



PRIMARY

Handbook

SCHOOL

Prep to Year 6



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OVERVIEW



The Primary School program operates as an integral part of Peregian Beach College.

Peregian Beach College's aim is to provide a friendly, caring, positive and happy environment where children are recognised and nurtured as individuals. With a high emphasis on our Value System: RISE (Reflection, Inclusion, Service, Excellence).

At no other time in their life will your child experience the same rate of growth and development as they do during their early years. Your child's first years of school are very important ones where many attitudes toward school are formed and a foundation for life-long learning is established. We wish to develop children who are capable and independent learners. During Primary education, students learn to grow and develop in a safe and supportive environment. With our class sizes, Teachers and Teaching Assistants are able to have vital contact time with students and can provide a more independent learning program for them.



PROGRAM

ATTENDANCE:

The Primary School program is five days per week. Sessions commence at 8.30am and conclude at 3.00 pm. Classroom doors will open at 8.30 am. The Playground is supervised from 8.15 am.

Prior to the start of the school day, staff are involved in preparations for the program and administrative matters. Short conversations are welcome. Please make a mutually convenient time for longer conversations.

If your child is not collected by 3 pm they will be handed over to the office. The office staff will phone you. Before and After School Care is also available: www.peregiankids.com.au

CURRICULUM:

Key Learning Areas:

The Australian Curriculum consists of 8 key learning areas:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- The Arts
- Technologies
- Health and Physical Education
- Languages

Our research-driven, school-wide pillars of pedagogy at PBC include:

- Explicit Direct Instruction
- Low variance instruction
- Embedding knowledge into long-term memory through daily review
- Positive student-teacher relationships
- High expectations
- Effective feedback





Teaching and learning:

At Peregrian Beach College, we believe every child's learning journey is unique. As a school with community values, we offer a warm, nurturing environment where students are known, valued, and supported to achieve their personal best. Our bespoke teaching approach is delivered through evidence-based practices that build strong foundations in literacy and numeracy through a knowledge-rich curriculum. Each day is intentionally structured to support deep understanding, confidence, and the ability to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

Personalised Learning:

We are committed to meeting every learner where they are. Learning is enriched through authentic, hands-on experiences that nurture curiosity, creativity, and critical thinking, ensuring students are engaged in meaningful and relevant ways.

Whether through targeted support, classroom extension, or links to wider community enrichment opportunities, we aim to provide each student with the right level of challenge and encouragement. Our staff work closely with families to ensure that every child is supported to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Assessment and Reporting:

Teachers use a range of formative and summative assessment strategies—such as observations, work samples, and formal tests—to build a holistic understanding of each child's progress across the key learning areas. Formal reports are provided mid-year and at the end of the school year.

Interviews:

Opportunities for formal parent-teacher interviews occur twice a year. Interviews at an early stage of the year provide parents and teachers the opportunity to share information to 'get to know the learner'. Interviews mid-way through the year is an opportunity for teachers and parents to 'unpack the report card' after the mid-year report has been issued.



CO-CURRICULAR



MIND

Students from Year 3 to Year 6 take part in our MIND program every Tuesday afternoon. Designed to enrich and extend learning in a fun and engaging way, the program offers students the opportunity to choose activities that interest them. Options include STEAM, Instrumental Music, Craft, Book Club, Maths Enrichment, and many more.

MOVEMENT

On Thursday afternoons, students from Year 3 to Year 6 participate in our MOVEMENT program. This program is all about encouraging students to stay active and enjoy moving their bodies in fun and varied ways. Students can choose from a range of physical activities such as Swimming, Gymnastics, Pickleball, Oztag, SUP, and more.

WELLBEING



GROW YOUR MIND

At our school, we believe that education is about academic achievement AND about developing well-rounded individuals who can navigate the complexities of life. We know that when children have the skills of resilience, emotional regulation and perspective, they will do better socially, academically and physically.

With the evidence-based, curriculum aligned, innovative Grow Your Mind program, we aim to provide our students with the tools and resources they need to thrive in all areas of their lives.

