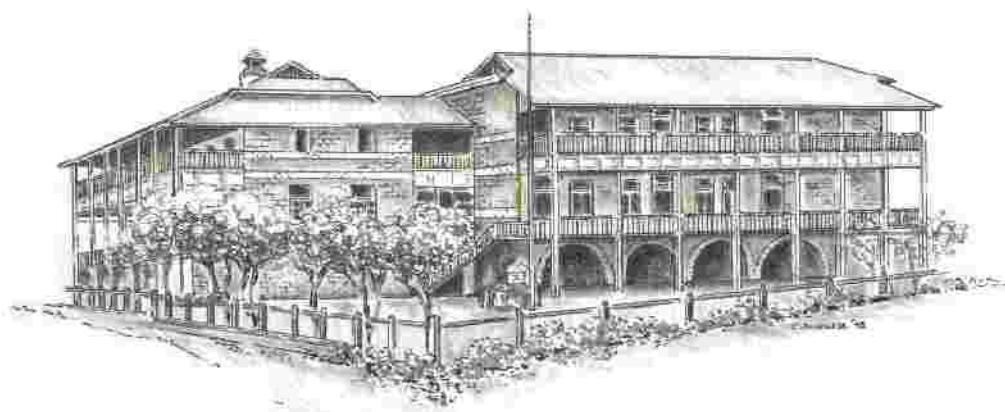




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Welcome to our School

To our future students and families,

Welcome to our historical school. Built in 1901 our school represents community values, great traditions and educates the citizen for the 21st century. Our school is the heart of the New Farm community and the people work together to create a village atmosphere of care and support for families who live, work and play here. We believe it takes a community to educate a child and we look forward to your future involvement and commitment to our school.

Education is the core business at New Farm State School and is delivered in a variety of modes to meet the diverse learning needs and talents of our students. Our school and community strive together to ensure every student experiences success in learning by identifying the individual's talents and building on personal strengths. Teachers care about our children and offer many opportunities for personal growth development and the establishment of lifetime friendships. Students with identified learning needs and disabilities are also a welcome part of our multi-cultural family.

If you are considering a quality school for your child with professional teachers, great resources, excellent services within a civic minded community, then do not go past New Farm State School as a school delivering excellence in all aspects of values based education and learning opportunities. Please browse through this Prospectus to gain an insight into the quality education your child will experience by enrolling at New Farm State School. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me on 3358 7333.

Ms Carmel McGrath
Principal

Our Vision



Every student will learn, create and grow to their full potential. During their time in this community students will:

- learn well
- create ideas and express themselves confidently
- grow into thoughtful citizens of the world

Our National Values for Australian Schooling



1. Care and compassion
2. Doing your best
3. Fair go
4. Freedom
5. Integrity
6. Respect
7. Responsibility
8. Understanding, Tolerance and Inclusion
9. Honesty and trustworthiness

Our Students

Our students come from a range of Australian and multi-cultural families proud to be part of the vibrant learning community at New Farm. Our school enrolment is approximately 360 students. Students with special talents are encouraged to reach their full potential as well as students with special learning, physical and emotional needs.

Teachers develop learning programs which cater for the special learning styles relevant to girls and boys. Students are encouraged to participate in many extra-curricular activities to develop a breadth of learning for pleasure, relaxation, future study and employment possibilities. Our senior students strive to attain leadership badges through their citizenship roles within the school and provide excellent role models for our Preps and Year 1 students through the class Buddy Program.



Our Teachers

Our teachers are highly professional in their preparation and delivery of programs using a range of resources for delivery to engage learners at all levels of understanding. Computers, digital cameras, on-line learning tools, video recorders, interactive smart boards and software programs contribute to the dynamic learning environment we call the classroom of the 21st century. Regular professional development opportunities are accessed by all teachers to update their qualifications and knowledge of global educational trends.

Currently we have 15 classes including a variety of groupings to enhance care, respect and tolerance for students in all age groups. Our cohort of classroom teachers is complimented by the skills and services of specialist teachers: Language Other Than English (LOTE), Music teacher, Instrumental Music teacher, Deputy Principal, Physical Education teacher, English as a Second Language teacher, Librarian and Special Needs teacher.

Our Facilities



Our inner city school provides green play spaces for a students, garden beds for growing vegetables, a rainforest garden as an alternative learning space, a pool, netball court, multi-purpose hall, oval, library, computer lab, tuckshop, a swimming club, Before and After school and Vacation care programs and facility. Classrooms have 3 or 4 computers and access electronic whiteboards, data projectors, digital cameras and camcorders.



