By sending your child to Coramba Public School you can be assured that you have chosen a wonderful school with excellent teaching and learning programs supported by the most dynamic, professional and caring teachers.

Technology that prepares every student for the future

Coramba Public School has up-to-the-minute technology programs and facilities. Technology is a vital component of the curriculum from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The school has a fully managed computer network with 28 computers and ipad, all linked to the internet. Students have access to a vast array of up-to-date software. This is achieved by multiple computers available in every classroom to assist with students’ learning. Classroom teachers keep their knowledge up to date through high level professional learning. Students have access to laser printers, scanners, data projectors, wireless tablets and digital cameras which are used throughout their learning experiences.

Strong foundation in literacy

Coramba Public School has a strong commitment to literacy; our experienced teaching staff are kept abreast of current teaching practices through regular attendance at professional learning activities.

Our school caters for the literacy needs of all students, whether they are gifted and talented or students requiring support. Coramba Public School is involved in Visible Learning - a student centred philosophy aimed at developing high expectations for all students. This utilises the world’s best educational practices and knowledge to improve all students’ academic achievements.

Literacy skills of our students are developed across all key learning areas. In the learning to read stages, instruction takes place in small groups using graded texts appropriate to a child’s level of development. Older students are able to extend their skills through participation in activities such as debating and public speaking and becoming more literate with multimodal texts. As children progress through learning to read they transition to reading to learn as part of their continual lifelong learning.

Quality programs in numeracy

Numeracy at Coramba Public School is implemented through a carefully sequenced program based on the NSW Board of Studies Curriculum. Technology plays an integral role in the development of numeracy skills and children’s progress is carefully monitored through regular assessments.

In both literacy and numeracy, quality support programs and specialist teaching staff are available to assist children experiencing difficulties.
Professional and caring teachers
The emotional, social and intellectual wellbeing of all students is extremely important to our teachers. We believe in providing programs that cater for the ‘whole child.’ Developing each child’s emotional intelligence and resilience is paramount at Coramba Public School.

We take pride in delivering an excellent education in a warm and nurturing environment. The teachers are highly trained, caring individuals who are committed to helping all students reach their full potential.

Coramba Public School is an innovative school community where staff and students are continuously evaluating and changing approaches to learning to ensure that the programs are cutting edge and effective.

Across all the teaching programs there is a strong commitment to multicultural, indigenous and environmental perspectives. The commitment to the individual needs of students from diverse backgrounds is demonstrated by students, parents, teachers and the community working together to foster the understanding of different cultural customs and values.

Why Coramba Public School?
Coramba Public School is a great school for many reasons. We have dedicated staff who frequently go beyond the call of duty to ensure that the students are offered the best education possible. They regularly spend a lot of their free time preparing work and doing extra things for the school and the students.

The school has a wide variety of resources and technology, used to cater for the different learning styles and to ensure that students have the available tools to successfully complete activities. This includes up-to-date computer technology and access to multi-media resources. These resources are updated regularly so that students are using the most effective tools available to complete tasks.

There are excellent learning programs offered at Coramba Public School which cater for the individual needs of students. Technology is used extensively in all programs to complement the knowledge and skills being taught. The specific needs of English as a Second Language and Support Teacher Learning Assistance students are catered for with individual learning programs developed for these students.

There are Gifted and Talented programs offered to those higher achieving students in the school.

There are many extra-curricular activities organised and run by staff to cater for the different groups in the school.

There is an excellent culture of cooperation and connectedness between the students, staff and community which makes the school a great place to teach.

The community is regularly involved in school activities and in different groups within the school.

The school has an excellent P&C who work closely with the staff and students to continually improve and enhance different areas of the school.

The staff have chosen to work at Coramba Public School because it has such a wonderful atmosphere and is a caring community. It is a great school to teach at and all staff have a genuine love of learning.

The school motto portrays what our school is all about - Quality Education for All.

Active and healthy students
The Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE) curriculum provides structured opportunities for all students to enjoy regular physical exercise.

Students will learn to acquire coordination skills through natural movements and develop physical fitness through endurance, flexibility and strengthening activities. Children regularly participate in circuits, endurance runs, use of fixed equipment and games.

The school is fortunate to have excellent outdoor facilities. These include a large oval, basketball and netball courts, play equipment, a covered learning area and large open outdoor spaces surrounded by shaded trees. We are surrounded by native flora and also have thriving vegetable gardens and chickens. These additional facilities allow students to grow, use and sell produce within the community.

Students have a choice of competitive and non-competitive sports. The emphasis is on participation and enjoyment. Students are placed in sports houses according to their names and participate in Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals during the year. As part of the Orara Valley Learning Community, students have many opportunities to participate and compete with larger groups of students.

