

Year 2 Curriculum Information Term 1, 2025

Dear Parents

Welcome back! The class have settled well into the new school year and new routines. They are eager to learn and are a delight to teach.

In NSW all schools are mandated to teach subjects according to the NSW Education and Standards Authority (NESA) learning areas (subjects). There are six learning areas and each is weighted differently according to time spent on the subject. In Primary School, English is allocated the most time followed by Maths. As a Catholic school we also teach Religious Education (RE), following the curriculum of the Broken Bay diocese.

How we learn is just as important as what we learn. With a focus on a Positive Growth Mindset, students are encouraged to build resilience and view challenges as opportunities to grow. Learning intentions are made visible, so everyone understands what is being taught and why. Teachers provide specific feedback to show where students are and guide them on what to do next. There are many opportunities for collaboration, where authentic discussions about learning are encouraged.

Religious Education

Students will continue to 'to know Christ and to grow in faith' through the new Religious Education syllabus. The children will develop their relationship with Jesus through storytelling presentations, reflections and journalling. They will have choice in how they express their understandings through a variety of mediums including purposeful play with physical materials, drawing, sculpting and Grace and Courtesy procedures.

English

In 2024 we continue to use the new K - 2 NSW English syllabus with a lesson structure that highlights foundational literacy skills. The content is structured and sequenced to highlight the connections across *oral language, reading fluency, comprehension, and writing* and underpinned by the latest international research. The organisation of the syllabus supports the development of early literacy knowledge and skills, while continuing to acknowledge the importance of learning about and enjoying literature.

Maths

The new K- 2 Maths syllabus recognises the critical importance of early mathematics skills in the early years of school. Through the study of mathematics, students develop essential concepts and skills and apply them to deepen their understanding of the world. In mathematics K-2, students:

- develop essential numeracy skills and mathematical fluency
- identify, describe and apply patterns and relationships
- develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills
- apply their knowledge and understanding in practical situations and make informed decisions.

History

The Past in the Present - This topic explores local history, focusing on going to school. Students will discover and appreciate the people, events, and places of our local area. They will examine the impact of technology on their daily lives and the effects of changing technology over time. As the children explore these historical concepts, they will develop skills in historical inquiry and communication.

Science and Technology

May the Force Be With You- The unit provides the opportunity for students to explore a variety of forces including pushes and pulls. Through investigations, students observe and gather evidence about how these forces act in air and water, and on the ground. Students identify the effect of the pull of gravity and learn that both air and water can 'push'.

Creative Arts

- Visual Arts- In this unit students learn about drawing and painting using different painting and drawing techniques. Students will investigate artists and artworks and be asked to consider balance and harmony in

their compositions.

- Music- Mr Michael Warby will continue to teach Music with an emphasis on creating and organising sound as well as music appreciation.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education (PDHPE)

- Personal Development and Health- Including Everyone- On Wednesdays, Students will explore the importance of feeling included, led by Mrs Sam Carolan. Strategies and actions they can take to seek support will also be demonstrated.
- Physical Education- On Fridays, students will participate in Physical Education lessons led by our specialist PE teacher, Mrs Nicola Frost. Students have class sport on Tuesdays where the focus is developing positive attitudes towards physical activity through a range of games and sports.

Information and Communications Technology (ICT)

ICT is used as a tool to further develop students' technological skills throughout the entire curriculum and to enhance learning. The safe and responsible use of all ICT is explicitly taught and expected at all times.

Please remember:

- All absences **must** be recorded on Compass.
- Crunch and Sip at 10am each day – FRESH fruit or vegetables and water.
- Library on **Tuesday**.
- Sports uniform to be worn on **Tuesday** and **Friday**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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