

# Boronia Heights Primary School

## Specialist Programs

# Music



**Simon  
Fox**

Music and the performing arts is an engaging and well-rounded program at Boronia Heights Primary School. Our diverse and exciting program aims to develop a love of music within the students, fostering their interests and talents, whether it be singing, playing an instrument, dancing or acting. Students attend a music lesson each week with Mr. Fox. These lessons draw upon different music teaching philosophies including Orff Schulwerk and Kodaly. The focus is on developing their knowledge and skills around basic music concepts, such as beat, rhythm and pitch, as well as activities to foster vocal and instrumental skills. Our end of term 'Happy Hour' concerts provide a showcase for what students have been learning in music classes and the whole school community turns out for our annual Christmas Carol concert in December.

Two of the highest profile groups in the program are our senior choir and band. Our school choir is made up of around 40 students from Years 4-6. They attend weekly rehearsals and participate in numerous performances throughout the year, including school assemblies, open nights and community events such as Christmas concerts. We also have a junior choir for students in Years 1-3, who rehearse once a week as well. Our school band consists of around 20 students from Years 4-6 and includes instruments such as bass, flute, violin, guitar, clarinet, drums, keyboard and tuned percussion (xylophones and glockenspiels). They play our national anthem and the school song at assemblies and often entertain local kindergartens later in the year to help promote our program to future students.

A highlight of our program is our bi-annual school production. We have performed the musicals *Star Wars: The Empire Strikes Back* (2021), *Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies* (2019) and *'Aladdin Trouble'* (2017) just to name a few. This year's production, *The Amazing Adventures of Superstar*, will take place in July at The Besen Centre, at Mount Scopus College in Burwood. The performances feature our Year 5 & 6 students in a variety of acting, singing and dancing roles, with additional songs from our Prep-4 students. The shows run for two nights.

Our instrumental program is run by a group of dedicated teachers who come into our school to work with interested students each week. We currently offer woodwind (flute, clarinet and saxophone), guitar, ukulele, keyboard, piano, violin, drums and singing lessons. Our program is very popular with around 1 in 5 students currently attending lessons. Selected students will also perform at our instrumental showcase concerts, in May and November.



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# Visual Arts



**Tara  
Henstock**

Visual Arts at Boronia Heights Primary School is a creative program designed for students to explore, create and respond to art. Over their years of primary school, students learn appropriate terminology to discuss artwork and begin to gain an awareness of the way ideas and feelings are explored and developed in their own art forms. The Visual Arts program is developed according to the requirements outlined in the Victorian Curriculum. Students learn about artworks from different cultures and time as inspiration to create their own visual art. They explore and use a wide variety of materials, techniques, technologies and processes for different art form. Our art program is integrated with topics learnt in class ensuring students are making connections to all aspects of their learning. Each year level is involved in collaborative art projects helping students develop their teamwork skills and communication with their peers. Our art program provides tasks that require problem solving skills where individuality and creativity are valued. Students enjoy having their artwork displayed across the school and celebrated through our 'Monet of the Week' Art Award. Upon winning this award, artwork is hung in our prestigious 'Hall of Fame' for our school community to view and an artist profile of the winner is created by the Visual Art Leaders; this is displayed alongside the piece of art. Each year, Boronia Heights Primary School purchases a winning artist's work to be displayed at the school for years to come. In the Junior Years, students explore Visual Arts. They make and share their artworks with peers and become aware of whom artists are. Students build their confidence and creative skills using a wide variety of techniques and materials. They learn resilience when applying new skills and focus on using their imagination to develop a unique point of view. In Year 5, outstanding artists from our school are invited to attend an extension program in which students travel to the National Gallery of Victoria to view an exhibition. Each year, our senior students are involved in creating a permanent monument in the school ensuring their creativity and legacy becomes part of our history. Senior students are also responsible for developing the front cover to our Boronia Heights Yearbook, a great opportunity for students to see their work published in a professional format. Boronia Heights holds a bi-annual Art Show to celebrate the amazing talent of our students. This night consists of displays from every year level and interactive community art projects for the whole family. Students of all ages are encouraged to attend Art Club at lunchtime to further explore their skills and creativity. This program runs at various times throughout the year and is enjoyed by many students. Boronia Heights Primary School provides an environment for students to explore and build their passion for creativity. At Boronia Heights Primary School, every child is an artist!



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**Vicki Cook**

Here at Boronia Heights Primary School we are proud to offer a German language program to all students from Prep to Year 6. We have a strong belief that learning another language not only widens a student's cultural perspective but also enhances their knowledge of the English language and develops their confidence and problem solving skills.

We strive to embed a passion for languages at B.H.P.S and ensure that our students receive meaningful learning by creating units of work to suit their age level and ability. Our German lessons centre around the four main processes of reading, listening, writing and speaking. We have a large range of resources to keep our students engaged and focussed during lesson time, with an emphasis placed on communicative and game orientated activities as well as song.

In the Junior School our German lessons feature two characters – Felix and Franzi who help the children sing songs and learn everyday German language. The students love Felix and Franzi and use the characters to create and take part in role plays throughout their learning journey.

As we enter the Senior school, emphasis is placed on further learning and continuing to build their confidence in all four processes. By using their imagination and creativity, the students actively participate in role plays, writing letters to pen pals and relate their learning to their own life. Discussions centre around the differences and similarities between cultures and the language.

