



## School Profile

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**Keysborough Gardens Primary School** is a relatively new school in Homeleigh Rd Keysborough South. The school officially opened its doors on the 28th January 2020 school year with an enrolment of 166 students. Enrolments for 2021 have steadily increased to 261 students, with a class structure of 13 classes. Our estimated long term projected enrolment is around 550- 600 students.

The school is located on a landscaped 2.2 hectare site in Keysborough South, approximately 27 km south-east of Melbourne and 7km inland from Port Phillip Bay. In an area once made up of market gardens and semi-rural properties, Keysborough South is now undergoing significant residential growth.

Keysborough Gardens Primary School serves a steadily growing and culturally diverse community, with many of the residents born overseas.

**The two levels of the main building** contain a variety of flexible collaborative learning spaces, explicit instruction glassed rooms, presentation spaces, quiet reading or small group nooks, specialist art, science and creative activities labs, games and construction/storytelling settings, a learning terrace for outdoor learning activities, staff work spaces and toilets.

**The Performing Arts and Physical Education** building is a well-equipped self-contained sports stadium and performing arts facility. It contains a large gym, a Performing Arts room, a Chinese Mandarin teaching space, the school canteen, toilets, staff offices and service spaces. It also houses our Before & After School Care program.

**The grounds** include sports courts, outdoor learning areas, an amphi-theatre, a grassed playing field and a central plaza, with landscaped gardens completing a stimulating external learning environment.

**The school class structure** will continue to adapt to enrolment growth. In 2021 straight classes are provided in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2, with composite classes in 3/4 and in 5/6. Whilst home groups will be formed at all levels, a differentiated program caters for individual learning needs.

**A full range of specialist programs** is provided: Physical Education, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and Mandarin. A Learning Enhancement/Individual Needs program is provided by a Leading Teacher with a growing number of extra-curricular enrichment programs completing the comprehensive curriculum provision.

**The staffing profile** is built upon the principles of a highly effective Professional Learning Community, recruiting educators with a range of teaching experience, backgrounds and expertise.

**Leaders and teachers** at Keysborough Gardens PS demonstrate a passion for and strong commitment to inquiry-based pedagogy, grounded in evidence, informed by on-going assessment, and driven by individual student learning data. They demonstrate a strong passion for collaborative planning and teaching within the state-of-the-art flexible learning spaces. They thrive on a culture of collective efficacy and collaboration and have a positive mindset. They enjoy the challenges that will come with being part of a new school, and appreciate their vital role in overall school improvement.

**Leaders and teachers** at Keysborough Gardens PS are also dedicated to the social, emotional as well as academic growth of every student. Underpinning everything they do is an ability to remain focussed on student learning growth as well as their own growth as high quality teachers.

**Education Support staff** are an integral to the success of the school in many varied ways, in both administration and within the learning spaces.

**The core values of Kindness, Empathy, Gratitude, Respect and Excellence** guide the daily interactions of all members of the Keysborough Gardens school community.

*At Keysborough Gardens we:*

Model and demonstrate **kindness** and take every opportunity to help others who may be in need.

Show **Empathy** by considering and understanding how someone else is feeling, by "putting ourselves in someone else's shoes."

Demonstrate **Gratitude** by appreciating, valuing and acknowledging the people and things we have in our life.

**Respect** ourselves, our school and each other, and understand that our attitudes and behaviours have an impact on the people around us.

Strive for **Excellence**, by trying our hardest and doing our personal best. Individually. Collectively.