Coramba Public School participates in local and regional inter-school sports competitions and has a Learn-to-Swim Program for students. All students participate in opportunities provided by local sporting associations such as Cricket, Basketball and Tennis.

For the more proficient students of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 the school provides the opportunity to represent the school in the Interschool District P.S.S.A. Sports Competitions. Students of high ability also have the opportunity to be selected for District, Area and State level Primary School Representative Teams. This has involved Coramba students participating at State Level in Athletics and Swimming in recent years.

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The benefits of a strong arts focus

Children at Coramba Public School are encouraged to develop skills in self-expression and creativity through our Creative and Performing Arts programs. We are fortunate to be able to offer all students Visual Arts lessons from an outstanding local artist. Our staff also have specialist skills in dance. Our school performs regularly at school functions and assemblies.

Innovative Programs

A major initiative at Coramba Public School is the development of assessment capable students who know how they are going and how to improve in all areas of the curriculum. This allows all students to be successful and contributing members of the community.

Educational excursions supplement teaching and learning units provide opportunities to further their skills and experiences in the community.

Every class in the school has a library lesson. In using the library, children learn information literacy skills and develop a love of books and good reading habits. The students learn the appropriate use of resources both within the library and beyond.

Effective welfare, social skills and discipline programs

Coramba Public School’s welfare and discipline policy (incorporating the Core Rules for Students in NSW Government Schools) aims to provide a safe, secure environment in which the students will achieve success in learning and develop self-confidence and positive relationships with others.

To instil these values in our students we provide:

- a positive learning environment
- appropriate teaching methods
- caring and consistent staff
- effective use of positive reinforcement
- liaison with parents
- clearly defined values and school rules.

The school community strongly supports the welfare and discipline program based on respect for the individual and for others. These regulations are agreed to by our student and parent body and as a result, Coramba Public School provides a caring and harmonious environment enabling students to learn and to develop personally, socially and academically.

A dynamic school community

One of the things which makes Coramba Public School such a great school is the high level of involvement and support from our parents and volunteers.

Coramba Public School values and encourages the involvement of parents and the community in all aspects of school life. The school has a proactive, wonderful Parent and Citizens' Association.

Integrated After School Care

After School Care is offered to you at Coramba Public School. The relationship between Coramba Public School and Country Cubs Pre School and After School Care ensures an integrated approach to supporting the needs of children and their families. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to liaise regularly with the Child Care providers regarding any matters relating to the care of their children.

Subjects taught

English – an emphasis on reading, writing, talking and listening builds literacy skills quickly and effectively. Students needing extra assistance are identified early and receive specialist help.

Mathematics – a challenging ‘real-life’ problem-solving approach, developed around the ‘Count Me In Too’ strategies is used in conjunction with multiple strategies for increasing mathematical understanding and skills.

Science – enjoyable, meaningful opportunities are provided for students to investigate the world around them.

Technology – students are taught to utilise information technology to support their learning in all subjects. The school is fully networked with computers in each classroom and full integration of a variety of multi media equipment.

Human Society and its Environment – students gain understandings about people and their social and physical environments.

Creative and Practical Arts – our music and drama programs provide learning and performance opportunities that develop skills, self-esteem and confidence. Visual Arts and Crafts encourage creativity and fosters self-expression. We are lucky to have students taught visual arts by a local reknown artist.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education – each grade is taught age-appropriate courses in personal development, nutrition, good health habits and physical education.

We also encourage understanding and involvement in sustainability cross cultural and aboriginal perspectives throughout all aspects of school.

Supporting our students

Coramba Public School has an active Learning Support Team which meets on a regular basis to identify and provide support for students in Kindergarten to Year 6.

To meet these needs the school offers a range of programs including:

- Integration support
- Gifted and talented
- Peer support
- Home reading
- Peer tutoring
Starting school successfully

Starting school is an important step in a child’s life. At Coramba Public School we believe in the importance of strong home/school, teacher/parent partnerships from the very first day of your child’s schooling. We encourage parents to participate and be involved in all aspects of their child’s schooling and to become part of the school community.

For this reason we organise preschool visits, information evenings and a successful Kindergarten transition program which provides opportunities for children starting Kindergarten to settle into a school routine, meet their teachers, mix with groups of other children and engage in both structured and unstructured play activities.

Children are eligible to be enrolled in Kindergarten when they reach the age of four years and nine months. (Providing their fifth birthday occurs on or before July 31st of that year.)

Tips to help your child for their first school year:

- Be positive about school and learning
- Talk to your child about school
- Use your local library
- Read to your child and talk about what might happen next in the story
- Share many different experiences
- Support your child in your home language
- Provide a variety of play materials - water, sand, paper, pens, paint, scissors, glue
- Encourage your child’s curiosity by asking questions and encouraging questions in return.
- Label items, e.g. the door, the cupboard, the refrigerator etc.

