

ASPIRATION

GROWTH

COURAGE

RESPECT

GLEN DHU PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET

GLEN DHU PRIMARY SCHOOL HISTORY

Glen Dhu Primary School was built in 1894 and was officially opened on the 7 June, 1895. The name “Glen Dhu” means “DARK HOLLOW”.

The original building included a bell tower - 9 metres high. The tower was removed in 1926. Pictures and plans of this era are shown in the main corridor and near the main office.

The first enrolment began with 300 children reaching a peak of 1,054 in 1957. Urban development outside of the city area caused a population shift. Present enrolment is 340 students.

The School Library is today situated in the original building that was upgraded in 1984 under the guidance of the National Trust. A major renovation of the primary classrooms and the administration area was completed in 2008.

Our Early Childhood classrooms (K-2), toilets and the hall were renovated in 2010/2011 and a new performing arts area was built. Most recently 2 new classrooms were opened in 2016. Our classroom facilities are now appropriate for 21st century learning and we have a welcoming reception area.

Glen Dhu Primary has outstanding outdoor facilities. The grounds are graced by some majestic large European trees which add beauty as well as shade. We are proud of Glen Dhu Primary’s long history and in 2020 we celebrated our 125th anniversary. There are many Tasmanians who have wonderful memories of the years they spent at Glen Dhu Primary.



Dear Parents and Carers,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to Glen Dhu Primary School!

Our vision is to develop responsible, resilient, curious and respectful learners. Our school has an enviable reputation in the community for its focus on providing quality teaching and learning opportunities for all students. Learning is personalised at Glen Dhu Primary School and there is a strong commitment for individuals to reach their potential. We have high expectations for learning, behaviour and relationships.

Our school provides rich opportunities for students in sport and the Arts. The Health and Physical Education program offers a wide variety of experiences with a strong emphasis on physical fitness and the development of a variety of skills. We teach students the importance of having an active, well-balanced and healthy lifestyle and support the personal qualities of team spirit, commitment and sporting attitudes.

The Arts program aims to help students develop understanding and appreciation of music, dance, drama and performing. There is an emphasis on participation in instrumental and vocal activities as well as opportunities to perform. Grade 3-6 students also have the opportunity to join the Esk Band instrumental program.

Our four core values: Respect, Courage, Growth and Aspiration underpin our supportive, safe environment. These are reflected in the calm, purposeful atmosphere which characterises our school. We believe that building quality connections between all members of our school community supports best outcomes for all.

At Glen Dhu we teach to and report against the Australian Curriculum. Collaborative planning and common task design ensures consistency and continuity across learning areas. There is a focus on dedicated literacy and numeracy teaching each day. Classroom programs include inquiry-based learning with the focus on developing a sense of curiosity for students. Teachers work collaboratively on assessment to ensure consistency against the achievement standards outlined in the Australian Curriculum.

Glen Dhu is a vibrant multicultural community. We are proud to welcome families from many different countries and value the contributions they make to our tolerant, inclusive school community.

Parent participation is strongly encouraged as we believe that education is a partnership between home and school. We encourage parents to take an active role in the school while adhering to the current COVID protocols.

We look forward to working with you and supporting your child's progress in learning as well as their development in the physical, social and personal domains.

Lee Crow—Principal



OUR TEAM AT GLEN DHU

The people you are likely to meet first as you settle into your new school are:

Administrative Staff:	
Principal	Mrs Lee Crow
A/Assistant Principal	Ms Danielle Mitchell
AST	Mrs Rhiannon Morrison Mrs Simone Ralph Mr Ryan Walker
A/School Business Manager	Ms Mia Pope
Administrative Clerks	Mrs Marjan Sheppard Mrs Stacey Petersen

School Association:

This body incorporates the activities of the previous School Council and Parents and Friends. Glen Dhu has a very active parent community which is seen as an integral part of the whole school. All parents are welcome to attend School Association meetings. Meeting dates and times are announced in the newsletter.

The School Association Committee is an elected group of parents and staff. It oversees the management of the School Association and the activities of various committees such as the fundraising group, school uniform and book club committees. Elections are held in April and all parents are entitled to vote.

