

Curriculum Information for Term 1 2025 for Year 4

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 1. I hope that you all had a well-deserved rest over the holiday period. Thank you for sending your child to school well prepared and with all their supplies. Remember to label their clothing and belongings including their hats, jumpers and lunchboxes etc.

Year 4 has settled well into the new school year ahead and we are looking forward to another year of fun and learning!

In NSW all schools are mandated to teach subjects according to the NSW Education and Standards Authority (NES) learning areas (subjects). There are six learning areas. [This link gives information to parents about the 6 learning areas](#). Each learning area is weighted differently according to time spent on the subject. In Primary school English is allocated the most time followed by maths. In English all skills are taught daily around texts and writing genres. In other subjects there is often a title to a unit of work to be covered for several weeks or the whole term. As a Catholic school we also teach Religious Education (RE), following the curriculum of the Broken Bay diocese.

Religious Education - Reconciliation - Living in a forgiving Community

In this module, students will explore the human experiences of forgiving and being forgiven. The module introduces students to the Sacrament of Penance where we celebrate our reconciliation with God and one another. *This module is designed to support the Parish Sacramental Program for First Reconciliation. (Please attend Parish weekend masses to know more).*



In 2025 we will continue to use the new Y3 - 6 NSW **English** syllabus with a lesson structure that highlights the connections between understanding texts and creating texts. The content is structured and sequenced to highlight the connections across **oral language & communication, vocabulary, reading fluency, reading comprehension, creating written texts, spelling, handwriting and digital transcription and understanding and responding to literature**. The syllabus and units of work are underpinned by the latest international research.

During Term 1 Year 4 will be focussing on the topics of **Narrative** and **Genre** throughout all aspects of English. Our Focus texts will be the novel "The Thing about Oliver" by Deborah Kelly and 2 factual books "Deadly Science" and "Meanwhile Back on Earth" with the topic of the solar system.

The **Maths** syllabus for Years 3 -6 recognises the critical importance of developing an increasingly sophisticated understanding of mathematical concepts, and fluency with mathematical processes, to help students interpret and solve problems. Through the study of mathematics, students develop essential concepts and skills and apply them to deepen their understanding of the world. In years 3-6, students:

- *develop essential numeracy skills and mathematical fluency, while nurturing the ability to think logically, critically and creatively.*
- *identify, describe and apply patterns and relationships.*
- *develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills to solve routine and non-routine problems.*
- *apply their knowledge and understanding in practical situations and make informed decisions.*

Term 1 units of work for maths will include **place-value, additive relations, geometric measures,**

fractions and data.

Science & Technology - Data and Digital Systems (Digital Technologies)

This unit focuses on digital systems and how they transmit data. Students explore different types of data and learn how to interpret patterns and develop skills in visual programming. Students will further develop their knowledge and understanding of computational thinking and abstraction.



Creative Arts-

Visual Arts activities are based on themes throughout the curriculum including our English focus Texts as well as other events that occur during the Term. During Term 1 we will be exploring the forms of drawing, painting and digital forms through the subject matter of objects.

Music, Dance and Drama: There will be music lessons led by a specialist music teacher, Mr Warby. Drama and Dance activities are also integrated into daily topics allowing the students to express themselves through movement.



PDHPE-Our unit is "**Coping with Challenges**". Students will explore the range of challenges they may be presented with and will recognise how being persistent builds resilience. They will investigate a range of responses and strategies to deal with challenges and different situations to build capacity to respond appropriately in the future. This year, Mrs Sam Carolan will teach PDH on Wednesdays.

PE -Each week we will have 2 lessons of P.E; "Class Sport" and a P.E. lesson led by our specialist teacher Mrs Frost. We will be taking part in Basketball clinics during class sport this term

Year 4 weekly routine

Monday - Homework set

Tuesday - Class Sport (Wear sports uniform)

Thursday- Library & Class Sport (Please bring your library bag)

Thursday- School assembly-Every 2nd week (even weeks)

Friday - Homework handed in

Music with Mr Warby

PE with Mrs Frost (Wear sports uniform)

Canteen

Our school canteen is usually open on a Monday and a Friday. Please order via the app.

Communication

If you wish to contact me, please email alison.jarman@dbb.catholic.edu.au or call the School Office to arrange an appointment.