



2017 ANNUAL REPORT

General Information

Andale School Incorporated is a small independent school for children with language and learning disorders who are not able to learn effectively in the mainstream setting.

Our Vision

Learning difficulties/disabilities should be no barrier to achieving potential within inclusive social and educational contexts.

Our Mission

To develop in each child a level of social and cognitive competence to enable them to participate successfully and develop in a range of social and educational contexts.

Our Philosophy

We believe that each child should be viewed as a unique learner, therefore individualised programs that build on each child's strengths are the key to meaningful learning experiences.

The Committee of Management

The Andale School Council actively manages the governance and strategic planning of Andale School.

Staff Composition

The staff complement of 14 staff members during 2017 comprised 12 female staff members and 2 male staff members. A Speech Pathologist and a School Psychologist were employed on a part-time basis. Staff complement included teaching, support and administrative staff members, both full-time and part-time.

Student Attendance

During 2017 our student body comprised children ranging in age from 5 to 12 years, with a 73% male to 27% female ratio.

A daily attendance register was completed for each class by the classroom teacher.

Overall student attendance was 92%. Student non-attendance during the year related predominantly to illness and/or medical appointments.

Student Progress at Andale School

Andale School is a registered special school.

Andale School students did not participate in the NAPLAN literacy and numeracy assessments. At Andale School we use Individual Learning Plans for each child, taking into account the child's strengths and weaknesses in order to set achievable, yet challenging, goals for each child. These goals are assessed and amended throughout the year, in consultation with the parents, teaching staff and professional staff.

Andale School uses a series of testing methods to assess each student's learning requirements. Observations of the students at work and play, combined with the collection of work samples, provide the staff with valuable information regarding the students' attitudes, understanding and learning styles.

Programs and activities in 2017

During the year our students participated in various programs run on a weekly basis including Swimming, Karate (self-defence), Hip-Hop Dancing, and Yoga (relaxation techniques).

In Term 1, the Andale students together with students from Xavier College experienced Xavier Week, an element of the Year 11 Xavier Boys Social Awareness Programme. Activities included a LEGO incursion with Inside-The-Brick, surfing lessons in Anglesea, and a day trip to the Dandenong Ranges to take a ride on the iconic Puffing Billy Railway.

In Term 2 the children were fascinated by a Beekeeping incursion, and enjoyed bottling and tasting fruit at Rayners Orchard. An African Drumming incursion had the students learning how to play djembe drums.

In Term 3 students enjoyed incursions run by Life Education Victoria and the Responsible Pet Ownership Program. Cricket Victoria ran a 4 week cricket program for the students at Andale.

In Term 4 the senior Andale students attended a 3 day school camp to Camp Getaway, Axedale near Bendigo, which included outings to the Central Deborah Gold Mine, the Bendigo Joss House Temple, and the Discovery Science and Technology Centre in Bendigo.

The students also took part in excursions to the Kew Traffic School and Healthways Recreation Centre at the end of Term 4.

School Income for 2017:

Government Grants	\$ 949,349
Tuition Fees	\$ 436,323
Interest Received	\$ 21,024
Donations	\$ 31,835
Fund Raising	\$ 13,290
Other Income	\$ 3,365
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$1,455,186</u>

School Expenditure for 2017:

Salaries and Associated Costs	\$ 860,584
Depreciation	\$ 83,004
School Programs	\$ 50,417
Administration and General Expenses	\$ 94,693
Buildings and Maintenance	\$ 59,244
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$1,147,942</u>

Value Add

There are many features that add value to the Andale School community:

- Small classes
- Experienced staff
- Individual Learning Plans
- Speech Pathologist on site
- School Psychologist on site
- Specialist programmes:
 - Art
 - Performing Arts: Music and Drama
 - Physical Education
 - Social Skills
 - Karate – self-defence
 - Swimming
 - Hip-Hop Dancing
 - Yoga - relaxation techniques
 - Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program
- Access to Occupational Therapy
- Small school providing a nurturing and caring environment for students, families and staff.

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