The current committee members are:		The current sub-committee members are:	
Kelly Hills	President	Fundraising	Laura Manion
Mel Prewer	Vice President	Banking	Kelly Hills
Jessica Parker	Treasurer	School Uniform Shop	Kate Rymer
Laura Manion	Secretary		
Lee Crow	Public Officer		
Lee Crow Danielle Mitchell Jaide Waterhouse	Staff Representatives		



SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS IN 2023

	Students begin	Students finish
Term 1	Wed 8 February	Wed 5 April
Term 2	Wed 26 April	Fri 7 July
Term 3	Tues 25 July	Fri 29 September
Term 4	Mon 16 October	Thurs 21 December

Student Free Days 2023

Tuesday 7 February – Professional Learning Day
 Thursday 6 April – Moderation Day
 Monday 24 July – Professional Learning Day
 Friday 3 November (**during term 4**) – Professional Learning Day

SCHOOL TIMES : KINDER - GRADE 6

8:30am - First bell

9:00am - Learning time begins

11:00am - Recess

11:20am - Learning time begins

12:40pm - Lunch

1:30pm - Assembly bell

1:35pm - Learning time begins

2:55pm - End of school day

(Kindergarten concludes at 2:45 pm)

School opens at 8.30 and no supervision is provided before this. Children should not be on the school site prior to this time. Students enter classrooms from 8:30am, where their teacher is present. All children should leave the school grounds by 3:15pm. Children arriving late or leaving during the school day must be signed in or out via the kiosk at the office by a parent or responsible adult.

TEACHING AND LEARNING AT GLEN DHU

Curriculum:

All schools in Tasmania plan and assess using the Australian Curriculum. The curriculum is based on teaching for understanding and clearly places student learning at the heart of all activities. English and Maths skills are fundamental and essential. In addition the Arts, Science, HASS, information communication technology (ICT), health and wellbeing all feature in classroom programs.

Teachers work collaboratively together to use the expertise of our staff to undertake a wide range of programs. In addition to the classroom programs, we have a range of flexible programs, physical education, arts, dance and library. Our aim is to provide appropriate learning opportunities for each child, encouraging them to reach their potential.

Being a Respectful School:

We have high expectations of the behaviour of everyone in our school as we work together to create a respectful inclusive and tolerant community. Courtesy, good manners and mutual respect should always be evident in every encounter.

At Glen Dhu Primary we expect every adult to model socially acceptable ways of behaving and we encourage our students to develop their own self discipline based on these models. Learning about behaviour is an integral part of school life. Bullying in any form is unacceptable and our students are expected to reach the high standards we set. When inappropriate behaviours occur in the classroom or the playground we have a clear, consistent and fair processes that are used. The language of 'Zones of Regulation' is explicitly taught and reinforced to support students resolve matters as they learn to regulate their emotions.

Attendance

We know that every child's day at school is important for their learning. Research confirms a strong link between attendance and learning outcomes and success. Students learn best when they are well so children should stay at home when they have symptoms. All other absences should be avoided. At Glen Dhu Primary School attendance is carefully monitored and children are expected to be at school every possible day.

Information Communication Technology (ICT)

Our school is proud of the level of ICT resources that are available to support the teaching and learning program. All classrooms have interactive whiteboards or smart TVs as well as desk top and lap top computers and digital cameras. Student use of ICT is carefully monitored and to ensure safety, as well as ethical use of online resources.

In 2020, GDPS become an accredited eSmart school. This means we are committed to modelling and teaching digital citizenship skills and strategies that support safe, secure, responsible and ethical use of digital technology and the online environment. We believe that in partnership with home, we can prepare our students to manage a range of situations that may occur in a rapidly changing online environment.

Camps:

A camp is organised bi-annually for Grade 5 and 6 students. All costs associated with the camp are incorporated into the school levies so there is no additional fee. Unless exceptional circumstances exist, we expect all children to participate in the camp.

Parent Help:

Parent help is encouraged throughout the school. Classroom teachers take responsibility for organising this depending on their individual needs and classroom program. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to assist. All volunteers need to follow COVID regulations and hold a current Working with Vulnerable People (WWVP) card. This needs to be recorded at the school office. Applications can be made via the link below:

http://www.justice.tas.gov.au/working_with_children/application



EARLY LEARNING AT GLEN DHU

Kindergarten:

Our Kindergarten program is fifteen hours each week with kindergarten children attending school on three days. Our Kindergarten groups are supported by a teacher and full time teacher assistant.

