



# Sandringham East Primary School

Educating children to  
Think... Imagine... Become...

A great place to learn

Sandringham East Primary School has been providing the local community with outstanding primary education for 89 years. Our school community empowers, challenges and inspires learners to foster their creativity and talents, developing the skills and attributes to fulfil their dreams. We pride ourselves on providing excellent teaching, which personalises learning and recognises the individual needs and interests of students so that they can achieve their full potential. The Walker Learning Investigation/Inquiry Approach is a feature of the school's programs, engaging students through their interests.

Sandringham East Primary School provides a stimulating and supportive family orientated environment that focuses on the child, supporting the holistic development of all our students. We acknowledge the importance of the partnership between home and school, welcoming parent participation and involvement across many facets of school life. Respect, collaboration and co-operation between staff, students, parents and the wider community is another feature of the school.

Sandringham East recognises that each student has their own unique skills, talents and interests. Students are encouraged to achieve to the best of their abilities across all areas of the curriculum. Our dedicated and committed teaching teams work together to implement a personalised learning approach in a student centred environment that is based on rich relationships, trust, collaboration, responsibility, students interests and participation.

Information regarding Sandringham East Primary School's profile, achievements and academic progress can be found in the annual report to the school community on the school website ([www.sandringhameast.vic.edu.au](http://www.sandringhameast.vic.edu.au)) and the 'My School' website ([www.myschool.edu.au/](http://www.myschool.edu.au/)).

We are excited as a school community to have completed a \$7.6 million refurbishment. Our school now has a new double storey building with 8 classrooms, a new stadium, music and art room, canteen, toilets for students and staffroom which was completed in July last year.

Following the Open Evening on March 4th our transition program for 2021 Foundation (Prep) students will commence in Term Two for all pre-school and early learning educational centres in the area. The transition program provides parents and children with many opportunities throughout the year to become familiar with our school environment, supporting the development of a happy, confident and positive start to school. The SEPS school community is currently caring for the students from Sandringham Primary after their unfortunate fire. We are proud and privileged to be able to support their community for the short term until relocatable buildings are ready on their site.

**Prospective parents for 2021 are invited to make a booking for a school tour with the school Principal Laureen Walton and Assistant Principal Russell Watson to view our learning programs in action. Tours can be booked via [www.trybooking.com/603986](http://www.trybooking.com/603986)**

**2021 Enrolments at ALL Beachside Schools are due by Friday June 26, 2020 to facilitate the planning of programs, staffing and facilities for 2021.**



## Educating our children of today for tomorrow

### Our holistic pedagogy

At Sandy East our teaching and learning practice is based on the Walker Learning Approach (also referred to as Investigations or Play Based Learning) which is a holistic, developmental, child centred approach. Investigations is based on Kathy Walker's research and is well embedded into the Foundation Program.

During Investigations, children engage in active, hands on learning experiences based on their interests which promote the development of literacy, numeracy, fine motor, thinking, inquiry, creative, social and emotional skills.

All students commence the day with their home group teacher, but through Investigations they have the opportunity to move freely around the learning space pursuing their interests and actively participating in learning for three mornings each week.

The learning in Investigations provides a springboard for English and Mathematics. Explicit teaching and continuous assessment are used to monitor and support student learning.



### Laying the foundations for English and Mathematics

Sandringham East is committed to providing an optimal education for all children. Our English and Mathematics programs allow children to actively participate in a wide range of learning experiences that challenge and develop their thinking, skills and understandings, preparing them for future learning.



### Play Is The Way program

Play is the Way is a behaviour education program designed for teaching social and emotional skills through five key concepts, physically interactive games, and self-reflective language to help children be the master, not the victim, of their feelings. It fosters the development of independent, self-motivated, empathetic, life-long learners. The five key concepts that are embedded through classroom activities are:

- Treat others as you would like them to treat you.
- Be brave - participate to progress
- It takes great strength to be sensible.
- Pursue your personal best no matter who you work with
- Have reasons for the things you say and do

### Buddies - Foundation and Level 6 students

The Level 6 and Foundation buddy program is a tradition at Sandy East that promotes a culture of learning together and caring for each other. After an initial getting to know you period, where much conversation, interaction and plenty of smiles can be observed, all students are allocated a Level 6 buddy during the transition program ready for the commencement of the school year. Throughout the year the buddies meet on a regular basis to participate in planned activities that support the development of literacy, numeracy and interpersonal skills. Additionally many incidental opportunities arise for the buddies to interact with each other.



