

OUR Environment OUR Environment

At Pialba, we:

Get *TANGLED* in the *WEB* of *LIFE* : Through real-life and life-like experiences, we immerse students to optimise the gaining of the knowledge, skills and understanding of our place in the various environments of our world (Natural, Social, Personal)

DARE* to sail *BEYOND : We support a learning environment that challenges us to look for more and test our limits by regularly asking, 'How can we become better?'. We encourage risk-taking to seek answers and to continually improve each other.

Recognize the landmarks to BLAZE a TRAIL to the FUTURE : Learning from the past & present is valued and then utilised to apply ourselves more energetically to making a better future for ourselves and others. This involves setting achievable goals and implementing the smaller steps that work towards gradual success. The school also prides itself in the quality ICT-information & communication technologies network we have available to support our future thinking.

JOIN the BATTLE of the FITTEST : An environment exists that reinforces the willingness to become involved and join the learning process. It challenges us to improve our habits at work & at play. Team and individual sports are offered with regular training and competition opportunities. Academic and creative competitions are promoted and subsidized. Excellence in music, sport, academia and other areas is supported throughout by the school community eg. (Wakakirri performances, Concert Band, Sports & Health Dev. Class)

BECOME a SURVIVOR : We take every opportunity to stress becoming aware of reasonable risk-taking, and having a willingness to be adaptable so we can better cope with our ever-changing futures. Learning new processes, technologies and problem solving skills by working together to build on each others strengths is a priority. Quality resources and up-to-date skilling are a budget focus so as to help us survive as effective citizens in the future.

At Pialba we:

'Our Environment' continued

Get HOOKED on LEARNING : Our school environment nurtures life-long learning by creating an exciting atmosphere in which to learn skills and processes in a purposeful manner. A gradual move from extrinsic to intrinsic rewards occurs as a student progresses through their school years in an endeavour to instill an on-going love of learning. Having all our members 'Learning how to learn' is a key aim of our school.

SCALE the UPS and DOWNS : Life is not always easy and how we act or react on the third and fourth time indicates the depth of character we have. An environment exists at Pialba that engages us in dealing with the rough terrain of life in a controlled manner in the academic, personal and social spheres.

Take in the SCENERY along the WAY : Reflection points are strategically placed within our learning experiences to allow each of us to reflect on what is happening, what we have learnt and how we might use that learning in the future. Individual review of set goals and the steps taken is encouraged on a monthly basis.

NURTURE each other NATURALLY : A supportive environment where we each consider the feelings, circumstances and attitudes of others, is offered. Through school-wide programs like CALMER & STRONGER, the attributes of supportive citizenship are encouraged. Caring for the environment by being involved in programs like our 'Adopt-a-garden' & 'Bin-it' schemes and our 'Rock & Water' program, promote a more selfless attitude.

CELEBRATE the CATCH : We take every chance to celebrate the opportunities as well as the successes that occur. This is carried out through multiple media, in both a personal and public manner, so as to gain a good understanding of the great things being done by individuals and groups. (Camp medals, Students of the Week, Displays, Notable Person –voted by students etc)

Have FUN among the FIGTREES : Our school community members agree that having FUN doing memorable activities is the basis to gaining good outcomes and therefore this is a focus at our school. Planning sessions revolve around providing experiences that are both fun and educational where-ever possible. Meetings, assemblies and communications deliberately have a relaxed feel, with humour being injected on a regular basis.