

EXTRA CURRICULAR PROGRAMS: REACHING FOR THE STARS

As part of our commitment to the education of students at Westgarth Primary School, we are once again offering students in Years 4 - 6 the opportunity to participate in 'Reaching for the stars' – an after school extra-curricular extension and enrichment program.

In 2018, students will be selected for programs via a 'lucky dip' of all submitted 'Expression of enrolment' forms. It is therefore important that **ALL 'Expression of enrolment' forms are returned to the school office by 9:00 am on Monday, 19 March**. This is being done so as not to disadvantage students of working parents and to ensure that every student receives the same opportunity to participate. While later enrolments may still be returned, it is with the knowledge that places in programs may already be filled and, once full, no other enrolments can be taken. Students without an 'Expression of enrolment' form are not eligible to participate in the program.

Program selection will begin at 9:30 am on Monday, 19 March, with students being notified whether they have been successful in securing a place by the end of term 1 (Thursday, 22 March).

Please note:

- This year's programs have scattered starting dates due to teachers' work days.
- Programs run for nine weeks in term 2 and/or term 3.
- Only enter preferences for programs for which your child is interested. You do not need to fill in/number every box.
- Some programs may not run if there is insufficient demand and therefore making them financially unviable.
- Payment will be required on confirmation of places. Once payment has been made, and your child has begun the program, no refund is possible.
- Payment costs may be waved, after a conversation with the Principal, due to financial hardship.
- A teacher will sign in any students who attend Out of School Hours Care.

2018 programs

Program	Day	Time	Begins	Led by
Senior band (New)	Mondays (Terms 2 & 3)	3:45 – 4:30pm	16 April	John
Sewing society	Mondays (Terms 2 & 3)		30 April	Aimee M
STEM club	Wednesdays (Terms 2 & 3)		2 May	Ben and Yolanda
Everyday Spanish (New)	Wednesdays (Terms 2 & 3)		2 May	Pilar and Marta
Movie Makers (New)	Wednesdays (Terms 2 & 3)		2 May	Sophie and Lorena
Wildlife at Westgarth	Wednesdays (Term 2 only)		2 May	Alex
Yoga	Wednesdays (Term 3 only)		18 July	Ruth

Refer to page 3 for a descriptions of each program.

If you have any questions, please ring the school on 9481 5577.

Donald Eddington
Assistant Principal



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EXPRESSION OF ENROLMENT FORM**

I give permission for my child _____ Teacher/Grade: _____
to participate in the 'Reaching for the stars' program offered after school in terms 2 and/or 3. My child
and I understand that he/she is expected to attend every session and that spaces are limited.

Parent/carer signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/carer contact number: _____

Emergency contact name: _____ Phone: _____

Only enter preferences for programs for which your child is interested. You do not need to fill
in/number every box. My child's program preferences are:

Program	Begins	Term/s	Preference/s
Senior band (New)	Monday, 16 April	Terms 2 & 3	
Sewing society	Monday, 30 April	Terms 2 & 3	
STEM club	Wednesday, 2 May	Terms 2 & 3	
Everyday Spanish (New)	Wednesday, 2 May	Terms 2 & 3	
Movie Makers (New)	Wednesday, 2 May	Terms 2 & 3	
Wildlife at Westgarth	Wednesday, 2 May	Term 2 only	
Yoga	Wednesday, 18 July	Term 3 only	

Please complete payment details below. I have forwarded:

- **\$50.00** cash/cheque/credit card (**one-term program**) or
- **\$100.00** cash/cheque/credit card (**two-term program**).

Payment method:

Cash Cheque Card **AMOUNT:** \$.....

Visa Mastercard

Expiry Date: /

Cardholder's Name: (Please Print)

Cardholder's Signature:Date:...../...../.....



