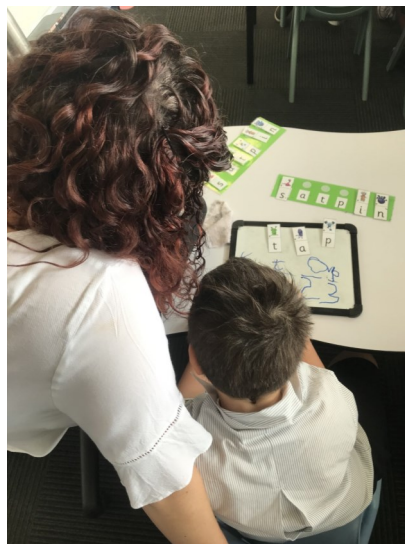


Why choose Mount Gravatt State School for your Prep child?

- ◇ Spacious and separate Prep learning area
- ◇ Secure and dedicated Prep playground
- ◇ Prep only toilets located within the Prep learning area
- ◇ School funded commitment to maintain high levels of staffing for student support in the Early Years of education
- ◇ Specific, targeted Early Years learning programs
- ◇ High expectations and a commitment to academic excellence
- ◇ A problem-solving and creative thinking approach to learning
- ◇ Differentiation of learning through targeted support; including extension programs for high-achieving students
- ◇ Caring, supportive behaviour management

Clever, Creative and Caring



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A 'hidden gem' and a 'quiet achiever'.

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**Mount Gravatt
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Starting Prep



**Information for Parents
and Carers**

Mount Gravatt State School

Mount Gravatt State School is a medium sized school with 255 students. Our relatively small size enables us to know every child, allowing us to sensitively address individual needs.

At Mount Gravatt, every child is treated with kindness and with respect.

Mount Gravatt State School fosters a culture of high expectations, in which all students are encouraged to think creatively, accept challenges and become independent learners.

Appropriate adjustments are provided to help each child engage positively and successfully with their learning.

Facilities and Activities

Mount Gravatt State School offers:

- ◇ Spacious air-conditioned classrooms
- ◇ A 25m swimming pool
- ◇ Specialist classrooms for Music and Languages
- ◇ Dedicated Art, Science and Robotics rooms
- ◇ An Arts and Drama program, including a biennial School Play
- ◇ A greenhouse and gardening club
- ◇ Various lunchtime programs to cater to differing student interests and needs

Curriculum



Teaching and learning in Prep adheres to the requirements of the Australian Curriculum. Our Early Years program has a particular focus on developing competency in literacy and numeracy. This includes a strong focus on reading and writing.

Learning to Read

Reading is the key focus in Prep. To support the learning of reading, we use targeted Decoding and Comprehension strategies. In Prep, students learn enhanced reading and writing skills through a synthetic phonics program.

Writing

Writing is a school-wide improvement focus. Prep students will participate in written activities from Term One, using strategies from the Seven Steps to Writing Success program.

Pedagogy

Our pedagogical model is Gradual Release of Responsibility - 'I do, we do, you do'.

The school also uses Age Appropriate Pedagogy, which in Prep is characterised by hands-on experiential learning.

Both teachers and students are encouraged to use a creative approach to teaching and learning.

Wellbeing

Student wellbeing is the absolute priority at our school.

We firmly believe that students learn best when they feel happy, safe and engaged at school.

To facilitate this, Mount Gravatt State School has implemented a comprehensive suite of Social Skills programs that operate from Prep to Year 6.



Community

Our philosophy is that effective education results from having strong partnerships between the school, parents and the community.

As such, parents are invited to take an active role in the school and in their child's learning.

Our staff maintain regular contact with parents, and we are always available to meet with parents to discuss student progress or concerns.