Our Curriculum

The Phases of Learning

Our curriculum focuses on 2 phases of learning based on student cognitive and learning development. Teaching and learning for students in the Early Phase of Learning (Prep to Year 3) reflect a play based philosophy and negotiated learning tasks inspired by students' interests. The Middle Phase of Learning (Years 4 – 7) respects students' accepting responsibility for their own learning, setting personal learning goals and negotiating learning tasks and contexts based on an outcome based curriculum.

LITERACY and NUMERACY

These core subjects are taught independently of the other 6 integrated subject areas (Science, Studies of Society and Environment, Health and Physical Education, Technology, The Arts and Language other than English). In state-wide testing results, the students at New Farm State School perform consistently well above the state mean for results in Literacy and Numeracy in Years 3, 5 and 7.



LOTE

Our school community values and respects other cultures. The alternative language taught from Years 4 – 7 is Mandarin Chinese.

Students are encouraged to participate in Chinese community cultural activities to deepen their understanding of this language and the people. School choirs present at Buddha's Birth Day festivities.

MUSIC

Students in all year levels participate in classroom music. From Year 2, students are involved in choirs, enjoying a love for music and drama by performing a variety of modern, classical and cultural songs. Harmony and a cappella feature prominently in the music program.

Instrumental Music

Students who qualify to join the band enjoy an in-depth musical program requiring discipline and commitment to a team and learning a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument. The band performs weekly for the school assembly.



SPORTS

Students in the senior years have opportunities to participate in competitive interschool sports competitions as well as compete in teams at district, state and national levels. Alternatively a wide variety of sports are also offered weekly to students in Years 4 – 7. In terms 1 and 4 physical education lessons focus on swimming and lifesaving skills.

Athletics Carnival, Cross Country Running and a Swimming Carnival are part of the rich sporting life at New Farm State School.

Our Student Services

Jabiru Kids' Club (Jabiru Community Youth & Children's Services) offers Before and After school and Vacation Care programs. This is an independent organisation which operates on the school site. www.jabiru.org.au

A Special Needs Committee meets once per fortnight to prioritise services for students who are identified as requiring extra support in the learning environment. This committee consists of the Deputy Principal, the Guidance Officer and the Special Needs teacher. Services include access to intelligence testing; a speech and language teacher; a physical disabilities teacher; an occupational therapist; a behaviour specialist teacher and introductions to external agencies for counselling services, parenting skills, paediatric assessments and child psychologists.

Programs and projects are also designed for students who are identified as Gifted and Talented. These programs may involve liaisons with other local primary and high schools as well as universities.

Our Supportive Environment

Our school has developed a School Behaviour Plan outlining our community's expectations for appropriate behaviours which support successful student learning.

Bullying is not tolerated in the school and students are taught successful strategies to build self-esteem and resilience through the "Fun Friends" and "Friends For Life" Social Skills Programs. Rewards and recognition for good role models and behaviours are regularly celebrated at weekly parades.

Our Outdoor Education Program and Excursions

To enrich their educational experiences, students in Prep to Year 7 are offered opportunities to participate in a variety of activities, projects, excursions, trips and camps throughout the school year. These events are planned to enrich students' knowledge of local and global communities, sustaining the

environment and to provide a deep understanding of the activities and occupations of people in this community.

Our Community Initiatives

The Parents and Citizens' Association is the fundraising arm of our school community. Through their very valued efforts our school is significantly resourced to deliver an effective curriculum within an attractive environment. Their current facilities project is the building of new Music and Art spaces in the undercroft of our Hall.

Community Education Program

Using the combined talents of our parent professionals and external tutors, classes after school and evenings are available for adults and children. Enrol in Languages (French and Italian), Art, Health and Lifestyle (e.g Creative Interiors, Pilates and Stretch, Adult Choir, Intro to Writing Fiction) Voice and Instrumental (Guitar, Singing) nfsscommunityed@live.com.au

Class Parent Representatives

Each class has a volunteer parent representative who co-ordinates community contacts and develops a sense of family within our school community. The parent rep will liaise with the teacher and arrange social meetings for families.

School Fete

The community joins together every 2 years to enjoy the fun of the school fete as well as raise funds for the school.



High Schools and Beyond

Parents often ask where to from here? By enrolling at W Farm State School your child can access such quality high schools and universities as:

- Brisbane State High (scholarships available)
- Kelvin Grove State College
- The Queensland Academy for Creative Industries (Kelvin Grove) (application by qualification) (QACI)
- The Queensland Academy for Science, Maths and Technology (Toowong) (application by qualification) (SMT)
- Any independent high school
- Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Kelvin Grove
- University of Queensland (St Lucia)
- Griffith University (Nathan).

