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New Teachers & ES Staff 2025





Classroom Teachers 2025 New Staff



Laura Kelly Grade 1 Teacher



Lilly Bromidis Grade 1 Teacher



Vanessa Simpfendorfer Grade 2 Teacher



Kate Glew Grade 3 Teacher



Hampton Grade 3 Teacher







Afif Whykes Grade 4 Teacher



Katelin Smith Grade 5 Teacher

Learning Enhancement 2025 New Staff





Mia Brice ES Learning Enhancement Aide



Lily Millington ES Learning Enhancement Aide



Isaac Walton ES Learning Enhancement Aide

Jenny Di Paolo Learning Intervention Teacher

My personal strengths are:

I am adaptable, caring, calm and well-organised.

Some of my interests / hobbies:

Photography, hiking, travelling and baking.

Something I am looking forward to when working at Brighton PS:

Meeting and working with the students, teachers, and broader community at Brighton Primary School. I am also looking forward to fostering and supporting student growth and development



Laura Kelly Grade 1 Teacher

My personal strengths are:

I am a resilient, kind and caring person. I am known for being positive and smiling lots!

Some of my interests / hobbies:

I love trying out new recipes and reading! I love spending time with my three dogs, my best friends and family.

Something I am looking forward to when working at Brighton PS:

I am excited to join the Brighton Primary School community and look forward to connecting with its wonderful students, staff, and families. I look forward to working alongside my new colleagues to support our students as they grow, learn, and reach their full potential!



Lilly Bromidis Grade 1 Teacher

My personal strengths are:

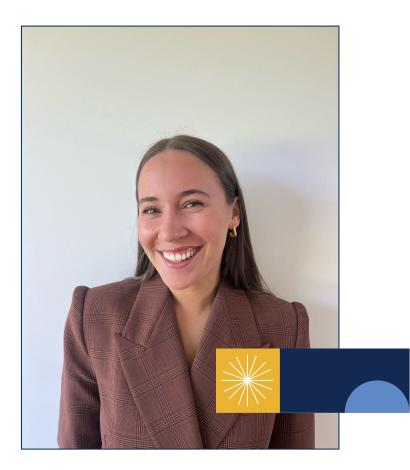
My love of learning, my people skills, and my ability to collaborate with others

Some of my interests / hobbies:

Fashion, pop culture, pilates, and getting out in nature

Something I am looking forward to when working at Brighton PS:

Witnessing the growth and learning of my students, and becoming a part of the school's community



Vanessa Simpfendorfer Grade 2 Teacher

My personal strengths are: I am very adventurous and organised!

Some of my interests / hobbies:

I love the outdoors, camping and gardening.

Something I am looking forward to when working at Brighton PS:

I am looking forward to meeting my class and learning about all my students!



Victoria Hampton Grade 3 Teacher

My personal strengths are:

I am curious, approachable and enjoy working as part of a team.

Some of my interests / hobbies:

I enjoy travelling and having the opportunity to visit new places and countries, I have recently returned from spending 10 months travelling around South and Central America. I also enjoy trying new restaurants around Melbourne, and spending time exploring places in Victoria.

Something I am looking forward to when working at Brighton PS:

I am looking forward to providing the students in my class with a welcoming classroom environment, as well as having the opportunity to get to know the students, staff and families at Brighton Primary School.



Kate Glew Grade 3 Teacher

My personal strengths are:

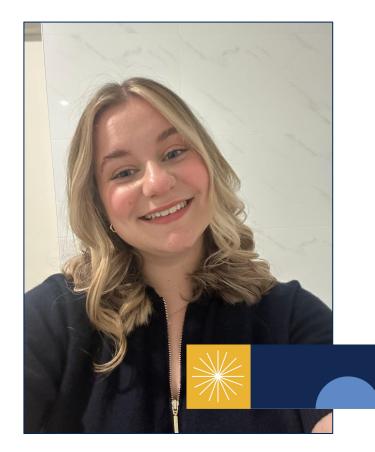
I am organised, creative, empathetic, and people orientated.

