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Ms. Catherine & Mr Catterson's Acting Principal Message

Dear Parents & Carers,

The children and teachers have settled in well for the start of their 2025 school year. Classroom routines and expectations have been set up and the teaching and learning is taking place with a positive buzz across the school. We are happy to share with you some important dates and information as we approach the second half of Term 1.

Upcoming Events

Parent Teacher Interviews	Tuesday 25th February Wednesday 26th February
Preps First Full Week of School	Monday 3rd March
Labour Day Public Holiday - no school	10th March
Celebration of Learning: Who We Are Harmony Day Celebration	21st March 2025
Last day of Term 1 - Dismissal at 2:30pm (Easter Raffle)	4th April 2025

Parent Information Evening

Thank you to all the families who attended our Parent Information Evenings this week! We had a fantastic turnout, and it was wonderful to connect with you. Teachers shared important information about:

- Homework expectations
- What students will be learning in the curriculum this term
- The importance of providing a healthy lunch each day to support learning and wellbeing
- Sunsmart - ensuring students wear their hats in Term 1 and Term 4
- Lunch orders by the Munch Monitor (our canteen every Friday)

We appreciate your ongoing support in helping your child have a successful year!



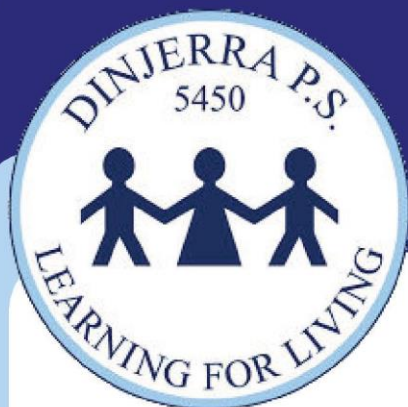
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Homework and Practising

Dinjerra Primary School has developed our Homework Policy in consultation with the School Council to support student learning and wellbeing by:

- providing opportunities for students to review, revise and reinforce newly acquired skills
- fostering good lifelong learning and study habits
- supporting learning partnerships with parents/carers.

At Dinjerra Primary School all homework set by teachers will be:

- purposeful
- curriculum-aligned appropriate to students' skill level and age
- designed to help students develop as independent learners
- monitored by the teacher • where appropriate, provide opportunities for parents/carers to partner in their child's learning.

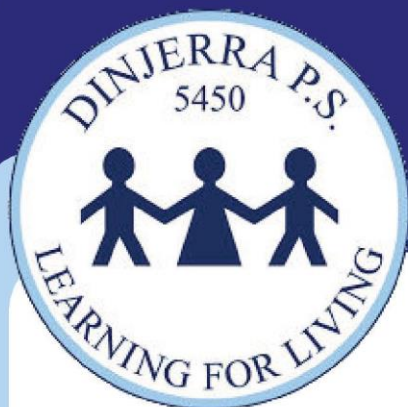
The types of homework that teachers at Dinjerra Primary School will include are:

- practising Mathematics counting and time goals
- mathematics activities based on learning goals (Mathletics/Mathseeds tasks)
- practising spelling words
- reading of 'just right' books
- literacy activities based on learning goals (Reading Eggs tasks) (Prep to 2)

IMPLEMENTATION

Year Level	The following information outlines the homework tasks that can be selected for each level.
Prep	10 minutes per day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading of 'just right' books • Practising letter ID, Oxford words or Maths counting/time goal
1/2	15 minutes per day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading of 'just right' books – 10 minutes • Practising spelling of Personal Words or Maths counting/time goal – 5 minutes
3/4	20 – 30 minutes per day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading of 'just right' books – 10 minutes • Practising of Personal Words – 5 minutes • Practising of Maths counting or time goal – 5 minutes • Mathematics activities based on learning goals (Mathletics tasks) – 5 minutes
5/6	30 – 45 minutes per day <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading of 'just right' books – 15 minutes • Practising of Personal Words – 5 minutes • Practising of Maths counting or time goal – 5 minutes • Mathematics activities based on learning goals (Mathletics tasks) – 5 minutes • Unfinished work – 10 minutes

Please see the link to the Homework Policy which is located on our website: https://www.dinjerra.vic.edu.au/uploaded_files/media/homeworkpolicy2022.pdf. We also provide after school support for Homework, for families who are unable to support their children at home with their Homework task



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Individual Goals

Shortly, your child's first cycle of Individual Goals will be published via Compass Learning Tasks in the areas of:

- Reading
- Writing
- Mathematics

At Dinjerra Primary School, **goal setting** is a major aspect and driver in our curriculum. When students have goals they have identified and are aspiring to, a positive correlation is seen in student agency, stimulation and motivation in learning, and an overall contributor to Wellbeing.

