

Enquiry Booklet

Our Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum provides a framework for our teaching and learning. It outlines the key elements of what young Australians should learn as they progress through their primary schooling and into high school.

Curriculum Areas:

- Religion
- English
- Mathematics
- HASS (History, Social Studies & Geography)
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics)
- Languages (Italian)
- The Arts (Music, Art, Drama)
- Health & Physical Education



Religious Education

Religious Education and Made in the Image of God, enables students to have a meaningful and positive encounter with the Catholic Tradition, supporting the integration of faith, life and culture. They strive to deepen understanding and relationship with God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

English

English includes listening, reading, viewing, speaking and writing. Literacy is the ability to understand and to use language in appropriate spoken, written and visual forms for different contexts, purposes and audiences. Students are exposed to a broad range of literature including novels, poetry, plays, films, picture books, short stories and magazines.

Mathematics

Our focus is on developing mathematical proficiencies in understanding, reasoning, fluency and problem solving skills, as well as helping students to develop the ability to creatively apply their understanding in efficient ways. The Australian Curriculum content strands for Mathematics are Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability.

Science

Students study physical sciences, chemical sciences, biological sciences and Earth and space sciences.



Educational Programs



The Arts

The Arts include music, dance, drama, media and visual arts. In all areas, students learn to discuss the art form and to express opinions about it...

The Visual Arts Program allows students to explore their ideas through a variety of art forms, developing experience in the areas of drawing, painting, sculpture, collage, textiles, puppetry, construction, mixed media, poster and theatre art.

HASS

The History, Social Studies and Geography (HASS) studies area aims to develop in all students a knowledge and appreciation of societies, locally, nationally and globally; of changing environments and systems; and of interactions between environments and societies. Students will also learn about cultural diversity, and the different perspectives people have, and the emerging forms of new knowledge, technologies and demographic patterns in the world.

STEM

St. Catherine's School is embracing STEM education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). We combine these aspects of learning to allow students to use a range of skills and creativity to help them explore their worlds and answer questions about how and why things work the way they do. These opportunities are allowing our students to engage and make positive connections.



Languages—Italian

Students learn a language and the appreciation of its culture through active and practical involvement in its use. Through such activities they integrate the four skills of listening, speaking, reading and writing.



Health and Physical Education

Health is taught through the strands of Personal, Social and Community Health. It teaches students how to enhance their own and others' health, safety and wellbeing in varied and changing contexts.

At St Catherine's, Physical Education is about inclusion and fun, but it's also about challenge and developing healthy habits that will last a lifetime.

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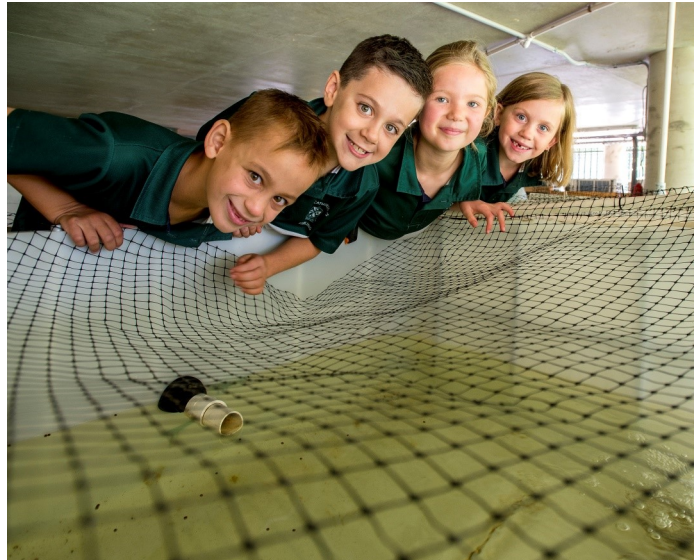
General Capabilities

The Australian Curriculum includes seven general capabilities.

They are:....

- Literacy
- Numeracy
- Information and Technology Capability
- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Personal and Social Capability
- Ethical Understanding
- Intercultural Understanding

These capabilities encompass knowledge, skills, behaviours and dispositions and are interwoven through the learning areas.



Cross - Curriculum Priorities

Three priorities have been identified as the key areas that need to be addressed for the benefit of individuals and Australia as a whole.

In the Australian Curriculum, the priorities are:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures
- Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia
- Sustainability

These priorities are designed to give students the tools and language to engage with and better understand their world at a range of levels. Like the General Capabilities, they are delivered to students through the learning Areas.



School Life

Beyond the Classroom

The school is involved in numerous extra activities that provide an extension to the learning environment.

Examples include:

- School Choir that participates in the Catholic Schools Music Festival and various parish and community events
- Inter school sporting carnivals; swimming, athletics, cross country, netball
- Camp and aquatics sessions for middle years class
- Whole school swimming lessons
- Student forums
- Community projects
- Reflection and leadership days
- Arts Festival
- Curriculum related activities such as Book Week, Carnevale (an Italian Festival)
- Bandanna Day, Catholic Charities, Student Fair
- Instrumental music program



Our Wetlands

In 2003, construction began on a large wetlands area within the school grounds. As we are situated within the Onkaparinga catchment area, we wanted to ensure that storm water running off our grounds, would be cleaned prior to entering the river system.

A system of pipes and drains transports water to a rock filled channel that acts to slow the flow and remove larger particles. From there it travels through a series of three ponds. These have been planted with sedges (*Cyperus Vaginatus*), which very effectively filter the runoff and remove pollutants.

Eventually, the water drains into a natural watercourse leading into the Onkaparinga River and eventually, the sea.



School Times

8.50am	School Begins
11.05 - 11.30am	Morning Recess
12.50-1.00pm	Lunch Eating
1.00-1.40pm	Lunch Play
3.05pm	School Finishes

Out of School Hours Care

Before School Care - 7.00am - 8.30am

After School Care - 3.05pm - 6.30pm

We are proud to partner with Camp Australia to provide our outside school hours care program. To find out more about the program at our school, including hours of operation, fees and how to go to <https://www.campaustralia.com.au/>