Program	Outline	Run by
<p>Senior band</p> <p>20 positions available</p> <p>TERM 2 and 3</p>	<p>In Senior Band, we will be working on playing songs as an ensemble using a variety of instruments. We will be focusing on some of the important skills that a musician needs to be an effective ensemble member such as listening to the other musicians, making eye contact with other members and knowing your part. Students need to bring enthusiasm and a love of music. Instruments are provided and a performance will take place at the end of term 3. NEW FOR 2018!</p>	<p>John Carr</p>
<p>Sewing Society</p> <p>10 positions available</p> <p>TERM 2 and 3</p>	<p>Students will be taken through the design process and learn to use tools and equipment, related to sewing, safely. They will learn how to hand sew, use a sewing machine and cut out fabric. Although all students will begin with template patterns they will have a choice of fabrics and finishes so that their beautiful handmade creations will be unique and lovingly designed and made by them.</p>	<p>Aimee Murphy</p>
<p>STEM club (A)</p> <p>20 positions available</p> <p>TERM 2 and 3</p> <p>STEM stands for science, technology, engineering and mathematics.</p>	<p>Be creative, solve problems and think about the world in different ways! These sessions will be packed full of challenging content that will extend students beyond what they are learning in class*. This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extending students' understanding of visual programming language (from Scratch) to program robotics and drones • Experimenting with new hardware to solve problems in new ways • Learning the basics of text-based programming languages such as Python and Swift Playgrounds. <p>* All students, Prep – Year 6, at Westgarth are learning to code as part of the school's regular ICT-based curriculum.</p>	<p>Ben Cunningham</p> <p>Yolanda Stephenson</p>
<p>STEM club (B)</p> <p>20 positions available</p> <p>TERM 2 and 3</p>	<p>'STEM club (B)' is identical to STEM club (A).</p>	
<p>Everyday Spanish</p> <p>20 positions available</p> <p>TERM 2 and 3</p>	<p>In this program students will become journalists, chefs, retail assistants, tourist guides and much, much more! They will explore Spanish through stories and role play real life situations that will expand their language skills and prepare them to maintain a fluent conversation with any Spanish speaker. NEW FOR 2018!</p>	<p>Marta Munoz and Pilar Caivano</p>

<p>Movie makers</p> <p>20 positions available</p> <p>TERM 2 and 3</p>	<p>Lights. Camera. Action! Calling all the budding actors, directors and screen writers out there. In 'Movie makers' we will write, act in, direct, shoot and edit our own short films. Not only will we learn how to storyboard but we will also be learning ways to edit our films and put it all together using computer software. You may be someone who wants to act in front of the camera or be in charge of what goes on behind the scenes.</p> <p>Our aim will be to create productions to enter in the 2018 Trop Jr film festival. We will also be sharing them with the school community as part of our inaugural Westgarth Short Film Festival later in the year. NEW FOR 2018!</p>	<p>Sophie Cole and Lorena Dall</p>
<p>Wildlife at Westgarth</p> <p>10 positions available</p> <p>TERM 2 ONLY</p>	<p>Wildlife at Westgarth is about connecting with and learning about our amazing environment. We will go bird watching and identify our feathered friends, look after our own plants that students can take home, build animal habitats including bird nests and bee homes, paint, draw and make plant and animal art, and discover land and water bugs and Westgarth's night creatures.</p> <p>This is an ideal program for students who are interested in nature and the environment!</p>	<p>Alex Johnson</p>
<p>Yoga</p> <p>10 positions available</p> <p>TERM 3 ONLY</p>	<p>Each session of the Yoga program will centre on a theme of self-empowerment such as strength, gratitude, confidence and self-compassion. Students will learn how physical movements combined with mindful breathing may help them to self-regulate and feel calm and content. They will learn how to channel their energy to help them recharge and relax. As well as mental rejuvenation, students may also experience improvements with strength, flexibility, coordination, balance and overall wellbeing.</p>	<p>Ruth Lynch (Qualified yoga teacher)</p>