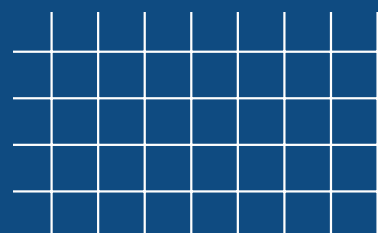


Our school values prevention and building the skills of positive mental health habits in our students. By the time our students leave our school we want them to have a tool belt of strategies they can use and practice to help them on the path of enduring good mental health. We all have mental health and we can all learn ways to look after it. Starting early and regular practice are key.





WHO CAN YOU TALK TO?



Mrs Hayley Clifton
Guidance Officer

Your
Teacher

Parent or
Trusted
Adult



Mrs Jacqui Vos
Guidance Officer



You



Mrs Nicola Kerin
Primary Coordinator



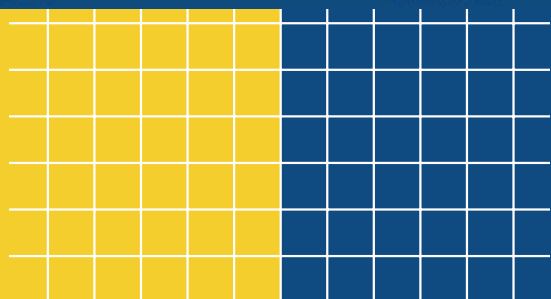
Mr Nigel McDuff
Secondary Coordinator



Mr Shane Dupuy
Principal



Mr Alec Wareing
College Coordinator





PREP TRANSITION PROGRAM



Transition to Prep for any child (and parents/carers) can be quite daunting. We have a year long program in place, which allows for future Prep students to visit the College and classroom for a variety of activities throughout the year. It is also an opportunity for children to forge friendships prior to the commencement of school.

Please refer to our website for further details of our program schedule.

Peregian Beach College

2027 | Prep Transition Program

Children born 01 July 2021 – 30 June 2022

Our transition program at Peregian Beach College supports a positive start to school that promotes children's wellbeing, social and academic success. Our program aims to maximise children's opportunities for a successful transition to school and highlights the importance of working with families to build positive home-school relationships.

Term 1 | Wednesday 28th January – Thursday 2nd April 2026

	School Tours School tours run throughout the year. Please book in for a school tour via the link on our website.
Date: Thursday 2 nd April Time: 2.15pm – 3pm	Easter Family Picnic Pre-Prep children are invited to join the Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students on the school grounds for an Easter family picnic.

Term 2 | Monday 20th April – Friday 19th June 2026

Ongoing, commencing in Term 2.	Interview with Primary School Coordinator 1. As per our enrolment process, upon enrolment application, parents/carers and Pre-Prep child will be contacted to attend a 15 minute interview with the Primary School Coordinator. 2. The Principal will assess the information provided in the Application Form and interview, and will then decide whether an offer of enrolment is to be made. 3. Confirmation of Prep enrolment will be made to successful prospective students within 2 weeks of the interview.
Date: Tuesday 19 th May Time: 9am – 10am	Story time in a Prep Classroom Pre-Preps are invited to come and join a Prep classroom for a morning of storytime and a craft activity.
Date: Wednesday 3 rd June Time: 4pm – 5pm Where: Kelly Library	Prep Parent Information sessions Parents are invited to attend an information session where you will meet key staff members who will showcase the school philosophy, values and school wide expectations.
Date: Wednesday 17 th June Time: 8.45am – 10.00am	'Sounds Great' InitialLit Parade! Pre-Prep children are invited to watch our Preps parade in their favourite letter/sound character costumes and then join in with some activities to celebrate the sounds and letter names Prep have learnt so far.