Kindergarten runs from 8.45am until 2:45pm. The door is opened at 8:30am and the slightly earlier finishing time enables kindergarten children to be collected before the rest of the school is dismissed.



Launching into Learning:

The school provides early learning programs for children birth to four years and their families under the Launching into Learning initiative. This helps parents and their child get to know their local school and other families.

Launching into Learning programs support children with their development in an atmosphere of fun and creativity and helps children transition into Kindergarten. Schools focus on the needs of their community and make connections with other groups, services and agencies in their area. When you spend time playing with your child at Launching into Learning you make a real difference to their future. Group times are advertised in the school newsletter and the school and LiL Facebook page.

COMMUNICATION AT GLEN DHU

Communicating Learning Progress:

Parents are encouraged to keep in regular contact with their child's teacher. The Department of Education's revised policy recommends contact with parents in Term 1 and opportunities to meet with teachers in Terms 2 and 3. A summary report at the end of the year provides ratings to show learning achievement against the Australian Curriculum. We look forward to talking with the family of every student so that we can best support their learning and progress.

Newsletter:

The school attempts to co-ordinate all written communication to parents in a fortnightly newsletter. This is delivered home through email, Facebook and our Schoolzine app. The newsletter typically contains information relating to school events, children's work, parent and community meetings, articles of interest and curriculum updates. If you wish to contribute an item, please contact the School Office. Parents are encouraged to look through the newsletter for information about school activities.

To receive our fortnightly Newsletter via email subscribe at:

<http://glendhups.schoolzineplus.com/subscribe>

School Facebook Page:

Many school activities are posted on the Glen Dhu Facebook page. 'Like' us to receive regular information and school updates.

INSTALLING SZapp



Apple devices:

1. On your device, open the App Store.
2. Search the App Store for SZapp.
3. Download and install SZapp.

Android devices:

1. On your device, open the Play Store.
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3. Download and install SZapp.

Assembly:

Whole school Assembly occurs every fortnight with a different class hosting each time. Classes are usually responsible for the format of the program. Agenda items usually include, sharing work and learning, celebrating achievements, acknowledging certificate recipients and sharing information. Dates and times are advertised in the newsletter and parents of the presenting class are very welcome to join us for assemblies.

Absences:

When a child is absent for any reason, the school should be contacted by either phone or text by 9:15am explaining the circumstances. Children who are required to leave school earlier than the normal dismissal time on a regular basis should have written consent from a parent or guardian. No child should be taken from the school without first checking with the Principal or classroom teacher. The child must be signed in or out at the office by a parent or responsible adult for late arrivals or early departures.

Contact Us

Phone: 63 441349

Text: 0418 441 342

Email: glen.dhu.primary@decyp.tas.gov.au

Levies:

We charge one consolidated levy to cover all costs including stationery, excursions, performances, consumable items, Learn to Swim and Water Safety, hats and camps. The levies for 2023 are:

Kindergarten -	\$205.00
Prep - Grade 2 -	\$250.00
Grade 3-6 -	\$310.00

Student Assistance Scheme (STAS):

The Tasmanian Government has announced the expansion of the Student Assistance Scheme (STAS), which waives the cost of Tasmanian government levies for eligible students for the **2023** school year onwards.

The eligibility for STAS will move to using the Health Care Card or equivalent as the assessment mechanism, replacing previous income thresholds.

A set of [*Frequently Asked Questions*](#) has been developed to assist with any questions you may have.

Further questions about STAS or Levies and Charges in general can be sent to the Department of Education's Financial Services Unit at stas@education.tas.gov.au or by calling 1800 827 055.

Banking:

Even though the CommBank School Banking program is no longer available, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.

FACILITIES AND EXTRA PROGRAMS AT GLEN DHU

After Hours Care:

The Door of Hope provides Before and After School Care service. Children are collected from school and taken to their premises in Glen Dhu Street. For further information please contact them on 6344 8450.

Canteen:

The student enterprise group sells food on Thursdays and Fridays at lunchtime. The menu includes a range of healthy snack food options. These are snacks only and are not intended as a substitute for lunch.

