

## Curriculum Information for Term 1 2026 for Year 3

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Term 1. 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 3 has settled well into the new school year ahead and we are looking forward to a year of fun-filled learning as we begin Stage 2 and become more independent learners!

Our Year 3 **Religion** curriculum continues the story-telling principles developed in ES1 and Stage 1. It also follows a learning cycle using, "Engage, Encounter, Celebrate, Respond" for each unit of work. In the Term 1 unit "Jesus the Teacher and Healer", students explore the importance of Jesus' ministry of teaching and healing. Through Scripture, they explore stories where Jesus taught people how to live their lives modelled on his example.



### English

This term, students will be focusing on the topics of *Narrative* and *Genre* throughout all aspects of English, including oral language & communication, vocabulary, reading fluency and reading comprehension. Our focus texts will be the texts 'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl, 'Iceberg' by Claire Saxby and 'Earth's Incredible Oceans' by Jess French.

### Maths

Students will continue to develop essential numeracy skills and mathematical fluency, while nurturing the ability to think logically, critically and creatively. They will identify, describe and apply patterns and relationships and develop their reasoning and problem-solving skills to solve routine and non-routine problems. Students will apply their knowledge and understanding in practical situations and make informed decisions. This term the units of work will include place-value, additive relations, geometric measures, fractions and data.

### Science- Heat

In this unit, students will learn to focus on identifying sources of heat energy which can be generated from different sources. They will recognise that heat energy can be transferred from warmer to cooler objects by conduction, convection and radiation. Students will pose questions and conduct fair tests to compare how different materials absorb or reflect heat energy.



### History- Contributions to Community

This unit guides students through an exploration of what makes up Australian communities, both past and present, including First Nations perspectives. Starting with what defines a community, students progress to understanding diversity, rules, and responsibilities within communities, while developing their own sense of citizenship and belonging. Students develop critical thinking skills about community membership, gain appreciation for diverse perspectives, and understand their role in contributing to positive community development. History will be taught by Mrs Carolan.

### **Creative Arts-**

**Visual Art** activities are based on the English, Science and RE units as well as other themes that occur during the coming weeks. During Term 1 we will be exploring the forms of drawing and painting through the subject matter of objects.

**Music** lessons will be led by Mrs Paul. This term, Drama and Dance activities are integrated into daily topics allowing the students to express themselves through movement.



**PDHPE-** Our unit is "**We're All Different**". Students will recognise how empathy and respect promotes inclusion by exploring cultural diversity including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People. They will identify the influence of peers, family and their community when forming their own ideas on significant issues such as appreciating and celebrating differences.

**PE** -Each week we will have 2 lessons of P.E; a P.E. lesson led by our specialist teacher Mrs Frost and Class Sport that includes an AFL clinic this term.

### **Year 3 weekly routine**

**Monday** - Homework set (even weeks), Class Sport (Wear sports uniform)

**Tuesday**- Library (Please bring your library bag)

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

**Friday** - Homework handed in (odd weeks)

PE with Mrs Frost (Wear sports uniform)

### **Communication**

If you wish to contact me, please email [chloe.murray2@dbb.catholic.edu.au](mailto:chloe.murray2@dbb.catholic.edu.au) or call the School Office to arrange an appointment.