Term 3 | Monday 13th July – Friday 18th September 2026

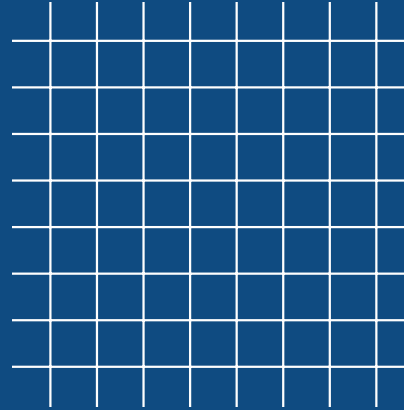
Dates: First Thursday of every month Time: 9am – 10am	Pre-Prep Playgroup Pre-Preps are invited to attend our playgroup held on the first Thursday of every month until the end of the year.
Date: Thursday 30 th July Time: 9am – 10am	Story time in a Prep Classroom Pre-Preps are invited to come and join a Prep classroom for a morning of storytime and a craft activity.
Date: Friday 28 th August Time: TBA	Book Week Parade Pre-Prep children are invited to attend our Book Week Parade in the Library dressed as their favourite book character.

Term 4 | Tuesday 6th October – Friday 4th December 2026

Date: Friday 9 th October Time: 8.45am – 10.15am	Get Set for Prep with Under 8s Day Pre-Prep children are invited to our school for a morning of activities for Under 8s Day.
Dates: 20 th 29 th October and 4 th November Times: Please book a time	Pre-Prep Meet, Greet and Play session. A session time with the Primary School Coordinator, Prep teacher and other key staff for you and your child in a group setting. All Prep 2027 enrolments are required to book in to attend a session.
Date: Thursday 26 th November Time: 9.00am – 10.15am	Get Ready for Prep Transition morning Enrolled Pre-Prep children are invited to attend the school for a classroom visit. Prep 2027 children will spend the morning in a Prep class for a transition session with the Prep teachers.



MEET OUR TEAM



SHANE DUPUY

(Head of College)

Shane is a longstanding staff member, commenced at PBC in 2007. After many years in a teaching role, he moved to Middle School Coordinator in 2021. He commenced as Principal in 2023.



ALEC WAREING

(College Coordinator)

Alec started at PBC in 2019 as head of PE and Co-Curriculum Coordinator. He took on the role of College Coordinator in 2024.



NICOLA KERIN

(Primary Coordinator)

Nicola has many years experience in Primary School. Following a career in the State system, she joined PBC in 2024 as a Year 2 teacher and Coordinator. In 2025 she has taken on the role of Primary Coordinator.



ENROLMENT PROCESS

01

College Tour

Tours are available on a Tuesday at 11 am during Term time. These are conducted by the Primary Coordinator. Bookings to be made via our website

02

Application

Applications are to be completed via our enrolment portal, you can find this on our website under the Enrolment tab.

03

Interview

Interviews are held for all applicants. Prep applicants will meet with Nicola Kerin, Year 1 - Year 6 will be interviewed by Shane Dupuy.

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Testing

For students from Year 1 - Year 6, PAT testing is conducted as part of our enrolment application process. This allows the College to ascertain if a student has any learning gaps or requires extension.

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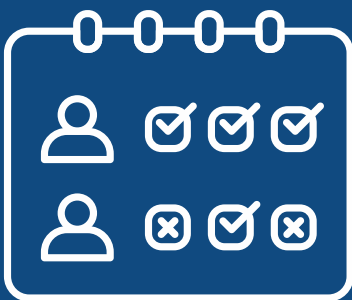
Successful Applicants

Pending a successful application, an offer of enrolment will be sent out. Acceptance within 2 weeks, and payment of the Acceptance Fee will secure a position.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SCHOOL LOCKER



Uniforms:

Uniforms are available from The School Locker, which is located at the Maroochydore Homemaker Centre. We refer you to our Uniform Policy on our website.

Transport:

Our buses are College owned. We operate a South, North and Hinterland run. For bus enquiries please email: bus@pbc.qld.edu.au

Canteen:

Our Canteen operates daily. Orders can be placed via MySchoolConnect, or prior to the school day at the Canteen. The menu can be found on our website.

Absences:



In the event that a student is absent, we request that parents email absentees@pbc.qld.edu.au. Should an absence be for an extended period, i.e. family holiday, a Leave Request must be completed and signed off by the College Principal.

Devices:

From Year 2–Year 6 students are required to have an Apple iPad, these are used to deliver educational programs and also for Technologies. Purchase of the device is the responsibility of the parent/carer. Refer to the ICT Policy on our website.

CONTACT INFORMATION



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