

## Stage 3 - Curriculum Overview Term 1 2021

Welcome to Stage 3, Term 1. We hope you have had a relaxing break and are now ready for a great term ahead.

### Religious Education

The following units will be taught:

- Leading as a Disciple of Jesus Within the Brigidine Tradition
- Sacraments of Service
- Lent to Easter

### English

Reading & Writing: The text types of Imaginative - Narrative and Informative - Persuasive will be focused on this term. Reading skills, including comprehension and critical thinking, will be taught by exploring a range of factual and literary texts as a class and as part of smaller instructional groups.

Spelling: will be explicitly taught as part of the reading and writing program. A variety of spelling activities will be undertaken during the literacy block and as part of homework. Spelling is differentiated and children are assigned lists based on their needs.

Speaking and listening skills: will be taught specifically through class discussions and presentation of research across the different KLA's. Students will also be introduced to debating and will participate in multiple debates over Term 1 and Term 2.

Handwriting: It is **expected** that students use foundation cursive handwriting in Stage 3 across all KLA's. It is practiced using the text book both in class and sometimes for homework.

### Mathematics

This term there will be a focus on mental computation strategies for multiplication and division, addition and subtraction, further development of conceptual understanding of mathematics, and general number facts. We will also be focusing on Time, Area, 2D space, 3D space, Patterns & Algebra and Problem Solving.

The children are learning how to code on the computer. **Students must have a set of headphones/earphones with them to be able to take part.**

### Science and Technology

Our unit this term is 'Light it Up' and will involve investigation of electrical circuits, materials and their properties.

### Creative Arts

"Silhouettes in Art" - The students will be exploring how different artists represent silhouettes using a variety of mediums.

Music and Drama will be taught by Mrs Forster, on Mondays.

### Italian

Mrs Tassone will teach Italian to the seniors on Thursday.

### PDH

**Year 6** - Growing and Changing

**Year 5** - Cyber Bullying

Positive Behaviours for Learning, The Zones of Regulation, The Leader In Me and the 7 Habits will be taught and integrated in other Key Learning Areas.

Mr Nosti will facilitate specialist PE lessons on Mondays and the students will attend Sports Pro lessons (gymnastics) on Wednesdays.

### Weekly Calendar

Event	Stage 3
Library	<i>Borrowing Wednesday</i>
Music/Drama	<i>Monday</i>
PE	<i>Monday</i>
Sports Pro - Gym	<i>Wednesday</i>
Italian	<i>Thursday</i>
Home Learning	<i>Due each Thursday and sent home each Thursday</i>
Sports Uniform	<i>Monday PE, Wednesday (Gymnastics)</i>

### Home Learning

Students will be given home learning tasks on a Thursday, which will be due back the following Thursday, unless otherwise stated. Students are expected to read for approx. 20 minutes each night (try to read aloud at least once a week), over a minimum of 5 nights. Reading must be recorded in their diary and this must be signed by a parent. Other home learning tasks will be **practice or revision** of topics taught in class. It may include word study, a Literacy task, a Maths task or a research task related to a class topic. Spelling list words must be learned and will be tested during class. Finishing off any unfinished classwork is an expected part of being in Senior School.

Home Learning will be available on Google Classroom, which can be accessed at home as well as school. Parents will be required to sign their child's diary on the night before home learning is due, to endorse that all home learning has been completed. Please send a note in your child's diary if he/she has not completed any part of the home learning by the due date.

Students will be required to complete and submit tasks online using the Google suite. It is therefore expected that they will have home access to a computer/laptop. Please do not hesitate to further discuss any issues which may arise from this expectation.

Just a reminder that the roll is a legal document and if your child is absent for any part of the school day you must enter it into Compass or a note/email sent in outlining the reason for the absence.

Students must have a hat every day.

Students are supplied with stationery items at the beginning of the year. They must come to school every day armed with a fully stocked pencil case - glue stick, blue and red pens, HB pencil, scissors and a 30cm ruler.

We look forward to another fantastic year at Holy Family.

Maree Board, Liz Maund and Melissa Overton