Throughout the year we celebrate our achievements in Assembly by awarding both Individual and class awards.

As our Year 6's come to the end of their learning journey at B.H.P.S, we celebrate with a lunch at the Club Tivoli Restaurant to recognise their achievement. This enables our students to be immersed in the culture and use their knowledge to be able to order from a menu, sing songs and take part in various fun activities.

We look forward to taking your child on a fun filled journey learning German.



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# STEAM



**Carlos Milan**

I am pleased to be delivering the STEAM program at Boronia Heights Primary School in our purpose-built STEAM lab. STEAM is a hands-on approach to learning that integrates the subject areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Through STEAM, students develop key skills including:

1. Critical thinking & problem solving
2. Creativity & innovation
3. Teamwork & collaboration
4. Communication
5. Digital literacy.

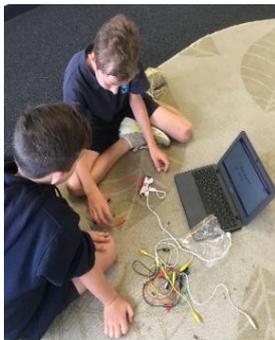
Students from Prep through to Year 6 participate in extended sessions in the STEAM lab each fortnight where they learn science concepts and skills through a range of engaging experiences. Reflecting the 'real world', learning in STEAM is multi-disciplined. Multiple subject areas are covered as students work collaboratively to research and design ideas that will fulfil a task.

Through age-appropriate tasks, students are given the opportunity to plan, investigate materials, components, tools, equipment and processes to create their designs. By working through the design process, students learn that things don't always go to plan and can reflect on changes needed to make improvements. This experience fosters resilience, which is valuable to students as learners into the future. Previous examples of STEAM projects at Boronia Heights Primary School include:

- Building Lego towers: requiring engineering and physical science to design structures and incorporating maths and art concepts of sorting and patterns.
- Designing a mini golf course: physical science, art and design thinking and engineering, maths concepts of area & perimeter, and angles.
- Biodiversity audit (flora & fauna count) for our school: biological science, maths concepts of mapping & counting, data collection and digital literacy skills.
- Electrical circuits: physical science and digital technology skills to design, modify and follow simple algorithms.

We have a great range of resources available to the students, including kitchens for cooking and newly created gardens for exploring multiple learning areas in STEAM. An array of robotic technology is also available for programming and engineering sessions. Student achievement is also celebrated at assembly with the weekly *'Inventor's Cog Award'*.

We hope students will embrace the STEAM approach in other areas of life and that the spark of curiosity is lit well into their future learning journeys.



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# Physical Education



**Taylah  
Russell**

Boronia Heights Primary School provides an environment for students to explore and build their passion for movement and Health. We have an extensive and fun filled Physical Education Program that all students from Foundation to Year 6 enjoy and love. Our P.E program is developed according to the requirements outlined in the Victorian Curriculum.

Students have the opportunity to participate in sequential Units in our Physical Education program from Foundation to Year 6. Within these Units students develop their skills in game situations as well as interactive and collaborative activities. Weekly lessons are complimented with House Sports and Sports Days as well as our much loved; Athletics Carnival, Cross Country Carnival, Swimming, Dancing, sports specific training sessions, PMP (Perceptual Motor Program), Hooptime, Summer and Winter interschool sports, Surfing and Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Sport. Our Foundation Physical Education program, is filled with many exciting activities that help students develop their Fundamental Motor Skills, which then supports the school's PMP (Perceptual Motor Program). Students will also learn the importance of movement and how to keep their bodies healthy, safe and active. We also take full advantage of the Sporting Schools Funding Program which is a federal funded initiative, which aims at subsidising clinics and sports program for our students to utilise.

At Boronia Heights Primary School, we are proud of our competition achievements in both District and Division. In particular, our Year 5 and 6 Interschool Sport teams for both Summer and Winter, Hooptime Basketball for both, Junior (3&4) and Senior (5&6) as well as our Cross Country and Athletics teams. These achievements have allowed us to win many District titles and allowed many students at Boronia Heights Primary School to experience the joy of sport, teamwork, dedication and hardwork.

In our Junior school, we run a School Swimming Program, as per the Victorian Curriculum. Our Foundation, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 students travel to Kilsyth Centenary Pool and participate in a Swimming Program as a part the Physical Education Program at our school. This wonderful program is run by qualified instructors that take our students through the YMCA Aquasafe Program. Our Senior students, partake in our Water Appreciation and Safety Awareness Program. Students are given the opportunity to take part in the Learn to Surf day held at Smith Beach, Phillip Island by surf instructors at Island Surf Company.

Students enjoy having their hardwork, dedication and love of P.E celebrated through our 'Sportsperson of the Week' P.E Award. Upon winning this award, this certificate is hung in our Gymnasium for our school community to view as well as all students within our school. We believe that by having these awards on display to all students, highlights the importance of demonstrating the following in P.E; resilience, gratitude, initiative, dedication, leadership, confidence, teamwork, participation and sportsmanship.

Boronia Heights Primary School and our P.E program, provides all our students with the opportunity to learn the importance of movement, keeping our bodies healthy and the joy of learning and interacting with others through sport.

