

TEACHING AND LEARNING FRAMEWORK

Prep – Year 7

Policy Statement

St Anthony's Catholic Parish School Alexandra Hills, as part of the Brisbane Archdiocese Catholic primary schools, is committed to continuity of learning for every child across the Early Years – P to 3 as well as the Primary Years 4 -7. This will be achieved through the provision of a holistic, outcome based curriculum which is responsive to each child's diverse and unique spiritual, social, emotional, learning and developmental needs and circumstances. Continuity of learning will be enhanced through the establishment and maintenance of effective, collaborative partnerships within the learning community together with the incorporation of relevant and meaningful *active learning* experiences. See www.stanthonyalexhills.qld.edu.au re Early Years and Primary Policies.

Information Communication Technology:

St Anthony's has developed a strong, developmental information technology program. We have computers in each classroom (Prep to Year 7), a wide range of software programs and a professional development program operating with staff to ensure their computer literacy. The school has an air-conditioned Information Technology Centre (ITC) capable of accommodating whole classes using the 30 networked computers, printers, scanners and other peripheral devices. The centre is mainly used by classes from Years 3 to 7 as a teaching and research facility with an emphasis on integration across Key Learning Areas. The Library catalogue and circulation system is fully computerised. Each year the school makes major upgrades to the IT facilities through the provision of new programs and equipment.

All classrooms and the Library have internet access available through Brisbane Catholic Education's LinCS (Linking Catholic Schools) project.

SPECIALISTS: St Anthony's learning program includes specialist teachers in the following areas:-

- **The Arts: Drama** is offered from Prep to Year 7. The purpose of the program is to develop the children's oracy and drama skills

along with their self-confidence. Training and preparation of debating teams and public speakers is part of this program. **Music** is offered from Prep to Year 7. Training and preparation of choral and instrumental groups is part of this program. Students learn the recorder from Year 4.

- **Health & Physical Education:** Lessons with a specialist teacher are offered from Prep to Year 7. Swimming is offered during one term for Years P - 3. Class teachers supplement these programmes with other H & PE activities.
- **Japanese:** Japanese is offered in Years 6 and 7 and concentrates on the culture of our Asian neighbour as well as the language.
- **Instrumental Music:** Students in Years 4 – 7 may access this program on a user pays basis. Invoices are distributed at the beginning of each term and payable to St Anthony's. Please note that a terms notice is required if you no longer want your child to participate in this program. Application forms and more information are available from the school administration.