Dalkeith Primary School has delivered excellence in education, with a focus on high academic standards, a safe and nurturing environment. We want all children to flourish and achieve their potential.

Dalkeith Primary School is located at the heart of the Dalkeith community. We focus on open communication, inclusion and respect for all, delivered in a family-friendly environment.

Dalkeith Primary School defines three core strategic themes for continuous improvement.

**Excellence in teaching and learning:**
- Use performance information to guide continuous improvement
- /Recruit and retain high quality teachers
- Encourage and motivate staff through collaborative practices
- Develop instructional leaders
- Work with leading educationalists to support best practice

**Successful Students:**
- Focus on the whole child
- Adapt the curriculum to address the unique learning needs of students
- Develop proficient e-learners
- Maintain attendance rates above 95%

**Community Partnerships:**
- Sustain strong partnerships with the local community
- Seek support and involvement of parents
- Collaborate with universities
- Develop understandings of the local environment
- Seek support and involvement of parents

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Strive for excellence
Respect and value others
Inspire creativity and innovation
Empower global citizenship
Together we shape the future

**Our Shared Beliefs**
Kids learn best when:
- Stimulating, meaningful experiences are provided
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- Reflection becomes a valued part of their learning
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Our School Strategy
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The School Business Plan has been collaboratively created by the school’s staff and board members. It is based on parent input, student participation and community consultation. Thank you to all who have contributed to its development.
Our Targets

**Academic**

- Maintain a cohort average of 0.1 in writing
- Maintain a cohort average of 0.8 in writing
- Maintain a cohort average of 1.0 in writing

**Science**

- Performance in numeracy, in year 7
- 75% of female students to make at least a ‘moderate’ or higher progress in ICAS writing between years 3 and 5
- 90% of stable cohort to make at least a ‘moderate’ or higher progress in ICAS writing between years 3 and 5
- Maintain a 90% uptake of BYOD
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**Physical Education**

- Establish fitness and training programs
- Maintain high levels (80% or greater) of participation in school sport
- Foster a passion for learning
- Promote cultural awareness amongst students through participation in school sport
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**Non-Academic**

- Attendance
- Reduce the student truancy rate during school term
- Brag Your Own Device Program
- Maintain a 90% uptake of BYOD
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- Maintain high levels (80% or higher) of participation in voluntary music program

**Student Support**

- Provide cultural awareness amongst students through participation in school sport
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**Strategic partnerships**

- Seek opportunities for grants/funding/educational resources
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**School community involvement**

- Establish and market a building fund to support P&C and School Board building initiatives 2015-2016
- Engage with the Family to encourage attendance at school events and fund raising experiences
- Draw on community and Alumni to provide expertise.
- Conduct community survey every 2 years to inform school improvement
- Conduct parent feedback surveys to promote two-way communication
- Encourage a broader representation of the community on school committees

Our school will maintain current successful initiatives and programs.

- Vernet Programs, Boarders, Library Fun and Reading Eggs, Mathematics, Innovations and resources, School Programs, Languages, Visual Arts, Physical Education, Physical Health, Music including VIMS Science, Year 9 Camp, Young Leaders Conference, Digital Leaders Program, Specialist Dance Program, Coding Club, Maths Enrichment, Third Wave Intervention Program, Buddies, Speak Up Challenge, Professional Learning Provider for other schools