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*Respect, Responsibility  
and Participation*

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BOOROWA CENTRAL SCHOOL  
DELIVERING QUALITY EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN FROM KINDERGARTEN TO YEAR 12

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# Principal's Message

I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT TO YOU

## Boorowa Central School

Boorowa Central is a comprehensive Kindergarten to Year 12 school situated in the beautiful township of Boorowa. In 2022 we celebrate our school's 152nd year and pleasingly, our school is continuing to grow with 248 students currently enrolled.

The vision that drives Boorowa Central School is:

'Our student-centred approach to education achieves individual excellence for all, developing caring and community-minded students who have the skills to succeed in a changing world.'

The school works toward this vision daily through excellent teaching and learning programs, delivered by dynamic, professional, caring teachers and support staff. Students are well supported through the explicit teaching of social behaviours through a whole-school positive behaviour approach and a wellbeing framework developed on the values and practices of Stronger Smarter. These approaches enable a school-wide expectation of all students engaged in their learning, all of the time.

Our school-wide teaching and learning focus areas include the development of future-focused skills in all students through STEM and Project-Based Learning, improved student growth in literacy - specifically reading and vocabulary, and differentiation to ensure all students are appropriately challenged in their learning.

To complement all students' academic pursuits, we offer a range of sporting, cultural and leadership opportunities. We create opportunities for all students to participate in a range of extracurricular activities within the school and encourage community participation and representation in community events. Our annual SMArt Drama night is the showcase event of our cultural calendar.

Teaching and learning at Boorowa Central School are enhanced by fantastic facilities. The school is equipped with a large multi-purpose hall, a purpose built 'Innovaton Centre', an industry-standard Trade Training Centre and a commercial kitchen - providing exceptional facilities to deliver Vocational and Education and Training (VET) courses respectively.

Boorowa Central School prides itself on 'getting the students to where they want to go'. This includes post-school destinations of university, apprenticeships, traineeships and full-time work. All students who graduate from or leave Boorowa Central School move onto bright and fulfilling lives equipped with the necessary skills to succeed and thrive.

Boorowa Central School – a great place to learn, flourish and to be you.

*Graham Jones*

PRINCIPAL-BOOROWA CENTRAL SCHOOL



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# Strong Foundations

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## Comprehensive transition programs

Starting school is an important step in a child's life. We believe in the importance of strong home/school, teacher/parent partnerships from the start. During Kindergarten Transition, parent sessions provide information that supports a smooth transition for children and parents to school. We encourage parents to be involved in all aspects of their child's schooling and to become part of the school community.

Children may at times require additional support to be ready for Kindergarten. We encourage parents to raise any concerns at the earliest opportunity. Our Kindy Start Program supports this effective transition process.

Our School implements an extensive transition to High School Program to facilitate a smooth transition. Together with our primary partner schools our Transition Coordinator visit students in their schools to build lasting relationships. A series of full preparation days in high school builds students' confidence and cements their understanding of expectations for year 7.

Parents looking to enrol their children are encouraged to lodge their interest with the school office to ensure they receive all relevant materials.



We acknowledge the Traditional custodians of the land of our school district, the people of the Wirradjuri and Ngunawal and pay our respects to the Elders, both past and present, and extend that respect to all other Aboriginal people across and beyond the District of Boorowa.



# Literacy and Numeracy



## Evidence based instruction gets children off to the best possible start

Boorowa Central School employs a K-12 Instructional Leader to drive our whole school Literacy program. This program is focused on the improved use of vocabulary by all students through whole school professional learning and individual support for all teaching staff.

Our school also successfully implements the COVID Intensive Learning Support Program. Experienced teachers work closely with small student groups to maximise growth in literacy. The program achieved excellent results in 2021 and we hope to build on this success in 2022.

Kindergarten and Year 7 students are assessed using the Best Start assessments early each year to assist teaching staff to appropriately differentiate teaching and learning activities. Students in Years 3-10 also participate in NAPLAN and Check-in assessments annually, assisting the school to monitor progress in literacy and numeracy. Students entering Year 11 are required to pass the HSC Minimum standard for literacy and numeracy and are supported to do this on an individual basis.

To further support our students we have a highly dedicated team of learning support teachers (LSTs) and a number of school learning support officers (SLSOs) who are trained specifically in the area of literacy, numeracy, behaviour and autism.



Students in secondary are supported in their studies through age appropriate mentoring programs and classroom intervention strategies.



# A Broad Curriculum for Learning

## English

An emphasis on reading fluency, writing, talking and listening builds literacy skills quickly and effectively. Students requiring extra assistance are identified early and receive specialist help.

## Mathematics

From encouraging infants to work with numbers, developing fluency in times tables, to working on algebraic equations, students study compulsory maths until the senior years of schooling. Elective mathematics may be studied in Year 11 and 12.

## Science

Students investigate their physical world through observation and problem-solving. Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) is an elective within this faculty.

## Human Society and its Environment

Students gain understanding about people and their social and physical environments.

## Technology and Applied Studies

Students are taught to use technology as tools for learning. The school is fully wireless networked with computer access in all teaching spaces across the school. Every Year 7 and 8 student is issued with a laptop. Three specialist computer laboratories are available for delivery of lessons.

## Personal Development, Health & Physical Education

Each grade is taught age-appropriate courses in personal development, health and physical education (PDHPE). We have excellent facilities including courts, fields and equipment. Our school offers a Swim for Sport program giving our younger students the opportunity to improve their skills with an intensive swimming and survival program.

## Creative and Performing Arts

Students learn about reading, playing and performing music, both with traditional instruments and in the digital format.

Students are taught about and learn how to create quality artworks whilst encouraging individuality in design and art making.