Daily PE:

Physical activity is an important part of our school. Each day Grade 5/6 classes lead the daily physical education program providing skill and fitness training.

Library:

The Library is available for all children to borrow books. Children are encouraged to use library bags. These are available from the School Uniform Shop for \$10.00 (inc of GST). If a book is lost by a child the parent is responsible for its replacement cost.

SRC:

The Student Representative Council is led by the Grade 6 Student Executive. There are representatives elected from Grade 2-6. Our SRC inputs to decisions at our school and fundraises to support various charities.

Super Skippers:

Our skipping team has a long history at Glen Dhu. Previously they have been affiliated with the Heart Foundation promoting active healthy lifestyles both within our school and at various community events.



School Uniform Shop:

It is an expectation that all children will wear our school uniform. The uniform shop operates from school.

Operating Hours:

Our Uniform Shop is open Monday afternoon 2.45 – 3.15 pm. Order forms are available at the school office if you wish to make a pre-order, or you can order on-line, <https://glen-dhu-primary-school-association.square.site/>

Payment must be made before collecting the order.

Co-ordinator: Kate Rymer



Hats:

Glen Dhu is a Sun Smart school. Children must wear a school hat when outdoors during Terms 1 and 4. Hats are supplied by the school to all new students and again in Grade 3. If a child loses their hat, families pay for a replacement. Hats may be purchased from the office for \$10.00.

Medical:

It is vital the school is aware of individual children's medical conditions such as asthma and allergies so that staff can deal sensitively and appropriately with any issues that arise. Action Plans are updated annually.

If your child needs medication administered at school, we require written permission from a parent or guardian as well as the prescribing doctor. Forms are available from the office. All medications are kept secure in the office.

Personal Property Brought to School:

We cannot assume responsibility for items brought to school by students although we take every care. Mobile phones must be given to class teachers for safe-keeping during the school day as we follow the DoE policy on phones – 'Off and Away All Day', Toys and other valuable items should be left at home.

Lost Property:

All items of children's **clothing should be clearly named**, however if items are lost please check the **lost property basket** in front office entrance.

Peanut Aware School:

We have a number of students who are allergic to peanuts, and some other foods so we ask that peanuts are not to be brought to school.

Student Support:

Glen Dhu is supported by a team of specialist staff including a support teacher, school psychologist, speech and language pathologist, social worker and EAL teachers. For referrals to these services please contact the support teacher or a member of senior staff.

School Psychologist—is available to assess children’s ability and to diagnose learning difficulties. They also provide information and advice to teachers and parents.

Speech and Language Pathologist—assesses children for speech and language difficulties as well as designing and managing assistance programs for children.

Social Worker—visits the school weekly and is available to assist children and their families in cases of hardship, difficulties or crisis.

School Nurse – School health nurses support families and schools to create a physical and social environment that promotes health and wellbeing and assists to improve health and education outcomes for children in Tasmania.

GETTING TO AND FROM GLEN DHU

Parking:

There are two parking areas at the front of the school but traffic becomes very congested in the afternoons. Since the safety of the children is our prime concern, parents are asked to take particular care when travelling through the school crossing and into the parking areas. Please **do not** collect or deliver children on the pedestrian crossing on Pottery Court. The staff car park is not available for parent parking. Three point-turns in the school driveway are strongly discouraged to avoid backing into the crowded street. Please park in the car parks and take extra care as you arrive and leave the school precinct. We are currently consulting a traffic engineer and representative from State Growth to consider changes to the traffic movement at the school entry.

Buses:

There are no specific school buses at Glen Dhu. However, Metro services on Wellington Street run at regular intervals. Bus timetables are available on www.transport.tas.gov.au. For further details contact Metro on Ph: 6336 5888 or visit their website www.metrotas.com.au.

Children walking to school:

Our school’s location, on a busy corner and near the highway, means we all have to pay close attention to road safety. Our school’s particular rules are:

1. Unaccompanied children who need to cross Wellington Street or Westbury Road must use the overpasses.
2. Children heading towards the city or Glen Dhu Street must use the underpass.



Bikes and Scooters:

Students may ride bikes and scooters to school but they must be walked into the school grounds and stored in the bike racks. It is an expectation that students will wear helmets when riding bikes and scooters.

GLEN DHU PRIMARY—Where Learning Is Our Focus

