

Curriculum Information for Term 1 2026 for Year 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 1 of Year 1. This Year, Year 1 will be taught by Cassie Cook on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and by Sam Carolan on Thursdays. Below is a brief overview of the learning that will be done in each of the Key Learning Areas. You may wish to use this information to spark conversations with your child regarding what they are learning in school.

The focus of the **Religious Education** syllabus is to "To know Christ and to grow in faith." The children will get to know Christ through presentations, free expression and journaling. Free expression will look different for each child, they can choose to express their feelings and understandings through purposeful play with physical materials, drawing, sculpting, Grace and Courtesy procedures etc.

The aim of **English** is to understand and use language effectively for a range of purposes. The K-2 Syllabus has a strong focus on phonics and explicitly learning the building blocks of the English language so the children can apply them to become effective readers, writers and communicators. We will be reading decodable texts in small groups which offer the children an opportunity to learn and practice targeted phonemes. We will also be reading a variety of rich texts to build children's vocabularies and understanding of grammar and language features.

The **Mathematics** syllabus has a focus on viewing Mathematics as a creative subject where children apply their developing understandings in creative ways to solve a range of problems. Maths lessons will involve practical, engaging and relevant activities which build the children's confidence and understanding of Mathematics in the real world.

In Geography, we learn about the features of places and how local places change over time. We will learn about natural and built places and the geography of the place we live.

This term we will be doing a **Science and Technology** unit titled 'Move around us.' This unit allows students to develop their understanding of forces and how we use push and pull forces in the world around us. Students will learn and incorporate STEM skills throughout the term.

In **Visual Arts** children will have an opportunity to experiment with a range of visual media including paint, oil pastel, pencils etc. Students will learn about and practise Creative Arts such as music, dance and drama on Tuesday with Mrs Paul.

The Term 1 **Personal Development and Health** unit is titled 'Positive Relationships.' In this unit of work students will identify relationships they have with significant individuals and groups of people and why they are important. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture will be explored including kinship, storytelling and bush tucker. We have class sport on Wednesdays and **PE** lessons led by Mrs Frost on Fridays.

Home Learning will be given out on a Monday (or Tuesday sometimes) and returned on a MONDAY. Students are encouraged to keep reading over the weekend using rich literature from home or local library.

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