Our image of our behaviours in our School Wide Positive Behaviours Matrix is based upon our school values of **Success, Optimism, Adventure and Responsibility**. *Goal setting is evident through all of our four School Values. Having an engaging goal, making a plan of action, demonstrating discipline and effort, using a growth mindset, and celebrating successes, are all ways that humans can learn, grow and take pride in their achievements.*

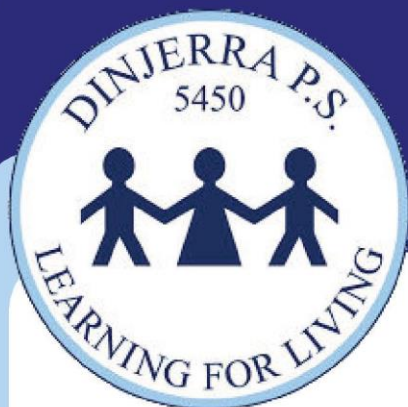


Our school mural, as well as being an outstanding piece of art, is a representation of how we approach learning at Dinjerra. Students are supported in their learning and wellbeing. We use goal setting in Literacy and Numeracy to guide students through life, using positive self-talk, instilling motivation and confidence, and guiding students to apply goal setting to their learning, daily activities and life.

It is our vision that this goal oriented approach will support students in their future, knowing that with the right plan of action, the right amount of effort and discipline, their possibilities are endless. I enjoy this quote as a reminder of our purpose as educators, and also, as my own personal mantra:

'Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined.'
Henry David Thoreau

At our upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews, classroom teachers will discuss the identified Cycle 1 individual goals for your child/ren. You will receive a notification when Individual Goals have been published on Compass on **Monday 24th February**. Further information on the Individual Goals process can be found on Compass, via the Learning Tasks / Tasks tab.



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School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

At Dinjerra Primary School, we are committed to fostering a safe, respectful, and inclusive learning environment. **SWPBS** is a proactive, whole school approach that helps students develop positive behaviours, social skills, and well-being while enhancing their academic success.

What is SWPBS?

SWPBS focuses on:

- Clear behaviour expectations so students understand what is expected.
- Teaching and reinforcing positive behaviours, just like academic skills.
- Encouraging and acknowledging positive behaviour.
- Providing support to help students develop strong social skills.



Dinjerra PS - SWPB Matrix

	Learning for SUCCESS	Learning with OPTIMISM	Learning as an ADVENTURE	Learning as a RESPONSIBILITY
Inside the Classroom	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give our best effort and try new things. • Ask for help and learn from mistakes. • Apply feedback and make changes to improve our learning. • Work independently and with adults on achieving our individual goals. 	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use a growth mindset. • Show persistence when faced with challenges. • Celebrate our learning. • Learn, even though we might not know it yet. • Adapt positively to new situations. 	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enjoy the adventure of our learning and apply it in other areas. • Engage, explore and discover learning new things through the learning pit. • Show agency in our own learning. • Have fun while learning. • Be brave. 	<p>We will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use thoughtful and kind words and actions towards students and staff. • Use SLs of Listening. • Be responsible for our own learning, behaviour and belongings. • Uphold a calm and safe place for everyone to learn.

Our Core Values

Success – Striving for our best and celebrating achievements.

Optimism – Approaching challenges with a positive mindset.

Adventure – Embracing new experiences and taking learning risks.

Responsibility – Owning our actions and making good choices.

How Does This Benefit Your Child?

- A safe, predictable school environment.
- Greater focus on learning, with fewer disruptions.]
- Development of respect, resilience, and problem-solving skills.
- Stronger student-teacher-family relationships.

