



**BALLARAT
GRAMMAR**

**MOUNT ROWAN CAMPUS
YEAR 4 PROGRAM**



**Mount Rowan makes me feel connected with
the environment more than I ever have before.”**

- Asher



I get to see the piglets, newborn lambs and take care of the chickens.”

- Savanna

Based within 10 minutes drive of the Junior School, our spectacular Mount Rowan Campus boasts a purpose built facility designed to provoke rich learning experiences through exploration and inquiry.

The Year 4 program aims to develop curious, knowledgeable and environmentally aware

learners, who are committed to creating a more sustainable local and global community. The program is underpinned by a shared responsibility for the stewardship of the Mount Rowan campus, throughout their academic year. Utilising the PYP Attributes students develop a sense of ownership as they care for the environment.





YEAR 4 CURRICULUM

Students are immersed in rich learning experiences that have been carefully linked to the Australian Curriculum and the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program. Sustainability and the natural environment are springboards for the explicit teaching of skills in core academic subject areas.

Students in the Ballarat Grammar Junior School have a strong focus on daily Numeracy and Literacy learning. In addition, and also as part of this focus, students in Year 4 study six central ideas during the year. This invites our students to inquire into:

- + **Systems and groups that enable communities to function and flourish**, including the investigation of roles and responsibilities. The Year 4 program involves student clubs, which look after different elements at Mt Rowan of interest to the students.
- + **Investigating ecosystems** that are essential for species survival, and thinking and behaving like scientists
- + The impact of discoveries on people, animals and place, considering **different perspectives and histories**
- + Using nature as inspiration for **creating and investigating** the idea that beauty is interpreted by people's experiences and perspectives
- + **Taking responsible and ethical action**, being informed before making choices, the outcomes involved and their impact on areas of the community
- + **Thriving communities** and how they benefit when people feel connected and contribute.

Each week, students spend four days at the Mount Rowan Campus (transported by the Grammar bus) and one day at the Junior School Campus, where they undertake the majority of their specialist classes, such as Physical Education, Art, Dance & Drama, and Music, along with attending the Years 4 to 6 Chapel service.

To enquire about a place for your child please contact us on 03 5338 0830.

YEAR 4 PROGRAM

With a focus on caring for life this program provides a diverse and rich resource to support student learning;

SELF

- + Emotional, spiritual and physical wellbeing
- + Practising mindfulness
- + Common values and integrity
- + Empathic understanding

COMMUNITY

- + Community partnerships
- + Principled enterprise
- + Supporting local and global initiatives
- + Taking action

ACADEMIC RIGOUR

- + Fostering curiosity
- + Love of learning through a growth mindset
- + Explicit teaching
- + Student-directed inquiry

PADDOCK TO PLATE

- + Food gardens
- + Animal husbandry
- + Preparing and cooking food
- + Celebrating and savouring food

ENVIRONMENT

- + Landcare activities
- + Indigenous and heritage plant propagation
- + Taking action on local and global issues
- + Ethical living

All learning is aligned with the Australian Curriculum and the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program.





Humans need a strong sense of connection with the natural world to maintain wellbeing and a love of life.

- Clarice Lisle - Inaugural Year 4 Co-ordinator



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