Curriculum Program

At Caboolture State School individuals are catered for in a wide variety of programs. Children are placed in classes that best suit their learning styles. Curriculum teaching is core business at our school. The learning environment is based on a constructivist theory i.e. we learn by exploring and doing. Our ‘big picture’ goal is to enable each child to embrace a life of learning. Curriculum for each year level is based on the National Curriculum in English, Mathematics, Science and History. All other areas of the National Curriculum will be implemented as they are developed.

Assessment is an integral part of teaching and learning, guiding short and long term planning and judgement about student achievement. Assessment uses a variety of strategies including formal testing, observations, work samples and state wide tests. Criteria descriptions clearly define the scope of each unit’s assessment task.

Written reports are provided at the end of each semester (twice per year). At the end of Semester 1 reports are only issued to parents via an interview with the class teacher. Semester 2 reports are issued to students to take home.

Resource Centre

As an established school, Caboolture State School has an extensive resource collection. The Library, an attractive free standing, architect designed building, houses items such as books, kits, videos, maps and research computers with Internet access. The Library provides an attractive venue for children to read, borrow, interact with others using educational games, research and to see and appreciate work produced by classes from around the school. Parents are always welcome to visit the Library. Not only can the children visit with the class, they can also use the facilities in the Library before school and during the lunch breaks.

Technology

At Caboolture State School we view technology as an integral tool in meeting the educational goals of our community. Students use technology for a range of purposes and develop an understanding of the role of technology in society through real life information communication and entertainment purposes. Technology is used as a key component of our intervention, support and enrichment extension programs.

At Caboolture State School computers are located in each classroom and networked. Mini laboratories are located in 4 teaching blocks where students and teachers access them as part of integrated learning programs. A computer laboratory provides access for a total class. The students have access to a comprehensive range of software, trained and accredited teachers and technology is integrated into all subjects.
Extra Curricula Activities

There are a range of activities available to the students to enhance their learning. These include:

- English, Science, Spelling Computer and Maths competitions
- Art competitions
- Poetry Writing Competitions
- Book Fair & Book Club
- Lunch time activities
- Perceptual motor programs
- Interschool sport
- Designing Posters for community activities
- Drama and Dance workshops
- Music Evenings
- Leadership program including leadership camp
- Choirs, Instrumental Band
- Gardening
- Student Council

Instrumental Music Program

Children in Years 4,5,6 & 7 are eligible to join the Instrumental Music Program. The program offers tuition to children who show an aptitude towards a particular instrument for a minimal cost. Instruments are school owned and loaned to the children for a period of time, or may be privately owned. The teacher provides instruction in brass, woodwind and percussion. There are weekly lessons in school time and rehearsals before school. The students gain the experience of playing in a concert band, ensembles and small groups. Performances are given on our musical evenings and for other special events throughout the year. Our instrumental music teacher is a trained, experienced specialist teacher.

Sport

Caboolture State School has a very strong involvement in school sport, encouraging all students to participate actively in the wide range of sports offered. Up to year 5, children are involved in sport within their year level or class, where the emphasis is on skill-building. In years 6 and 7 children are given the opportunity to represent the school in sports including: netball, soccer, rugby league, touch, basketball, cricket, softball, volleyball and newcombe. We support and encourage children to progress as far in sport as they choose, while putting the emphasis on the development of good sportsmanship and enjoyment of sport.

Interhouse Athletics Competition

Caboolture State School has three sport houses. They are Border, Norman and Cawley. We encourage our young sports people to live up to their team’s namesake. Sports Days traditionally provide our young athletes with an opportunity to display their athletic ability and to perform skills they have been practising during class lessons. Many of our sports participants have gone on to represent our school, district and state in further competition.
Learning Support Services

At Caboolture State School we are committed to providing all students with the right to have access to, and participate in, an education that enables them to develop their full potential. We provide a large number of support programs using the expertise of a range of personnel including:

- Support Teachers Literacy and Numeracy
- A highly trained team of teacher aides and volunteers
- Visiting guidance officer
- Visiting Advisory Teachers
- Behaviour Management support staff

Learning Support Programs

An extensive range of programs supplement the regular classroom curriculum program, including:

- Support A Reader/Support A Writer
- Guided Reading
- Support A Maths Learner
- Maths Based Problem Solving
- Computer Based Intervention Programs
- Gifted Programs

Behaviour

See the Code of Behaviour parent information booklet included in this package for a full explanation of our expectations in relation to student behaviour at Caboolture State School.