



Mackillop College

Policy: Curriculum

Introduction

At MacKillop College our curriculum involves the learning experiences intended to achieve our educational aims. It attempts to encompass everything that happens in a school and is in that sense inextricably linked with pastoral care of students and staff.

‘A Catholic Curriculum (is one which) assists young people to engage constructively with the wisdom and faith of the community in a way which is meaningful to them, living as they do, in a particular cultural and historical setting, with the life chances this setting has to offer, and the constraints that it imposes on them in establishing their identity as individuals and members of the community’. - (D’Orsa & D’Orsa 2012)

The curriculum is all the learning opportunities offered and experiences encountered by learners. It expresses an educative vision of the learning community.

Our curriculum is designed to engage students in the contemporary world leading students to develop deep understandings about themselves, others and the wider community.

Principles

Curriculum at MacKillop College is committed to:

- being faithful to the mission, traditions and values of the Catholic Church
- engendering the charism of Saint Mary of the Cross
- reflecting what is valued and important through specific knowledge, skills and understandings
- providing an inclusive curriculum that endeavours to ensure equity, opportunity and accessibility for all

Objectives

MacKillop College is committed to:

- delivering the College’s curriculum in all its capacity
- maintaining a professional knowledge and understanding of contemporary curriculum
- reviewing and developing curriculum
- engaging in a whole school approach
- supporting the educational goals of the College
- operating within the CEOM, state and federal guidelines and expectations when delivering the intended curriculum

Implementation

i) Principal commitment

The Principal is responsible for ensuring that:

- the objectives of this policy are integrated into practice
- opportunities exist for effective learning and teaching to take place

- acceptable educational standards are maintained
- the curriculum enables the school to meet its educational goals
- an adequate budget is provided to allow delivery of the comprehensive curriculum that meets the educational goals of MacKillop College
- qualified staff who have a commitment to teaching and learning are appointed

ii) Staff Commitment

All staff will be responsible for:

- delivering their assigned curriculum
- engaging in relevant, purposeful professional development
- participating in the ongoing review and development of the curriculum
- developing and maintaining high standards of teaching
- ensuring documentation of our courses of study are complete and current

This policy works in conjunction with the following policies, procedures and guidelines:

- Learning and Teaching Policy
- Assessment and Feedback Policy
- Professional Learning Policy
- CEM Contemporary Learning and Teaching Framework
- VCAA documentation
- AITSL, Australian Institution for Teaching and School Leadership, <http://www.aitsl.edu.au/>
- VIT, Victorian Institute of Teaching, <http://www.vit.vic.edu.au/>

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