

POLICY: LEARNING AND TEACHING



PURPOSE:

The purpose of education is to develop young people who can prosper in a modern, globalised world. The school community of Brentwood Park Primary School is committed to the needs of the children fostering self-esteem, enabling them to work towards achieving continuous growth.

AIMS:

- To encourage children to strive towards the achievement of their personal best
- To provide a positive and challenging learning environment which supports improved learning for all children
- To recognise and understand that learning is developmental and cater for children's individual needs within daily learning programs
- To provide a learning environment and opportunities for children to be responsible and independent learners
- To develop children's skills and attitudes as risk takers, by asking questions and seeking answers
- To implement learning and teaching programs which provide children with authentic learning experiences

IMPLEMENTATION:

The school curriculum reflects quality learning and teaching programs that:

- focus on the development of the whole child - socially, physically, emotionally and intellectually
- are based on agreed whole school approaches outlined in the school policies and curriculum scope and sequence documents.
- are driven by the Curriculum and Professional Learning Leaders moderating and monitoring policies and programs and advising colleagues to ensure policy is put into practice
- reflect the Principles of Learning and Teaching P-12 and e5 strategies
- are well planned, both termly and weekly, based on Victorian Curriculum standards
- draw upon the expertise of teachers by forming Professional Learning Teams to develop and implement the curriculum
- use of technologies to enhance learning
- are differentiated with explicit learning intentions and instructions
- involve learning tasks that are matched to the student's abilities and there is provision for challenge, repetition and extension
- are active and engaging, with a hands on approach
- have a strong Literacy and Numeracy foundation, with planning completed by Professional Learning Teams
- integrates the Victorian Curriculum subjects and cross-curricular priorities through the 'Throughlines' of Investigative Learning (Foundation and Year One) and Inquiry Learning (Foundation to Year 6)
- use a range of teaching strategies suited to the learning objective
- include open ended learning situations
- involve children in applying problem solving skills

Supportive documentation:

English and Mathematics Policies

English and Mathematics Planners
Investigative and Inquiry Planners
Number Scope and Sequence
Spelling Scope and Sequence
Science Scope and Sequence
ICT Scope and Sequence
Writing Assessment Rubric
Grammar Scope and Sequence
Principles of Learning and Teaching P–12
e5 strategies
Student Engagement Policy

The classroom program and school environment will:

- value the students efforts and individuality
- be purposeful, interesting and positive
- provide resources that are easily accessible through good classroom organisation
- encourage active participation and a confident attitude toward learning
- promote respect of peers, teachers and other adults in the school community
- promote high expectation and constructive criticism, allowing for positive growth
- develop responsibility and encourage students to become involved in the Student Representative Council and other leadership roles
- encourage risk taking
- develop the ability to negotiate
- allow children to communicate about their learning
- build self-esteem and provide praise, within the school environment
- promote co-operative learning
- display children's work of a high quality in the classroom and the school for the school community to appreciate and admire
- promote strong links between home and school and the importance of parental involvement in the children's learning is valued
- provide ongoing communication
- welcome and encourage parents to help in the classrooms and /or around school

Supportive documentation:

Website
BPPS App
Chinese and Class Blogs
Special Event Notices
Student Code of Conduct
PLT Newsletters
School Newsletter
Stars of the Week

Ongoing assessment and evaluation will:

- be based on a variety of methods to assess children's understandings at various points in their learning, including open ended questioning, checklists, inquiry learning work, problems, practical reports, role plays and the B.P.P.S Benchmarking Assessment requirements
- include involvement in, statewide standardized testing processes, such as NAPLAN

- incorporate Individual Learning Plans for children on a needs basis
- involve work being marked regularly to the learning intention and suggestions for improvement
- involve students redrafting work in collaboration with the teacher
- incorporate regular homework, as per policy, with prompt feedback for the children
- provide children with regular opportunities for self -assessment
- be meaningful and be reflective of the learning outcomes
- enhance the teaching approach and enable teachers to reflect on current best teaching practices
- inform future quality learning and teaching programs
- enable parents, teachers and children to work together to support and assist programs
- provide induction for new staff
- allow time in Professional Learning and Curriculum and Support Team meetings to discuss, evaluate and review the curriculum, how it is delivered and how it fits the needs of the children

Supportive Documentation and Software:

B.P.P.S Benchmarking Assessment Schedule
Accelerus Software
Assessment Policy
Homework Policy
NAPLAN

EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed as necessary.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL:

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