



NATHALIA SECONDARY COLLEGE

CURRICULUM POLICY

Purpose

- To optimise student learning through the implementation of the Australian Curriculum across each learning area from Foundation to Year 10 in a manner consistent with departmental requirements and locally identified needs. To implement a senior program that includes VCE, VCAL and VET.

Guidelines

- Implement the Australian Curriculum in year 7 -10 across all domains to provide all students with a sequential curriculum framework that guides their learning, as well providing measures of learning achievement that allow students, teachers and parents the opportunity to assess student performance against expected achievement standards.
- To provide pathways for our students in VCE, VCAL and VET programs utilizing partnerships with SMOTA and St Augustines

Implementation

- Our school is committed to the successful implementation of each of the Australian Curriculum learning areas from Foundation to Year 10.
- The curriculum committee will report proposed changes to the school council and they will be discussed at council before approval.
- A senior staff member will be allocated the responsibility to lead a team in the development and implementation of a strategic plan for the integration of the Australian Curriculum from Foundation to Year 10 and senior school as well as other curriculum issues as they arise.
- In doing so, all Department of Education timelines and reporting requirements will be met.
- Whole school professional development opportunities will be provided, as well as personal professional development plans developed that cater for the Australian Curriculum understanding and implementation needs of each staff member. This will form part of a performance plan.
- The College community will be kept well informed of the curriculum updates, changes and implementations through regular bulletin articles in the newsletter and SIMON.
- Our strategic plan will incorporate audits of existing curriculum areas against the Australian Curriculum and will require faculties to work closely together to achieve consistency with curriculum implementation.
- All teachers are required to work with their respective teams, sections or faculties to contribute to the development and implementation of



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guaranteed and viable Australian Curriculum/senior curriculum based courses for all students, and to implement student needs based lessons using agreed planning templates, assessment tools and lesson structures.

- Student achievement will be measured and reported to students, parents, Department of Education and the wider community against the Australian Curriculum achievement standards, in each of the learning areas.
- All staff will participate in the collection of student achievement data, and all staff will have input into school decisions resulting from interpretations of student achievement data.
- Implementation of the Australian Curriculum and senior class performance will be a key performance indicator of each staff member's annual performance review.
- School council will provide adequate resources for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum and associated professional development etc.

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