## Multicategorical Support Classes

These learning environments provide a smaller class structure for those students who require ongoing support. These classes are supported by a full-time teacher, a part-time teacher and a School Learning Support Officer.



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## Student Leadership

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School captains are elected to lead primary and secondary student bodies. Sport house teams elect captains to organise and manage teams for major carnivals.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is a body within the school that represents students and promotes their views and participation in school decision-making. Our school has a combined K-12 SRC. They promote leadership and communication, allowing students to experience democratic processes and effective problem solving skills. They meet regularly to drive student initiatives, provide feedback to the principal and to have a voice in the operations of our school.



Students at Boorowa Central School are encouraged to develop skills in self-expression and creativity through our Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) programs.

Our music programs provide learning and performance opportunities that develop skills, self-esteem and confidence. Visual arts encourages creativity and fosters self-expression.

All students from Kindergarten to Year 8 have regular programmed music lessons. Our Boorowa Central School music teacher along with Young Regional School of Music tutors work with teachers to deliver the music curriculum and to deliver one on one music lessons. Secondary students have the opportunity to enhance their musicianship knowledge through guitar and singing groups. Private lessons for voice and instruments are also available at the school. This talent is showcased at our annual performance night.





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# Learning Beyond the Classroom

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A specific focus is connecting learning to the student's experiences or contextualising learning.

Educational excursions supplement teaching and learning units and provide opportunities to further student skills and experiences. Primary students participate in a major excursion each year.



Year 7 and 11 students participate in an overnight excursion at the start of the year to facilitate peer support team building. Year 12 attend study skills and future pathway events.



## Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden

All primary students at Boorowa Central School participate in a program involving the planting of vegetables and the cultivation of fruit trees in our agriculture plot. Students then harvest the produce and prepare delicious meals to share with each other in our brand new commercial kitchen.





# Preparing for our Future



## Higher School Certificate

Students from Boorowa Central School perform well in the Higher School Certificate across all Key Learning Areas. Recent graduating students have excelled in their career paths.

Study days and course workshops are provided for students to develop comprehensive and effective study skills.



## Pathways to the Skilled Workforce

Work readiness caters to individual talents with specialised programs across all Key Learning Areas. Our school has an exceptional record of students gaining apprenticeships, school-based apprenticeships and traineeships across a broad range of skilled industries. Our students are 'job ready' and highly sought after by employment and traineeship brokers in our region and the ACT.



## Vocational Education and Training Pathways

We deliver Australian Qualification Frameworks in hospitality, metals and engineering, primary industries and construction giving students the opportunity to gain Certificate II awards on the completion of the two year courses.



## Future Focused Skills

Boorowa Central School students participate in a range of STEM, critical thinking and problem based learning activities in our purpose built Innovation Centre. Students in K-6 have fortnightly STEM lessons delivered by a secondary teacher. Students in years 7 and 8 participate in our school based elective 'Big Sky Thinking'. Students in years 9 and 10 study 'Critical Thinking' and can choose to study STEM as an elective.



# Active and Healthy Students Central to a Healthy Community



Students have an extensive choice of competitive and non-competitive sports depending on their age. Our school emphasises participation and enjoyment of sports. Students are placed in sports houses and participate in swimming, athletics and cross country carnivals during the year. Secondary students regularly excel in the NSW Central Schools competitions.

Our school is extremely proud of its long tradition of students representing our district and region in state competitions including gymnastics.

Students of high ability also have the opportunity to be selected for District, Regional and State level representative teams.





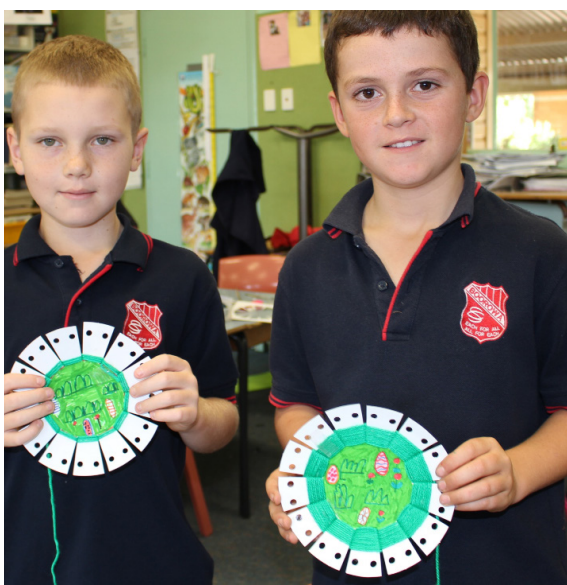
# Welfare, Social Skills and Behaviour Programs



Boorowa Central School is a proud member of the Positive Behaviour for Learning program supporting the development of all students. At Boorowa Central School we value respect, responsibility and participation as our core expectations.

Boorowa Central School has an active Learning Support Team which meets weekly to identify and provide programs of support for students with educational, social, behavioural and physical needs. To meet these needs, the school offers a range of programs including School Counselling Services, Integration Support, COVID Intensive Learning Support Program intervention and support referrals to Allied Health Professionals, such as, Occupational and Speech Therapists. We also offer a free breakfast club program and 'fruito' each day, supported by generous community organisations and individuals.

All students in Secondary meet in small groups with their mentor on a weekly basis and Year 12 students are provided with an individual teacher mentor to support them in navigating their final years in education.



# Proudly Part of our Local Community

Boorowa Central School welcomes the active participation and support of parents, community and business members in school activities. We enjoy strong educational partnerships with our partner primary schools and students benefit from close links with support providers, employers, industry, tertiary institutions and TAFE.

Our school benefits from the high level of involvement and support from our parents and volunteers. As a school we value and encourage the involvement of parents and the community in all aspects of school life. The school has a proactive, enthusiastic Parent and Citizens' Association.







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