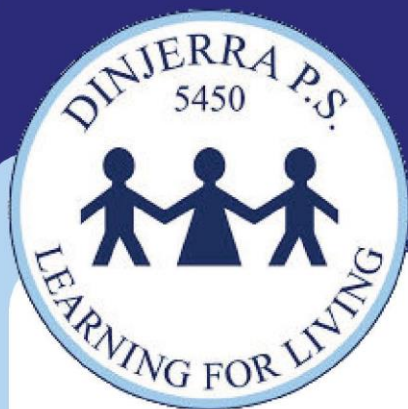
How Can Parents Support SWPBS?

- **Talk about** school expectations at home.
- **Praise** positive behaviour (e.g., "Great job packing your bag!").
- **Work with** teachers to reinforce behaviours.
- **Model** respect, patience, and kindness.

Thank you for supporting a positive learning environment! For more information, feel free to reach out. Together, we can help every child thrive! Please look at the school values that are attached.

Many Thanks,

Mark & Catherine



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Dinjerra Primary SWPBS Matrix

Inside The Classroom

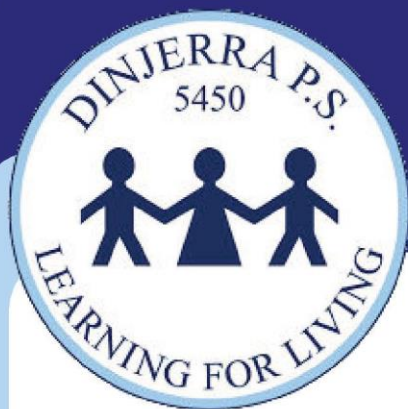
Success 	Optimism 	Adventure 	Responsibility 
Put in our best effort			Follow routines
Celebrate our success	Be proud of everyone	Try new things	Use kind words
Strive to our goals	Have a go	Try challenging work	Take care of property and others
Work as a group	Learn from our mistakes	Be curious	Give people space
Work on our own			Show whole body listening



Dinjerra Primary SWPBS Matrix

Outside The Classroom

Success 	Optimism 	Adventure 	Responsibility 
Play fairly			Take care of property
Follow the rules	Congratulate everyone	Include others	Support others
Work as a team	Meet new friends	Try new things	Use kind words
Strive to be your best	Keep on trying	Participate in school events	Follow routines
Ask for help			



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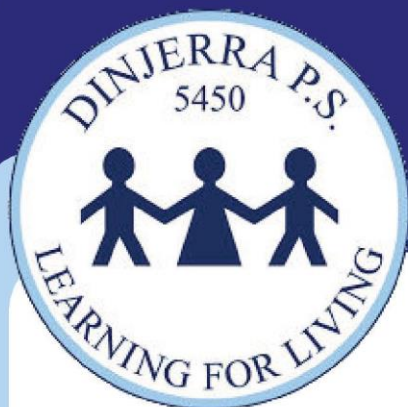
In The Virtual World

Success 	Optimism 	Adventure 	Responsibility 
<p>Use the correct apps and sites</p> <p>Stay on task</p> <p>Ask for help</p>	<p>Keep on trying</p> <p>Be patient</p>	<p>Research new information</p> <p>Learn new skills</p>	<p>Protect your information</p> <p>Follow the ICT agreement</p> <p>Take care of property</p> <p>Use kind words online</p>

Term 1 Mottos

Each fortnight at Dinjerra, students will learn about a new behaviour motto. Here are the behaviour mottos for Term One:

Week 4-5	Success	Being Your Best
Week 6-7	Optimism	Bouncing Back
Week 8-9	Adventure	Including Others
Week 10	Responsibility	Being Kind



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Celebration of Learning: Who We Are



Harmony Day Celebration

Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

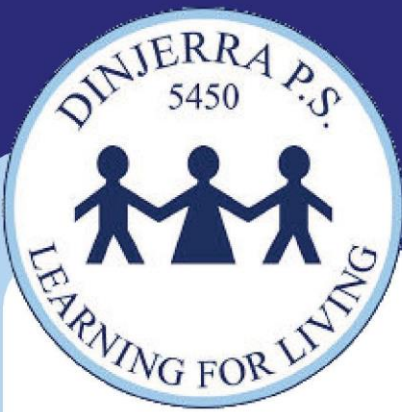
Date: Friday, 21st March

Location: Dinjerra P.S

Join us for a special Celebration of Learning as we explore
Who We Are
and come together for Harmony Day!



