

CURRICULUM AT MARYMEDE CATHOLIC COLLEGE

PREP – YEAR 2: LAYING THE FOUNDATIONS:

Aiming to give students a secure, stable transition to school in which they establish confident relationships with their core teachers and a strong foundation of knowledge, skills and behaviours in English, Mathematics, Integrated Inquiry (units are constructed which covers other discipline areas, interdisciplinary, physical, personal and social learning) Health and Physical Education, and Religious Education.

Students have Specialist lessons in Arts (Visual and Performing) and Italian. From 2017, students will also have fortnightly sessions of the Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) which assists students' development in key areas of: *balance; spatial awareness; body image and control; eye/hand co-ordination; directionality; language and problem solving.*

YEAR 3 – YEAR 4: DEEPENING THE LEARNING:

Focusing on deepening the learning across the curriculum, in particular - the areas of 'STEM' (Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics) and in Physical, Social and Emotional Learning. Students continue their studies in English, Integrated Inquiry and Religious Education. Higher teacher student ratios in Mathematics allow students to participate in targeted learning groups in Numeracy to ensure they are working at their optimum point of learning in Mathematics. They work with Year Level Specialists for lessons in Science & Technology, Social & Emotional Learning, and Health & PE. Students participate in Specialist lessons in Information Literacy to equip them with the skills to navigate and discern online resources and continue Specialist lessons in Specialist lessons in Arts (Visual and Performing) and Italian.

YEAR 5 – YEAR 6: EXPANDING DEEP LEARNING:

Students in upper primary years benefit from their access to secondary school facilities and expertise, introducing the best of secondary experiences to the final years of primary education. In addition to ongoing connections with their core teacher in English, Integrated Inquiry, Health & Physical Education and Religious Education, there are also continued opportunities for targeted learning in Mathematics allowing for access to extension or intervention programs. Student options expand dramatically and they work, in many cases, with specialist secondary teaching staff in programs developed to support the development of foundational skills and understandings which are carried through to Year 12.

Amongst the 2017 offerings, Year 5 and 6 students will have the opportunity for experiences in *Food Technology, Product Design (Wood), Digital Technology, Media, Science Immersions, Japanese Immersions, an expanded Italian Language Program, Dance/Drama and our renowned Musical Futures program.*

For further information regarding the Primary School Curriculum please contact the College on 9407-9000

