## **Student Services**

Attadale Primary School has long had a reputation as a safe and inclusive school; and within that context, our *vision* is:

To equip our students
with and to develop the
necessary skills, knowledge,
attitudes and values which will
support them in achieving their
individual potential, and in
contributing positively
in an ever-changing world.

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Our clear expectation is that in choosing to attend Attadale Primary School students, supported by their families, choose to share our values and the behavioural rules which underpin them.

We are committed to learning partnerships across the curriculum, to foster our students. We are successful in this when our programs and initiatives are developmentally appropriate, and when they actually address the personal, social and academic needs of all our students. To determine when and how well we meet this goal, we have a variety of forms of review. These include:

- School Board reviews,
- student/parent/staff surveys,
- staff meetings,
- P&C meetings.

Our teachers bring with them a wealth of educational experience, to offer insight into the academic and social development of students. We also have a school psychologist for 1.5 days per fortnight who brings a sound degree of insight into emotional and psychological development <u>See School Psychologist</u>. Hers is a vital and balancing role to our team of teachers.

## **Support For Learning**

Our Learning Support Coordinator is Debbie Reynolds. Debbie works alongside parents, teachers, the school psychologist and other external agencies, to design and implement learning programs which are focused on achieving better learning outcomes for students. In her role, Debbie is adept at making connections with people who can facilitate and foster these learning partnerships.

## **School Psychologist**

*Elizabeth Alexander* is our current school psychologist. As a member of the School Psychology Service, Elizabeth assists us in meeting the social, emotional, learning and behavioural needs of our students. The service works closely with School Administration, teachers, parents and students in the following:

- to identify and change target behaviours,
- to conduct assessments of students,
- assist the school in making curriculum adjustments,
- assist in maximising positive mental health and well-being.

School psychologists work in a consultant capacity, accessed by either the Learning Support Coordinator or the Principal. Elizabeth cannot be accessed for individual conversation or private work.

## VALUES – Active Community Care for Each Other and Our World.

We celebrate much that makes up what is good in our community. This is what underscores our Values program. Our four key-values are **Stand-Up**, **Give it Your Best**, **Fair Go** and **Take Care**. The underlying framework from which we work and where these values are derived from is the Federal Government's "Nine Values for Australian Schooling".

The Values program is lead by our School Deputy, Asiri Perera. We see it as vital that both students and teachers have ongoing opportunities to put in place what we have aspired to together.

We celebrate daily, when each teacher takes time to recognise student[s] for demonstrating values-based behaviours.

We celebrate as a whole-school at each assembly when several names are selected from the many exhibited in classrooms, and those children are awarded 'gold' badges highlighting their value-ability in our school.

We support our students in their values-development through explicit teaching, through incorporation of values-based and ethical choices into learning programs, and through conscious role-modelling on the part of our teaching community.

This reinforces our belief that pastoral care is something in which each member of the Attadale School community values and is actively engaged in.

Contact:

First point of contact should normally be through your child's classroom teacher. However, there are times when additional information or simple questions might arise. Please feel free to use the following: attadaleps@education.wa.edu.au