

Curriculum and Student learning Framework

1. PURPOSE

Wurruk Primary School is required to maintain a framework demonstrating the organisation, implementation and review of the school's curriculum and teaching practices and to ensure that, taken as a whole, the learning areas are substantially addressed.

2. OVERVIEW

Curriculum covers all the arrangements the school makes for students' development and learning. It includes the course content, student activities, teaching approaches, the way in which teachers and classes are organised and decisions on the need for and the use of facilities and resources.

Wurruk Primary School encourages its students to strive for excellence in all their endeavours. To achieve this, the school provides sequential teaching and learning programs that deliver a comprehensive, broadly based and culturally inclusive curricula.

Each year the school will map out its curriculum offerings. It will be in the form of a Curriculum Plan.

Wurruk Primary School will meet the minimum standard with:

- **A time allocation per each of the learning areas**
- **A explanation of how curriculum and teaching practice will be reviewed**
- **An Outline of how the school will deliver its curriculum**
- **A whole school essential curriculum**
- **A documented strategy to improve student learning outcomes**

3. CURRICULUM GUIDELINES

Wurruk Primary School will recognise and respond to diverse student needs when developing its curriculum programs and curriculum plan.

Wurruk Primary School will comply with all DET guidelines about the length of student instruction time required in Victorian schools.

There will be a broad offering of programs designed to enhance effective learning.

The Department of Education and Training places a high priority on the teaching of Physical and Sport Education, Languages and EAL. Our school also places a high priority on the teaching of these learning areas.

Teaching and learning programs will be resourced through Program Budget.

4. PROGRAM

3.1 Program Development

Wurruk Primary School will provide a variety of programs that will address the specific needs of students in relation to gender, special learning needs, disabilities and impairments, giftedness and students from language backgrounds other than English.

The school will identify and cater for the different needs of particular cohorts of students when developing its curriculum plan. In developing its curriculum plan the school will provide a broad range of educational pathways to ensure improved student outcomes.

The Australian Curriculum (AC) and Victorian Essential Learning Standards ([AusVELS](#)) will be used as a framework for curriculum development and delivery at Foundation - Year 10 in accordance with DET policy and Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) guidelines.

The school when developing its Curriculum Plan will provide at least 25 hours student instruction per week.

3.2 Program Implementation

The Wurruk Primary School Curriculum principal and teaching staff will determine the curriculum program for the following year, based on student demand and the needs of the school's Curriculum Plan to maintain balance and a broad provision of subject choices. Input will be sought from the relevant staff when determining programs for the following school year.

To facilitate this implementation, curriculum planning, assessment criteria and record keeping documentation and proformas will be produced that reflect the AC and AusVELS.

The DET requirements related to the teaching of Languages, Physical and Sports Education, and New Arrivals Program / English as an Additional Language (EAL) will continue to be implemented.

The use of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) will be integrated across the curriculum to support the improvement of teaching and learning outcomes and adheres to DET's School Policy & Advisory Guide '[Using Digital Technologies to Support Learning and Teaching](#)' and the school's own endorsed policy.

3.3 Student Wellbeing and Learning

Wurruk Primary School will embed student wellbeing in all learning experiences by aligning student welfare and curriculum policies and creating an educational environment and curriculum that is inclusive and meaningful to all students:

- providing an integrated and comprehensive curriculum approach that incorporates the personal and social issues of students into their daily learning experiences
- providing a flexible, relevant, inclusive and appropriate curriculum
- accommodating student developmental needs within the Victorian Essential Learning Standards stages of schooling

3.3.1 Students with Disabilities

The Department of Education and Training and Wurruk Primary School is committed to delivering an inclusive education system that ensures all students, including students with disabilities, have access to a quality education that meets their diverse needs.

Wurruk Primary School will liaise with DET to provide suitable programs and resources to support the delivery of high quality schooling for students with disabilities.

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3.3.2 Koorie Education

Wurruk Primary School is committed to providing culturally appropriate and inclusive programs to Koorie students through:

- working in partnership with the Koorie representatives from within Wurruk Primary School's school community and the local community to develop an understanding of Koorie culture and the interpersonal relationship with the Koorie community.
- supporting the development of high expectations and individualised learning for Koorie students
- creating an environment that respects, recognises and celebrates cultural identity through practice and curriculum
- implementing initiatives and programs that meet student needs and in partnership with the Koorie community.

3.4 Program Evaluation & Review

The Curriculum Leadership Team and teaching staff will meet regularly (at least twice per term) to track whole school data and identify potential curriculum areas that require focus. Data analysed will include, but is not limited to, NAPLAN, Reading Level school based testing and Achievement Information, teacher judgments based on learning outcomes in AC and AusVELSs.

Student learning outcomes data will be reported in the Annual Report to the School Community provided to the DET, and also available on the State Register maintained by the Victorian Registration and Qualifications Authority and on the school website.

5. LINKS AND APPENDICES (including processes related to this policy)

Links to DET School Policy & Advisory Guide:

- [Curriculum](#)
- [Using Digital Technologies to Support Learning and Teaching](#)
- [Student Wellbeing and Learning](#)
- [Students with Disabilities](#)
- [Koorie Education](#)

Appendices which are connected with this policy are:

- Appendix 1: Whole School Curriculum Plan
- Appendix 2: Time allocations per learning area Foundation to Year 12

6. EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed annually or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

The policy was ratified by school council

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