Come and celebrate our diverse community!
We look forward to seeing you there.
All families welcome!



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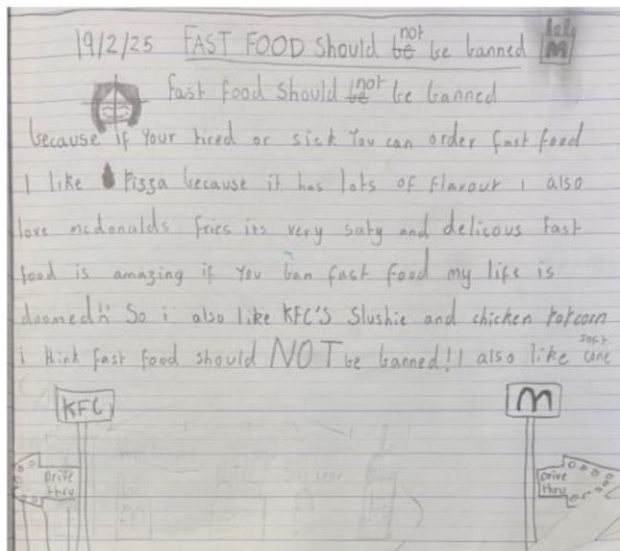
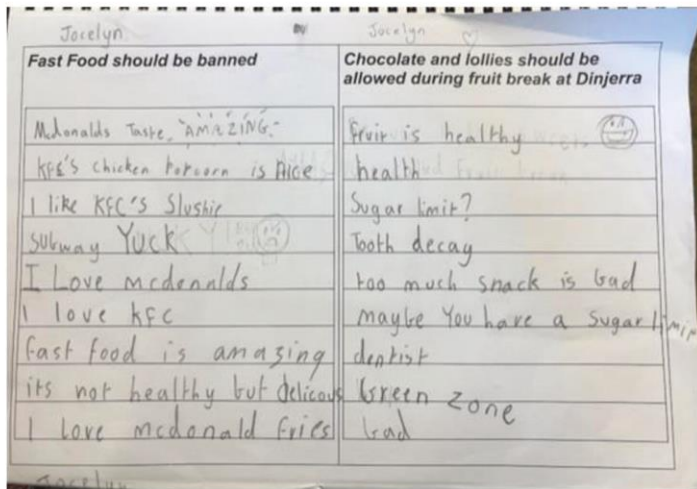
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Year 3 / 4's News

Learning how to be persuasive!

"Homework should be replaced by Fortnite!"

"Kids should be paid to go to school!"



These and other hot topics were the beginning of a fun week focused on being as persuasive as possible! Students had to decide whether they agreed or disagreed with these statements, and then try to convince other classmates why they thought they were right! And let me tell you, we have some students with incredibly persuasive voices that even had their class teachers thinking about changing their minds!

This started off as a whole class discussion activity focused on speaking and listening. Our next step was to start generating as MANY different reasons and ideas to back up our opinions as possible. After creating some incredible lists overflowing with reasons and ideas, it was time to choose one strong reason and focus on that.

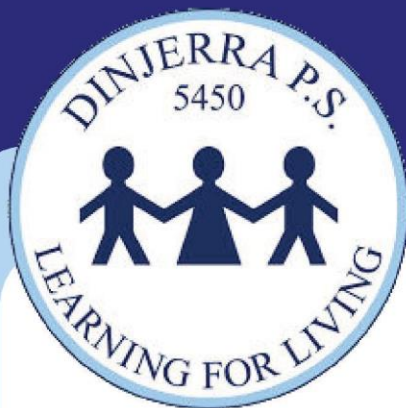
And so our persuasive writing journey has begun, with engaged students who are passionately focused on convincing others that their opinion is right! In the coming weeks we will look closer at some of the key skills of writing persuasively as we shape our writing craft, but for now, here are some questions you can ask at home. Can you be convinced??

"What is the best superpower you could have? Why do you think that?"

"Vegetables should be banned! Yes or No?"

"Screen time should be limited to one hour a day! What do you think?"

