
Westgarth Primary School is a community of students, staff, friends and family working together to create a diverse, engaging and respectful learning environment.

Rationale

Induction programs for teachers, support staff, pre-service teachers, Out of School Hours Care (OHSC) staff, students, school council members, parents and volunteers aim to provide them with support, direction and essential information while building both confidence and performance.

Aims

- To promote a sense of belonging, safety, security and an understanding of the school's expectations, goals and structure.
- To promote productive and harmonious relationships with peers.
- To provide new and returning staff to the school with the support, direction and information that will allow them to be fully effective and comfortable in their new role, this would include staff assuming new positions in the school year.

Actions

- The school's principal is responsible for ensuring the implementation of supportive and effective induction programs.

For staff:

- Skilled and experienced staff with strong communication and interpersonal skills will be used as mentors for each new staff member.
- A teacher will be nominated as the induction coordinator and allocate mentors to new staff.
- The coordinator will maintain the comprehensive set of induction materials and review the document annually through the induction evaluation proforma and informal feedback.
- The coordinator will provide a training program for staff involved in induction.
- The coordinator will measure the outcomes of the induction program on teacher effectiveness.
- The induction program will comprise components consistent with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) induction materials for staff.
- The DEECD Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) Induction Checklist will be included with induction materials and completed with the new staff member and existing staff will complete the checklist annually.

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For students:

- Staff members will be responsible for nominating a buddy to assist in new student induction in Grades 1 – 6. All prep students will be provided with a buddy.
- The student buddy will complete an induction checklist with the new student.

Evaluation

- This school will seek feedback as appropriate on the effectiveness of its induction programs.
- This policy will be reviewed by the leadership team in light of the feedback received at the conclusion of each induction program.

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