



## Year 6 2021

Hi,

I am Jamie-lee Lydiate and I will be your child's teacher in 2021. I am currently in my fourth year teaching. I have taught in the Wheatbelt and moved to Braeside in 2020. Previously I have gained a Bachelor of Psychology, Criminology and Justice and then continued my studies and completed a Graduate Diploma of Primary Teaching. Due to my previous studies I have a passion for childhood development and students at risk for numerous reasons.

My goal this year is to work with you to create independent, empathetic, kind individuals that are self-driven to better themselves in all areas. My classroom programs are data-driven with the complete aim of every child being catered for because of their individual needs. Not only is year 6 essential for the students to become independent academic learners but it is also vitally important for us to develop their social and emotional wellbeing. Moving into year 6 and beyond can be daunting for our children and this year I aim to work with them to build on their skills to become more resilient and emotionally aware.

This year in years 4 to 6 we are focusing on building the students collaborative learning skills. Collaborative learning is an umbrella term for a variety of educational approaches involving the students self-managing a team to mutually search for understanding, solutions, or creating a product. The benefits of developing these skills include:

- Development of higher-level thinking, oral communication, self-management and leadership skills - Increase in self-esteem and responsibility
- Exposure to and an increase in understanding of diverse perspectives

We have designed a collaborative learning space that connects the years 4 to 6 classrooms. To begin the collaborative learning journey we are going on an excursion on Tuesday 9th February to Albany Discovery Centre to research the history of whaling in Albany. This will then be connected to our Genius Time classroom studies that will focus on the adaptations the ecosystem has made in Albany due to Whaling. Furthermore students will study the reasons for and against Whaling and write a persuasive text outlining these.

For our children to get the best out of this year moving into high school I believe that parental involvement is very important. I am looking forward to getting to know you and your family this year. Please feel free to contact me anytime to discuss your child's progress or any concerns you may have. I am always available by email and phone or feel free to book a time to have a chat.

Kind Regards,

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