



Mentone Park Primary School

Curriculum Framework

PURPOSE

The purpose of this framework is to outline Mentone Park Primary School's organisation, implementation and review of curriculum and teaching practices and to ensure that, taken as a whole, all eight learning areas are substantially addressed, unless an exemption applies.

The framework shows, at a high level, how the school will deliver its curriculum, how the curriculum and teaching practice will be reviewed, how we assess student learning, how we record and monitor of student performance, and when and how we report to parents.

This curriculum framework should be read alongside our whole school, curriculum area, year level and unit / lesson curriculum plans.

OVERVIEW

Mentone Park Primary School provides all students with a planned and structured curriculum to equip them with the knowledge, skills and attributes needed to complete their schooling and to make a successful transition from school to work, training or further education.

Mentone Park Primary School is committed to offering a comprehensive curriculum based on the [Victorian Curriculum F-10](#). The key points in this framework, and in line with the [F-10 Revised Curriculum Planning and Reporting Guidelines](#), are a commitment to:

- A defined curriculum content is the basis for student learning
- Curriculum planning that is based on two-year bands of schooling rather than each year level
- Developing and publishing a separate whole-school curriculum plan that documents our teaching and learning program
- Reporting student learning against the achievement standards in the curriculum
- Reporting student learning to students and parents in line with the Department's [Reporting Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10](#) policy.
- Complying with Departmental policies relating to curriculum provision, including:
 - [Physical and Sport Education — Delivery Outcomes](#)
 - [Languages Education](#)

Mentone Park Primary School aims to provide a positive, inclusive and safe environment filled with rich learning experiences that foster a sense of belonging and self-fulfilment. Our vision is for all students to develop academic and social skills that promote successful attitudes and relationships that inspire them to create their own pathways to the future. Our engaging curriculum and culture of inclusion and excellence creates a stimulating learning environment that engages and challenges students to achieve personal success and make positive contributions to society. Our broad curriculum is planned and taught sequentially and allows students to have some ownership in all aspects of their learning. It is designed to develop thinking and social skills, foster engagement with the wider community and include use of a wide variety of technology to assist in student learning. To support the delivery of the curriculum at our school we access and select a wide range of suitable educational resources.

IMPLEMENTATION

Mentone Park Primary School implements its curriculum with the aim of providing varied and engaging opportunities for students to explore curriculum in a way that suits their individual learning styles.

- *All students undertake year-long programs in English, Mathematics and Physical Education, Art and STEAM*
- *All students undertake Humanities disciplines which vary based on their year levels (history, geography, citizens and citizenship, economics and business)*
- *All students undertake all technology disciplines (design and technologies, digital technologies)*
- *All students undertake a language (Auslan)*
- *All students undertake Music, Humanities, Technologies and Science key learning areas are completed in inquiry sessions*

At Mentone Park Primary School, class time is structured into a weekly timetable, with 5 hours of learning per day, broken into 5 60-minute sessions.

Further information on how our school implements the curriculum, including the learning areas provided at each year level/band of schooling, and the capabilities that are developed by students across these learning areas and the approximate time allocations for each learning area, is provided in our whole school, curriculum area, year level and unit / lesson curriculum plans.

Language provision

Mentone Park Primary School will deliver Auslan as a Language, based on its support of inclusivity and practical use.

Assessment

Mentone Park Primary School assesses student progress in line with the Department's [Assessment of Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10](#) policy.

Students at Mentone Park Primary School will have multiple and varied opportunities to demonstrate learning and achievement. Teachers use assessment tasks that cover multiple curriculum levels to ensure that evidence of learning and growth is captured for every student.

Teachers at Mentone Park Primary School use a combination of formative assessment for learning (to focus feedback and guide future learning) and summative assessment of learning (to determine what the student has learned at the end of a sequence of learning), alongside student self-assessment and reflection.