John Carr
Classroom Teacher



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Term 1 Week 2 & 3 **SOAR** Awards

Learning...

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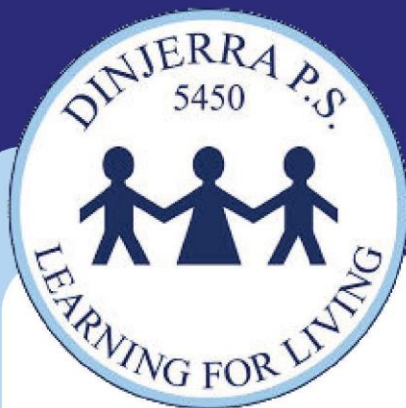
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AS A RESPONSIBILITY



Week 2: Marlee, Ayden, Ahmed, Nella, Ellie May, Kyrie, Harry, Zoe, Ala, Hana



Week 3: Ezekiel, Tiffany, Florencia, Jovita, Brooklyn, Sonny, David, Matthews



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Important Dates Term 1

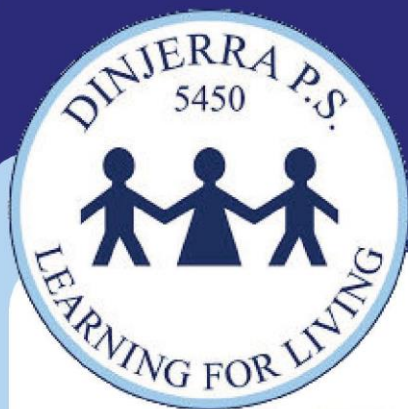
Monday 24th February	Tuesday 25th February	Wednesday 26th February	Thursday 27th February	Friday 28th February
WK5	Meet and Greet Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30 - 6:00pm	No School for Prep students Meet and Greet Parent Teacher Interviews 3:30 - 6:00pm		
Monday 3rd March	Tuesday 4th March	Wednesday 5th March	Thursday 6th March	Friday 7th March
WK6 Full 5 day week commences from this date forward				
Monday 10th March	Tuesday 11th March	Wednesday 12th March	Thursday 13th March	Friday 14th March
WK7 Labour Day Public Holiday				
Monday 17th March	Tuesday 18th March	Wednesday 19th March	Thursday 20th March	Friday 21st March
WK8				Harmony Day Celebration (evening)
Monday 24th March	Tuesday 25th March	Wednesday 26th March	Thursday 27th March	Friday 28th March
WK9				
Monday 31st March	Tuesday 1st April	Wednesday 2nd April	Thursday 3rd April	Friday 4th April
WK10			9:05am: 'Who We Are' Celebration of Learning	Last Day of Term 1: -Assembly: 2pm -Dismissal for end of Term 1: 2:30pm School Holiday period begins

***Please note: There will be no school for Prep students on Wednesdays for the month of February.**

Last day of Term 1: - Friday 4th April:

2:00pm Whole School Assembly and Easter Raffle 2:30pm dismissal
Term 1 Break from Saturday 5th April to Monday 21st April (Easter Monday)

Term 2 resumes on Tuesday 22nd April



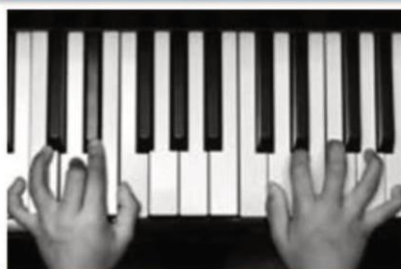
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Instrumental Music Lessons - on school campus
Places still available this term!



Small Group & Private Lessons

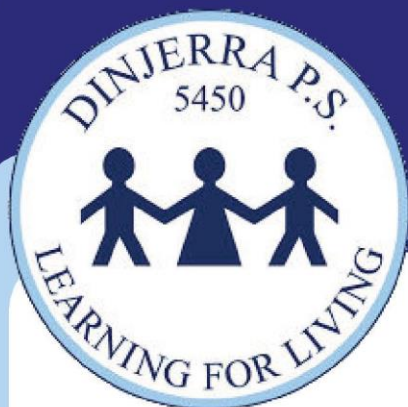
- Primary Music Institute offer instrumental music lessons right here on school campus!
- To find out all about the music lessons please visit PMI's website. You can check which instruments are available, get up to date program details and apply for lessons online
- Please **ENROL TODAY** via PMI's website
- Lessons are held once per week on campus – with lessons typically during school hours
- Private lessons (1-on-1) and pair lessons (max 2 students) are also available
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination, IQ, abstract reasoning, performance confidence... and is great fun!