Some of my interests / hobbies:

Dancing, reading, baking, going out for dinner, shopping, and going to the ballet and musicals.

Something I am looking forward to when working at Brighton PS:

I look forward to getting to know the Brighton Primary community more, meeting my class, and learning and growing together over the school year.



Afif Whykes Grade 4 Teacher

My personal strengths are:

I'm passionate, open-minded and a fast learner.

Some of my interests / hobbies:

I love storytelling in all its different forms from film and books to Dungeons & Dragons. I also enjoy cooking and am an avid soccer fan.

Something I am looking forward to when working at Brighton PS:

I am excited to meet new people, support my students as best I can, and continue to grow as a teacher.



Adele Sylvester

Grade 4 Teacher

My personal strengths are:

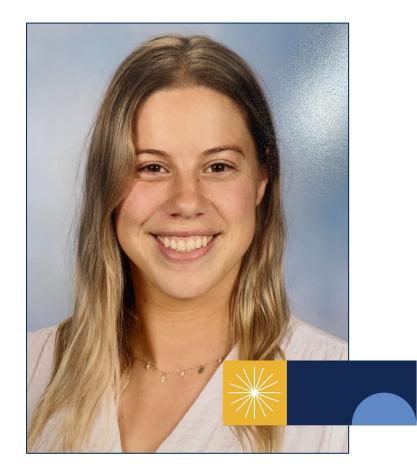
I am energetic, caring and find time to balance the important things in life

Some of my interests / hobbies:

I love snorkelling, stand-up paddle boarding, roller skating, playing basketball and riding my bike

Something I am looking forward to when working at Brighton PS:

I am very much looking forward to building meaningful connections with staff and students at Brighton Primary School



Katelin Smith

Grade 5 Teacher

My personal strengths are:

I am creative, energetic & an empath.

Some of my interests / hobbies:

Pilates, Calisthenics and anything in the outdoors; from camping to hiking & exploring new places.

Something I am looking forward to when working at Brighton PS:

I am looking forward to meeting everyone in the Brighton PS community, growing as an educator and helping my new class be their best selves!



Mia Brice ES Learning Enhancement Aide

My personal strengths are:

I am social and enthusiastic person who loves working with kids.

Some of my interests / hobbies:

I enjoy playing netball, piano and spending time with my young cousins.

Something I am looking forward to when working at Brighton PS:

I look forward to growing deeper connections with the children and staff at BPS.



Megan Kain ES Learning Enhancement Aide

My personal strengths are:

I have a positive outlook and am very patient and encouraging

Some of my interests / hobbies:

Reading, travelling, playing netball and swimming

Something I am looking forward to when working at Brighton PS:

Getting to know and working with students and celebrating their achievements, both big and small. I am also looking forward to collaborating with classroom teachers, fostering an inclusive classroom.



Lily Millington

ES Learning Enhancement Aide

My personal strengths are:

I am friendly, motivated, and positive.

Some of my interests / hobbies:

I love traveling and camping with family and friends, walking my dog Polly, and scrapbooking in my downtime.

Something I am looking forward to when working at Brighton PS:

I'm excited for the opportunity to give back to the amazing school I attended and to get to know all the wonderful students and staff.



Isaac Walton

ES Learning Enhancement Aide

My personal strengths are:

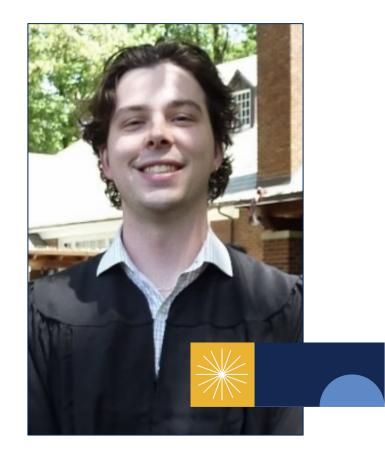
I'm friendly, patient and have a good sense of humour.

Some of my interests / hobbies:

Reading, Watching Movies, Creative Writing, Paying too much attention to politics.

Something I am looking forward to when working at Brighton PS:

Watching students grow and improve over the course of the school year.





Thank You



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