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### Specialist Programs

Sandringham East Primary offers outstanding specialist programs that incorporate Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Mandarin and Physical Education. Dedicated teachers, who are passionate about their area of expertise, plan and implement learning programs in each curriculum area. Support teachers in English and Mathematics also work in classrooms with students or in small groups with an explicit teaching focus.

All Foundation students participate in explicit English and Mathematics lessons, Investigations, weekly science, library and Play is the Way lessons, a fortnightly session with their level six buddies, a swimming program in Semester Two, and excursions and in house events to complement learning programs.



### Technology at Sandy East

Sandringham East Primary displays exemplary practice in the area of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). The school is well resourced with Interactive Whiteboards located in each classroom to support learning programs. Other resources include laptops, iPads, digital cameras, BeeBots and BlueBots for students to use. ICT is integrated across many areas of the curriculum. Staff have a high level of expertise in ICT and provide our students with the skills and experiences to embrace technology. The school's 1-1 laptop leasing program has seen a great success with many students in levels 3-6 taking this opportunity.

### Foundation Gardening Program

Sandringham East Primary's 'gardening gurus' Mr Marco or Mr Klvac visits the Foundation children once a week to help them learn how to grow and use their own vegetables. One of the first activities undertaken by the children each year is a game of 'Spot the Veggie' in the school's wonderful vegetable garden. This is a great adventure where the children find and name a plethora of goodies. Sustainability of our environment is very important to the students at Sandy East and our gardening program demonstrates our commitment to this area.



### Playscape

Our parent community are proud that this \$250,000 project was funded through hard work and forward planning financial management. The design reflects Sandringham East Primary School's ongoing dedication to the physical, social and emotional development of our children, incorporating the natural environment in a sustainable and creative design. Students are thrilled with the Playscape which includes tree platforms, fort, slides, a climbing wall, sandpit, digging pit and much more!



**Foundation classrooms** Our students are enjoying being in the four Mod 10 Learning Spaces where we see bright engaging spaces with passionate teachers and so many resources that inspire students in their learning.

**Schools Community Fund success.** Currently Tim Wilson has announced \$18,000 to enhance the front area of the school—how lucky we are!



## SEPS Transition Program for Prospective 2021 Foundation Children

### SEPS Information Evening for Prospective Parents of 2021 Foundation Children

Prospective parents are invited to attend an information evening hosted by our current students that outlines the educational programs SEPS provides for the holistic development of all students. Parents are encouraged to come along to the session and meet members of the school community who will present on a range of topics associated with Sandringham East Primary School.

**Date:** Tuesday May 19      **Time:** 7:00pm      **Venue:** SEPS Library

### Story Time for Prospective and Enrolled Children

Prospective and enrolled 2021 Foundation children are invited to come along and join in the fun of the story time sessions. During story time children enjoy a story and follow up craft activity in the Foundation learning area. Story time is a wonderful opportunity for children and parents to become familiar with the school.

See below for story time sessions, **remember to book early to secure a position!**

<b>Session 1</b> - Wednesday May 14	Time: 9:30am—10:30am
<b>Session 2</b> - Friday June 5	Time: 2:00pm—3:00pm

To register for one or more story time sessions:

- ◆ Select the relevant session/sessions that you and your child are able to attend
- ◆ Click on the <https://www.trybooking.com/BIGWW> and register your details. Please contact the school on 9598 1704 if you experience any problems.
- ◆ Remember to book early! We are able to take a maximum of 25 children per session.
- ◆ Please note a parent/guardian is required to attend these sessions with their child.
- ◆ Once enrolled, you will be given further information about the following additional sessions available to help ease your child's transition into school.

## SEPS Transition Program for 2021 Enrolled Foundation Children

### Story Time for 2021 Enrolled Children

<b>Session 3</b> - Friday July 31	Time: 2:00pm—3:00pm
<b>Session 4</b> - Thursday August 27	Time: 9:30am—10:30am
<b>Session 5</b> - Friday September 11	Time: 2:00pm—3:00pm

### Visit the Specialist Day

<b>Physical Education and Performing Arts</b> - Thursday October 22	Time: 9:30am—10:30am
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### 2021 Foundation Afternoon Tea Party

**Date:** Wednesday October 14      **Time:** 4:00-5:00pm      **Venue:** Foundation Learning Area

### Visit the Foundation Learning Area

<b>Meet your 2021 buddy</b>	Thursday November 19	Time: 2:00pm—3:00pm
<b>Meet your 2021 teacher</b>	Thursday December 3	Time: 9:30am—11:00am

### Parent Information Evening for 2021 Foundation Children - Parent only session - No children

**Date:** Wednesday November 25      **Time:** 7:00 pm      **Venue:** SEPS Library