FESTIVAL "EVENTS PROGRAM" 2nd March 2025

Brought to you by Friends of the McKay Gardens

FREE	ENTERTAINMENT	KIDS Corner		FITNESS Corner		HERITAGE Tree	
Time	Activity	Time	Activity	Time	Activity	Time	Activity
12:30pm	Singalong for the Kids Neil Ta's Music School	All day	Arts & Crafts prizes Bunnings Sunshine	All day	Sunshine Heights Junior Soccer Club	12:00	Acknowledgement of Country Address from FOMG President
1pm	Vietnamese dance Au Co	All day	Guess lollies in jar Yoyo's Lollies	All day	Brimbank District Girl Guides	All day	Self-guided Oak Walk (pickup fom Friends of McKay marquee)
1:30pm	Indonesian dance Bonapasogit/Widya Luvtari	1pm-3:30pm	Face painting Fairies Magic Words	All day	CPR Lab CPR training St Johns Ambulance Service	All day	Historical photographic display
2pm	African drumming Urumuri Burundian Drumming Club	1pm-3pm	Wizard Simsalabim Magic Words	All day	Bodytek Fitness centre		
2:30pm	Cook Island dance Sounds of Polynesia	2pm-4pm	Interactive Circus Circus Curbside	All day	Games & prizes		
3pm	Indian Bollywood Women of Brimbank	Food	Food from Myanmar (TBC) Mr Sizzle - potato twisters on stick		Cruisin Creams – ice cream Specialty Coffee Anywhere		
3:30pm	Local dance school demonstration Westend Dance School	Sponsors	Brimbank City Council Douglas Kay Real Estate Bunnings Sunshine		Officeworks Maribyrnong Yoyo's Lolly shop		
4:00pm	Prize draws	...and market stalls					



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Sunday 2nd March
12PM-5PM
 Parking in large carpark on Harvester Rd
 with short walk over rail footbridge

Community Festival
in the
H.V. McKay Gardens

120 Anderson Road, Sunshine
**Food, market stalls, free face painting,
 live performances, sporting activities,
 games and prizes**

**Free gift for children that attend
 'Singalong for the Kids' at 12:30!**

 Friends of the McKay Gardens

Proudly Supported by 



Martial Arts - Fitness & Self-Defence Classes

Corpus Christi Primary School

19 Ormond Rd, Kingsville

Classes: Tuesday & Thursday

5:00pm – 6:00pm



- Gain confidence & improve fitness.
- Increase co-ordination & skills.
 - Catering for all ages
- Come and join us in a safe and friendly environment.

Register your interest by texting Helen on 0448303272 with student name and age and receive 2 free complimentary lessons.

View our locations :

Sunshine College West Campus
 25 Lachlan Rd, Sunshine West
 Junior & Senior classes Tue & Thur
 5:30pm – 6:30pm & 6:30 – 7:30pm
 Contact Luz 0424 782 161

Rec West Sporting Facility
 Lily St, Braybrook
 Class Sat 10am – 11am
 Contact Luz 0424 782 161

Yarrabing Secondary College
 40 Recreation Rd, Aintree
 Classes Tue & Thur 5pm – 6pm
 Contact John 0435 050245

Burnside Primary School
 35 Lexington Drive, Burnside
 Classes Tue & Thu
 4:45pm - 5:45 pm
 Contact Brodie 0415 633 043

Moveille Primary School
 39 Gum Rd, St Albans, VIC
 Classes Mon & Wed 6pm – 7pm
 Contact Kayla 0402 694 653

Corpus Christi Primary
 380 Geelong Road, Kingsville
 19 Ormond Rd, Kingsville
 Tue & Thu 5pm – 6pm
 Contact Helen 0448 303 272

Nearnung Primary School
 85 Polly Parade, Tarnet
 Classes Mon & Wed
 5:30pm – 6:30pm
 Contact John 0435 050245

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