



# Kersbrook Primary School

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## Welcome to Kersbrook Primary School



Kersbrook Primary School is a vibrant public school that is open to all students. We are situated in the heart of the Adelaide Hills' apple and cherry growing region. As a small school our staff pursue the highest quality education for all of our students.

Kersbrook Primary School is founded on the philosophy of inclusion and community. We aim to equip students with abilities both academic and social, for life in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Our students are inspired to the highest standards, encouraged to think critically and creatively, to work collaboratively, to act ethically and develop a commitment to contribute to their community.

Educating students since 1850, Kersbrook Primary is in an attractive setting, surrounded by grazing land in one of the most biologically diverse areas of South Australia. We take pride in our grounds with shady trees, a large oval and play areas. We have a large library where we encourage reading for learning and leisure.

Our families and community are engaged with our school in many different ways. We enjoy being an integral part of the township of Kersbrook and the support we receive ensures that we are always well resourced and have the ability to bring the best to our children's education. We are not zoned and invite you to come and visit our school to meet the people who work here educating children to be confident, caring and articulate learners of the future. Please feel free to visit our website: <http://www.krsbrkr7.sa.edu.au/> for more information.

**Jill Gurner**  
**Principal**

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## Our Staff

Staff at Kersbrook Primary School bring a diversity of knowledge and understanding to inspire your child's learning. All our staff are selected for their attributes as Professional Educators which complement our needs in a small school. Staff all offer different life experiences and have the care and wellbeing of all students as their primary focus.

Staff undertake continual professional development to ensure the best knowledge base and best practice for Kersbrook students. As life learners, our staff are themselves engaged in continual learning and are keen to impart their love of learning to the students they teach.

Our teachers apply collaboration and trust across their relationships at the individual level and as a school our staff are continually sharing and collaborating with other educational institutions to build strength and quality in their own learning.

## Student Wellbeing

The wellbeing of students is at the centre of everything we do at Kersbrook Primary School. Our staff use up to date methods of pedagogy and positive psychology to assist children to do their individual best and to shine in their own unique way.



We aim to focus on confidence and independence in a relaxed and nurturing environment to give students the optimum ability to thrive academically and socially.

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Confident, resilient children with a capacity for emotional intelligence perform better academically. These skills also contribute to the creation of strong social bonds, supportive communities, and the enjoyment of healthy relationships and responsible lifestyles.

Academic success is built upon good relationships and helping students develop capabilities which promote health and wellbeing.

We employ sound strategies and policies to ensure student wellbeing and have access to assistance from the best professionals through the Department of Education and Child Development.

## Academic Excellence

We aim for academic excellence across our key learning areas of Maths, Science, Literacy, Geography, History, English, The Arts, Physical Education, Civics and Citizenship, Sustainability, Creative and Critical thinking. We have a vibrant active Choir and participated in a student exchange program hosting South Korean students in 2017.

We understand that children bring a diversity of strengths and particular interests to their learning. We build upon individual abilities and inspire students to achieve with a growth mindset. Included in our activities is Nature Play for the younger children, fitness for a healthy body and mind, a focus on reading for pleasure as well as learning and of course the core subjects of literacy, maths and sciences.

High quality teaching, good resources and an outstanding school environment contribute to maintaining educational excellence. Students are encouraged to the highest standards, to think critically and creatively, work collaboratively, act ethically and responsibly, engage productively with difference, and develop a commitment to contribute to the broader common good as well as their own personal development. We believe these ideals meet the challenges of 21st century Australia.



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## Family Participation

At Kersbrook Primary School we recognise that education is one of the major vehicles for the development of capabilities for active participation in civic life.

We have created structures and processes that give an authentic voice to all in the school community. Students are encouraged to have a say in their learning and parents are provided with opportunities to participate in their child's education and to play a role in the life of the school.

We encourage parental engagement which is a significant factor affecting learning outcome. Open and friendly communication between home and school ensures we are all working together to help students excel and attain their personal best.



## Out of School Hours Care

OSHC is available to families from 3pm to 6 pm on school days for a reasonable fee of \$18 per session (as at August 2017). OSHC provides professional after school care for students. Families may be eligible for a Child Care Rebate to help cover the cost.

## Playgroup

Playgroup meets each Wednesday morning from 9am during school term. It is a friendly and relaxed environment for parents and caregivers to meet up and socialise, share some time together and for the children to meet others and play. It is a great introduction to school and allows children to become familiar with the environment and people before they start school.



## **Our School**

We are very fortunate to be situated in a beautiful part of the hills with a large oval to host sporting activities, clinics and our annual Auction. Our playground areas and equipment is well utilized by our students and encourage the development of balance, co-ordination, strength and imagination. We have a tennis/basketball court as well as many shaded areas with pleasant gardens and trees. We have specialised areas for nature play and also vegetable gardens.

Our Library is well resourced and we encourage reading for pleasure as well as for academic success. We celebrate a love of literacy with the Premier's Reading Challenge, Books Fairs and National Simultaneous Storytime. Our school Assemblies are also held in the Library on Wednesdays, 3 times each term.

We are ideally situated for your commute from many areas of the hills and to and from Adelaide and the surrounding suburbs. We welcome your enquiries for placement of your children at Kersbrook Primary School.

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