

Curriculum Framework

PURPOSE

The purpose of this framework is to outline Kingsbury Primary School's organisation, implementation and review of curriculum and teaching practices and to ensure that, taken as a whole, all eight learning areas are substantially addressed, unless an exemption applies.

The framework shows, at a high level, how the school will deliver its curriculum, how the curriculum and teaching practice will be reviewed, how we assess student learning, how we record and monitor of student performance, and when and how we report to parents.

This curriculum framework should be read alongside our whole school curriculum plans.

OVERVIEW

Kingsbury Primary School provides all students with a planned and structured curriculum to equip them with the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to complete their schooling and to make a successful transition from school to work, training or further education.

Kingsbury Primary School is committed to offering a comprehensive curriculum based on the <u>Victorian Curriculum F-10</u>. The key points in this framework, and in line with the <u>F-10 Revised Curriculum Planning and Reporting Guidelines</u>, are a commitment to:

- A defined curriculum content is the basis for student learning
- Curriculum planning that is based on two-year bands of schooling rather than each year level
- Developing and publishing a separate whole-school curriculum plan that documents our teaching and learning program
- Reporting student learning against the achievement standards in the curriculum
- Reporting student learning to students and parents in line with the Department's Reporting Student

 Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10 policy.
- Complying with Departmental policies relating to curriculum provision, including:
 - o <u>Physical and Sport Education Delivery Outcomes</u>
 - o Languages Education
 - Holocaust Education Delivery Requirements

Kingsbury Primary School aims to provides lifelong learning by providing an inclusive, supportive and nurturing community in which diversity is valued and celebrated. Our innovative curriculum and culture of excellence creates a stimulating learning environment that engages and challenges students to achieve personal success and make positive contributions to society. Our school encourages students to strive for excellence in all their endeavours. Our broad curriculum is planned and taught sequentially and allows students to have some ownership in all aspects of their learning. It is designed to develop thinking and social skills, foster engagement with the wider community and include use of a wide variety of technology to assist in student learning.

IMPLEMENTATION

Kingsbury Primary School implements its curriculum as follows

- All students undertake year-long programs in English, Mathematics and Physical Education, Visual Arts, Performing Arts and Indonesian
- All students undertake all Science and Humanities disciplines as part of Integrated Studies

At Kingsbury Primary School, class time is structured into a weekly timetable, with 5 hours of learning per day, broken into 5 – 60 minute sessions.

1. Pedagogy

The pedagogical approach at Kingsbury Primary School is based on the E5 model and in terms of structure . each lesson has a learning Intention which is articulated as an 'I Can Statement" There is a Whole Class focus during which new content is delivered through explicit teaching. Students then break and complete independent learnings tasks and conclude the lesson with a plenary session.

High Impact Teaching Strategies are woven through the planning and delivery phases. Our aim is to meet the students at their point of need, so planning for differentiated learning is our major focus. Staff receive feedback from our Learning Specialist based on Instructional Rounds which are completed on a Termly basis.

Assessment

Kingsbury Primary School assesses student progress in line with the Department's <u>Assessment of Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10</u> policy.

Students at Kingsbury Primary School will have multiple and varied opportunities to demonstrate learning and achievement. Teachers use assessment tasks that cover multiple curriculum levels to ensure that evidence of learning and growth is captured for every student.

- Teachers at Kingsbury Primary School use a combination of formative assessment for learning (to focus feedback and guide future learning) and summative assessment of learning (to determine what the student has learned at the end of a sequence of learning), alongside student self-assessment and reflection.
- Assessment is used in an ongoing way, to guide future lessons and learning, as well as to keep students and parents informed of student progress.
- Teachers will use a variety of assessment strategies to gather evidence about student achievement. The assessments may include, but are not limited to, tests and assignments, projects, portfolios, performances, discussions or student-teacher conferences.
- Assessment tasks are developed to support students to show their knowledge, skills and understandings and will include clear instructions, relevant supporting documents (scaffolds, planning documents, etc) and allow sufficient time for completion. Teachers will make modifications to the task to cater for students with additional learning needs.
- Kingsbury Primary School will develop Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students who are part of the Program for Students with a Disability (PSD), Koorie students and students in 'Out of Home' care, in consultation with students, parents and where appropriate, with outside agencies.
- Teachers will assess the achievements of students with disabilities and impairments in the context of the Victorian Curriculum and the 'Towards Foundation Level Victorian Curriculum' where applicable.
- The English language proficiency of English as Additional Language EAL students will be assessed using the Victorian Curriculum F-10 EAL.

2. Reporting

Kingsbury Primary School reports student progress to parents in line with the Department's Reporting Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10 policy. In addition, Kingsbury Primary School ensures that there is continuous sharing of assessment information formally and informally with parents/carers throughout the term/semester, including through twice-annual formal reporting.

At Kingsbury Primary School progress reports are issued to parents in both terms 2 and 4. Parent/Teacher interviews are conducted in terms 1 and 2 where parents are invited to discuss their child's progress by making an appointment with their teacher

The progress report will be in a written format easy for parents/carers to understand and will be accessible in digital form with the option to translate text from English to another language, to cater to our school community.

- Kingsbury Primary School will report directly against the Victorian <u>Curriculum F-10 achievement</u> <u>standards</u>.
- Both student achievement and progress will be included in the report.
- An age-related five-point scale, where the quality of a student's achievement against what is 'expected'
 for students of that year level at the time of reporting, will be used for reporting against the achievement
 standards
- Opportunities will be provided for parents/carers and students to discuss the school report with teachers and/or school leaders.

Parent-teacher interviews, conducted twice-yearly, enable the opportunity to discuss the students' progress and how they can continue to be supported at home. Interpreting services will be made available where required.

3. Curriculum and teaching practice review

School curriculum and teaching practice is reviewed against the <u>Framework for Improving of Student Outcomes</u> (<u>FISO 2.0</u>). FISO and the FISO improvement cycle help identify focus areas for improvement and to evaluate the impact of introduced initiatives.

Review of school curriculum

Layer of review/planning	Process and data used	Responsibility	Timeframe
Whole school	Senior Leaders conduct reviews based on macro data sets such as Teacher Judgement or NAPLAN. Key Areas of strength are identified as well as areas for Professional Learning	Senior Leaders	Six Monthly
Year levels	Planning session (usually held in the last week of term) for staff to plan forward. Student Data and Victorian Curriculum documents underpin this work. Students are identified at this stage for Tutoring ,Extension or Intervention	Senior Leaders	Termly
Units and lessons	Weekly Planning for Student Learning (PLC) meetings. Student Learning Data related to Curriculum Focus	PLC Leaders	Weekly

Review of teaching practice

- Professional Learning Communities, link the learning needs of students with the professional learning and practice of teachers and provide an opportunity for teachers to collaboratively evaluate the effect of high impact teaching strategies.
- Instructional Rounds provide teachers with feedback against the HITS strategy and inform the PL program at the Year Level and Whole School Level

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our staff in the following ways:

- Provided to staff at induction and included in staff handbook/manual
- Discussed at staff meetings/briefings as required

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies on the Department's Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):

- Curriculum Programs Foundation to 10
- Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO 2.0)
- Assessment of Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10
- Digital Learning in Schools
- Students with Disability
- Koorie Education
- Languages Education
- Physical and Sport Education Delivery Requirements
- Holocaust Education
- Reporting Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10
- Sexuality and Consent Education
- School Hours (including variation to hours)

This policy should be read alongside:

- Whole school curriculum plan
- Year level Planning documents
- Lesson Plans

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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