- Assessment is used in an ongoing way, to guide future lessons and learning, as well as to keep students and parents informed of student progress.
- Teachers will use a variety of assessment strategies to gather evidence about student achievement. The agreed assessment processes and tasks are documented in the Subject Unit Designs and Learning Sequences. The assessments may include, but are not limited to, tests and assignments, projects, portfolios, performances, discussions or student-teacher conferences.
- Assessment tasks are developed to support students to show their knowledge, skills and understandings and will include clear instructions, relevant supporting documents (scaffolds, planning documents, etc) and allow sufficient time for completion. Teachers will make modifications to the task to cater for students with additional learning needs.
- Mentone Park Primary School will develop Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students who are part of the Program for Students with a Disability (PSD), Koorie students and students in 'Out of Home' care, in consultation with students, parents and where appropriate, with outside agencies.
- Teachers will assess the achievements of students with disabilities and impairments in the context of the Victorian Curriculum and the 'Towards Foundation Level Victorian Curriculum' where applicable.
- The English language proficiency of English as Additional Language EAL students will be assessed using the Victorian Curriculum F-10 EAL.
- Where possible, staff will participate in cross marking of assessment tasks (moderation) involving assessment rubrics and work samples so that staff can apply consistent judgements of student progress against Victorian Curriculum Standards across the school.

Reporting

Mentone Park Primary School reports student progress to parents in line with the Department's [Reporting Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10](#) policy. In addition, Mentone Park Primary School ensures that there is

continuous sharing of assessment information formally and informally with parents/carers throughout the term/semester, including through twice-annual formal reporting.

At Mentone Park Primary School, Parent/Teacher Meet and Greets are conducted in Term 1 and Parent/Teacher Interviews are conducted in Term 2 where parents are invited to discuss their child’s progress by making an appointment with their teacher.

The Semester Reports will be in a written format easy for parents/carers to understand and will be accessible in digital form via Compass.

- Mentone Park Primary School will report directly against the Victorian [Curriculum F-10 achievement standards](#).
- Both student achievement and progress will be included in the report.
- An age-related five-point scale, where the quality of a student’s achievement against what is ‘expected’ for students of that year level at the time of reporting, will be used for reporting against the achievement standards in all areas of the Victorian Curriculum.
- Opportunities will be provided for parents/carers and students to discuss the school report with teachers and/or school leaders.

Parent-teacher meetings, conducted twice-yearly, enable the opportunity to discuss the students’ progress and how they can continue to be supported at home. Interpreting services will be made available where required.

Curriculum and teaching practice review

School curriculum and teaching practice is reviewed against the [Framework for Improving of Student Outcomes \(FISO 2.0\)](#). FISO and the FISO improvement cycle help identify focus areas for improvement and to evaluate the impact of introduced initiatives.

Review of school curriculum

Layer of review/planning	Process and data used	Responsibility	Timeframe
Whole school	This is reviewed bi-annually or in line with any updates to the Victorian Curriculum. Student data from the Panorama platform is used to assist the understanding of the effectiveness of the whole school curriculum.	School Improvement Team	Bi-Annually
Curriculum Areas	Planned by the teaching staff in collaboration with the School Improvement Team. Student data is used to inform.	Teaching staff	Annually
Year levels	Planned by the teaching staff in collaboration with the School Improvement Team. Student data is used to inform.	Teaching staff	Annually
Units and lessons	Planned by the teaching staff in collaboration with the School Improvement Team. Student data is used to inform.	Teaching staff	Ongoing

Review of teaching practice

- Professional Learning Communities, which link the learning needs of students with the professional learning and practice of teachers and provide an opportunity for teachers to collaboratively evaluate the effect of high impact teaching strategies; and
- the Performance Development cycle, which provides an opportunity to provide feedback to teaching staff on their performance to support ongoing learning and development, with a focus on how student learning can be improved through improving teaching practice.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our staff in the following ways:

- Provided to staff at induction and included in staff handbook/manual

- Discussed at staff meetings/briefings as required

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

This policy should be read in conjunction with the following policies on the Department’s Policy and Advisory Library (PAL):

- [Curriculum Programs Foundation to 10](#)
- [Framework for Improving Student Outcomes \(FISO 2.0\)](#)
- [Assessment of Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10](#)
- [Digital Learning in Schools](#)
- [Students with Disability](#)
- [Koorie Education](#)
- [Languages Education](#)
- [Physical and Sport Education — Delivery Requirements](#)
- [Holocaust Education](#)
- [Reporting Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10](#)
- [Sexuality and Consent Education](#)
- [School Hours \(including variation to hours\)](#)

This policy should be read alongside:

- whole school curriculum plan
- teaching and learning program for each learning area and capability
- teaching and learning program for each year level
- unit plans/sequence of lessons.]

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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