What does your child need to bring to school each day?

Kindergarten-Year 2 – books and some pencils are usually provided by the school. A note will be sent home by the class teacher if anything special is required.

Year 3-6 – children need to bring their own basic equipment to school each day including lead pencils, biro, rubber, ruler, coloured pencils, sharpener, and pencil case. It is advisable to have the child’s name on all of these items. Children are given a bag to use for Library Books, Notes and Homework. Children may also need an Art Smock (an old t-shirt will do).

Why Coramba Public School?

The teachers at Coramba Public School are dedicated, energetic, enthusiastic people who truly do care about the children.

Coramba Public School is led by a passionate, caring and highly qualified principal who is dedicated to lifelong learning and improving student outcomes. As a result of significant professional learning, the world’s best educational knowledge and practices are being implemented at the school. The systems and practices that are continually being developed will ensure high quality education now and into the future. Coramba Public School is a true leader in educational innovation.

Choosing the right school is a major decision for many parents. Many don’t want their child feeling ‘lost in the crowd’ but want them seen as individuals. We believe that Coramba Public School has a very special ‘country’ caring feel about it. The staff know all the children in the school by name and really care about the children under their supervision. Children are encouraged, nurtured and challenged by caring, knowledgeable and enthusiastic teachers who offer interesting, well planned and exciting lessons. Our school has an enjoyable, safe and happy learning environment. Parents are always welcome to the school, their opinions are not only sought after, but valued. We have a Student Representative Council that meets regularly to look for ways to improve and enhance the opportunities available to students at Coramba Public School.

Teachers at our school are dedicated and they work together as a team. They are keen to keep Coramba Public School a safe and happy environment. The students are encouraged to develop a growth mindset, where effort and perseverance is rewarded and acknowledged to result in success and achievement.

Welcome to Coramba Public School

A school where each child is encouraged to succeed, guided by professional and caring teachers, excellent learning programs and a highly supportive parent community. Choosing to send your child to Coramba Public School is a great start to your child’s education.

We provide a stimulating and challenging environment where students can thrive.

Coramba Public School is a dynamic school built upon great expectations, great attitudes and great achievements. We firmly believe that all students can be successful learners.

This information gives you some ideas and suggestions for preparing you and your child for school and necessary information throughout the year.

School Hours

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Coramba Public School students are expected to maintain our high standards of conduct when in public travelling to or from school. Students should travel to and from school using common sense and observing the correct road rules whether riding a bike, catching a bus or walking. Bicycles may be ridden under the following conditions:

- Students only in years 3 – 6 are allowed to ride their bikes to school, parents accept responsibility for students riding bikes
- Proper bike helmets must be worn
- Bikes must not be ridden in the school grounds
- The school accepts no responsibility for theft or damage to bikes or attached equipment

**Supervision**

Children are not supervised before 8.30 a.m. and after 3.00 p.m. No parent or carer is permitted to take another child home without written permission from the parent to the teacher. The class teacher must be notified of any change in the collecting routine.

Should you wish to take your child early from class you must obtain a Release Slip from the office first.

**Late arrivals**

Students arriving late are to report to the front office with their parents to obtain a late pass. Parents are to notify the office why the children are late. This is recorded on our electronic attendance register. Young children should then be taken to the classroom by their parent. In the event that the class is not in their room, the parent is then able to help them find their class.

**Absences**

If your child is absent from school, please send a note with them when they return. If it is a prolonged absence let us know as soon as possible.

A Home/School Liaison Officer visits our school on a regular basis to check rolls for any high absentee rates. If this occurs without a reasonable explanation then the officer visits the home for further consultation.

**Money**

Money for excursions or other contributions has to go through the office. When sending money to school please place in an envelope with your child’s name, amount and reason for payment on the envelope. A good idea is to wrap coins in glad wrap or foil first, so it won’t fall out of the envelope.

**Newsletter**

A newsletter is sent home with the eldest child in the family fortnightly. Important and relevant information is published in this fortnightly bulletin. Please take the time to read this newsletter and also keep checking the school website for information about the events occurring in the school.

**School Reports and Assessment**

School reports provide important feedback on the progress of your child and provide students and parents with feedback on how much students have achieved throughout the year. Reports are sent home at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. We encourage parents to discuss their child’s report with their child, focussing on the positive aspects. Students in Kindergarten may also receive a copy of the Feedback to Parents as a result of the Kindergarten Best Start Assessment carried out at the commencement of school. Parents of students in Years 3 and 5 will also receive a written report from the NAPLAN tests.

