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Wakefield Overview

Wakefield School (Est 2002) as part of the State Behaviour Initiative, is located in a semi rural setting in western Lake Macquarie. It provides placement for up to 28 students in the Years 5 to 10 range identified as displaying emotional and behavioural problems in their mainstream school settings. Students maintain enrolment at their home school. Wakefield has a teaching staff of 5 Teachers, 4 School Learning Support officers (SLSO’s) Special and an Administration Manager.

Our aim is to improve learning and behavioural outcomes for students through quality teaching and learning. The school has 4 classes each containing seven students. Each student has an age appropriate Individual Learning Plan which is designed and implemented to meet their social, emotional and academic needs.

Academic

Students are provided with a program which covers all key learning areas. In addition students are able to select from a range of hands on electives including woodcraft, fishing, cooking and gardening.

Social

There is a strong emphasis on communication, social skills and student behaviour. We strive to empower students to make appropriate choices by teaching them problem solving strategies which can be generalized to their local community.

School Facilities.

- 12 seat minibus
- Student kitchen.
- Library.
- Cricket nets, kayaks
- Basketball Court
- Digital cameras, movie camera, computers, Interactive white boards, X-Box and PS2
- Wide range of sporting and other recreational equipment.
- Drum kit, guitars, keyboard and other musical equipment.
- Extensive range of social skills resources.
- Covered Outdoor learning Area

Our Mission Statement

Is to provide a safe, healing, educational environment where students can maximise their learning potential and develop appropriate problem solving and conflict resolution skills.

Activities.

- Digital Camera & computer technology.
- Art and Craft.
- Sports.
- Cycling.
- Fishing
- Gardening.
- Life skills.
- Music.
- Woodcraft.
- Environmental Studies.
- Excursions.
- Bushwalking.

Board games, outdoor chess and other cooperative learning activities.