is offered to years 4-7 students.

**Physical Education** - A specialist teacher coordinates our health, physical fitness and sport programs.

On three mornings of the week, we have a whole school cooperative games program which is linked to our **Virtues Education** program.

Our Physical Education program aims to expose the students to a wide variety of skills and sporting codes. Once again, our emphasis is on full student involvement.

**Art & Craft** - The school has a dedicated Art and Craft room fitted with a pottery kiln. Classes in Art & Craft and also in Technology & Enterprise are rostered in this space.

**Science** - The school has a dedicated Science room which is rostered by teachers for class science lessons.

**Early Childhood Programs** - The school provides exceptional programs for kindergarten and pre-primary aged students.