**Interview with staff**

Coramba Public School encourages regular contact between parents and teachers. Of course, there are times during the day when teachers are unable to talk with parents because they are teaching or have other school commitments.

Therefore, it is advisable to phone the school and arrange a convenient time if an extended interview is required. The school has an “open door” policy and encourages parent participation and involvement in all aspects of school. Positive relationships by parents or carers with the staff and students at the school assist in children developing a lifelong commitment to learning.

Teacher/parent interviews are held during Terms 2 and 4. This is an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet formally and discuss student progress, set goals and directions for the current and following year.

**School Counsellor**

Coramba Public School has access to the services of a School Counsellor during school terms. The school Counsellor is part of the school’s student welfare organisation and is able to contribute information, understanding and advice on the learning and behaviour of students, especially those with special needs.

The Counsellor may assist teachers and parents in dealing with these needs. If you wish to speak to the Counsellor about your child, you may do so by arranging an appointment through the Principal.
School uniform

Coramba Public School has a uniform policy which was formulated in consultation with the P&C Association. As a result of this consultation, there is strong across-the-board support for the wearing of the school uniform. We believe it encourages the students to feel part of the school community. The uniform design allows students to be as comfortable as possible and to enable them to participate fully in the schools many daily activities.

Boys-Summer — Maroon polo shirt with white side panels and school emblem with blue shorts. White socks, black shoes

Boys-Winter — Maroon polo shirts with white side panels and school emblem, maroon fibre jacket with emblem and long blue trousers or maroon tracksuit pants.


Girls-Winter — Maroon polo shirt with white side panel and school emblem, maroon with white trim micro fibre jacket with emblem and long blue trousers or blue tights worn under short/skort or maroon tracksuit pants.

Sports Uniform — Black shorts, white sports shirt with maroon trim, white socks and joggers.

School Hats — As part of our Sun Smart policy children are required to wear a school hat. Hats must be worn at all times whenever children are outside. Coramba School has a ‘No Hat, No Play’ policy. Children without hats have to remain in the shade. School hats are available for sale from the office.

Clothing Pool — From time to time there are some uniforms available for purchase. Please consider giving any clean clothes, which are still in reasonable condition, to the pool or selling them through the pool and donating a small percentage to the school.

All uniform options except socks and shoes may be purchased from P&C Association.

Fundraising

Coramba Public School fundraising initiatives are coordinated in conjunction with the staff and the Parents and Citizens’ Association. The P&C organises different activities to raise additional funds for school programs and equipment. In recent years, a-thons, discos, food drives, trivia nights, and various other activities have been organised by the fundraising committee of the P&C. Parents are encouraged to support the fundraising.

Homework

Homework is provided as a revision tool. Your child’s teacher will inform you of his/her homework expectations.

Whilst not compulsory, homework is encouraged as we believe that it provides our students, especially senior students, with appropriate self-management skills and study habits and it also creates a strong home/school partnership. One of the most effective homework strategies for primary school children is daily quiet reading. A Kindergarten child would be expected to spend 5-10 minutes daily with a book; children in Year 6 would be expected to read from longer novels for a minimum of 30 minutes daily.

Social Skills System

Coramba Public School’s social skills program aims at promoting strong relationships across the school. Programs such as ‘Peer Mediation/Mentoring’ have been developed and implemented to assist children to develop strategies of interaction, mediation, resolution, group work and citizenship. They small size of our school assists in fostering strong friendships and a caring supportive whole school atmosphere.

Peer Support

Peer Support is a skills based learning program, which provides students in Years K - 6 with the opportunity to build self-esteem. Students will have the opportunity to develop skills such as decision-making and leadership.

Home reading

A Home Reading program operates in Kindergarten to Year 2. This allows children to practise their reading at the appropriate level. As parents, you are also encouraged to regularly read to your child and also have them read to you. This increases their vocabulary, spelling and comprehension knowledge.

Medication

We are not required to give medication at school; we do so for your convenience. A single dose is to be placed in a small container labeled with your child’s name, class and time to be taken. This must be sent to the office accompanied by a note stating when the medication is for.

No medication (with the exception of Ventolin puffers) is to be left in the child’s school bag for obvious safety reasons. No medication will be given to a student without written permission from a parent/caregiver.

The school is not permitted to give aspirin or disprin unless specifically prescribed by a doctor. If your child is to receive medication on a regular basis from school, please obtain medical consent forms from the office. No medication will be given without proper authority.

Accident and illness

In the event of an accident or illness it is essential that you can be contacted. For this reason we have emergency/medical information cards that we ask you to complete. The school should be notified immediately of any changes in contact details.

If we are unable to contact you and your child requires urgent medical attention the school’s policy is to transport him/her by ambulance to the nearest hospital. The cost will be covered by the parent.

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