



Dagun State School..... a small school..... offers learning with a **BIG** difference.



Situated just 10 minutes south of Gympie CBD, Dagun School is nestled in the peaceful community of Dagun. Students travel from Gympie especially for Dagun's small school learning experience.

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OUR SCHOOL

Dagun is a multi-age, child-centred learning environment. Our focus is to nurture the whole child in a differentiated setting and to help students achieve success. Parents and staff are entirely committed to providing the best learning and support for every child in a safe, caring learning environment for all. Our school is an integral part of a very supportive local community which contributes generously to the progress of our school.

CURRICULUM

Our distinctive learning environment recognises individual learning styles and offers a very high teacher to student ratio to provide for student differences. Staff know and understand every student and employ strategies to challenge and extend them in a caring atmosphere.

Dagun School offers high standards of literacy and numeracy through:

- * Personalised attention and individualised learning plans
- * Strategies to challenge and extend students
- * Monitoring to track student progress and guide teaching and learning
- * Specialist teachers - Music, Physical Education, German and Learning Support

Students learn to:

- * Become independent workers
- * Take responsibility for their learning and behaviour
- * Work co-operatively with all ages and respect individual differences
- * Promote values
- * Accept no limits to their learning

TECHNOLOGY

Dagun School currently boasts an excellent ratio of one computer per student. Computers are networked for easy student access to the internet, colour printers and educational software at all work stations. Students can easily research, communicate and email. Integrated units of learning incorporate interactive whiteboards, digital cameras and technologies to enhance learning. Our 'state of the art' library software provides ready student access to our well resourced library.

FACILITIES

Dagun School is very well resourced in material and fiscal terms. Students enjoy large, open spaces for recreation, a protected rainforest habitat, tennis court and adventure play ground with sun protection. Our outdoor learning area provides a hands-on space where our students gain knowledge and skills to grow fruit and vegetables, permaculture practices, composting, worm farming and caring for chickens. Through efficient waste, water, energy and biodiverse practices, students learn how to maintain a sustainable environment and become globally aware citizens.



BEHAVIOUR

Our small school environment provides a distinct advantage for students to learn to manage their personal behaviours and develop caring interpersonal and communication skills. Our "family" atmosphere provides an environment where older students build good rapport with younger students, assisting them with many endeavours through buddy systems. At Dagun we do not tolerate bullying. Our Behaviour Management Plan encourages and rewards positive behaviour choices which promotes high self-esteem and good citizenship.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

The ethos at Dagun School is to:

- * Nurture every child in a differentiated environment
- * Provide a supportive, caring environment where children value differences
- * Provide diverse, open-ended curriculum to develop life-long learners
- * Commit to high standards of work—strive for excellence
- * Empower students with self-expression and independent thinking
- * Encourage self-reliance, self-respect and respect for others
- * Support long-term health and well being

At Dagun, we provide holistic education by meeting each child's academic and social development in a safe environment with programs that challenge and stimulate through richness of content and practical activities that bring learning to life.