

Cowandilla Interview – Part 3 extended

Julie: Cowandilla primary is part of an IB MYP group, that's an International Baccalaureate Middle Years' Group and the IB has a number of subjects, a lot like most schools in Australia but we also have the areas of interaction which overlay all the areas that we do. So when students study the International Baccalaureate for example, the area, one of the areas is the environment and that is woven through some of our units of work. And this year in the group of students that we work with the area of interaction, that is the focus, is the environment so it's very topical this year that we are actually talking about climate change and environment. Through that work we will develop a policy and it will be informed by recent policy and research released in England, America and particularly here in Australia. And this year the group of schools that are in the International Baccalaureate Middle Years will be having a conference and the focus of the conference will be the environment so our students are going to present some of the work that they've produced and in particular the video that went off to when the Solar Schools' contest. Yeah.

Cassie: It's great

Julie: And Cowandilla primary is also a sustainable school. Again it's a self nominating process to become a sustainable school so we said we were interested in learning more and we were interested in the way that sustainable schools encourage us to work. In fact a lot of our pictures are through the document so it's great for us to use the models that sustainable schools have put out and using the resources that they have suggested for us. The centre of the sustainable schools processes around culture, developing a culture of really understanding some of the issues involved in being stewards for the earth and working together with kids and parents to bring everybody on board and have it as a you know, bottom up movement, a peoples' movement and in a school that's obviously a kid's movement to making a difference, making a change and making a real difference to our environment.

Cassie: Well thank you for your time and we will make sure that we will acknowledge all the wonderful things that Cowandilla has, is presently involved in.

Julie: You're welcome

Cassie: Thank you all