

## INQUIRY LEARNING POLICY

### PURPOSE

At St Albans Primary School inquiry learning enables us to deliver an inclusive and engaging curriculum. It promotes the learning of knowledge and skills, while allowing students to become active, positive contributors and citizens of our world. Students will become independent learners as they develop research and problem solving skills through the Inquiry-Based Learning approach.

### SCOPE

All students at St Albans Primary School will be involved in Inquiry – Based learning.

### POLICY

### AIMS

- To encourage students to become independent, resourceful and responsible learners
- To explicitly teach Inquiry skills including, predicting, questioning, researching, planning, taking action and reflecting
- To plan direct and meaningful learning experiences for students to gather and organise new information
- To plan opportunities for the students to demonstrate what they have learnt to an authentic audience beyond their class
- To provide opportunities for students to apply their new knowledge, skills and values to other context.

### IMPLEMENTATION

- The staff will develop a shared understanding of common language for Inquiry Learning.
- A Scope and Sequence will guide the planning for Inquiry units
- The Inquiry Learning program enables effective learning in the General Capabilities of the Victorian Curriculum
  - Critical and Creative Thinking
  - Personal and Social Capability
  - Ethical Understanding
  - Intercultural Capability
- The content areas of the Victorian Curriculum covered by the Inquiry Learning program at St Albans Primary School are:
  - Economics and Business
  - Geography
  - Health
  - Civics and Citizenship
  - History
  - Science
  - Design Technology

- The Inquiry unit will demonstrate a balance of exploring student posed questions and covering the content of Vic Curriculum
- Students will explore content from various sources including multimedia, printed texts and real life experiences where possible (including excursions and incursions)
- An Inquiry unit planner will be used across the school
- Teachers will report on student progress in Inquiry using the Victorian Curriculum and Individual Education Plans.

### **Marvellous Monday (Prep – 2)**

At St Albans Primary School all students engage in weekly Marvellous Monday activities. During Marvellous Monday, students participate in *inquiry*-based learning activities, with a strong focus on the development of oral *language*. Inquiry learning content areas are taught through authentic and open ended contexts, while developing key Inquiry skills including, predicting, planning, questioning, researching and reflecting.

### **Personal Learning (3 – 6)**

During Personal Learning Inquiry students are empowered to take ownership and to make purposeful contributions to their learning through exploring their own questions and interests. Providing students with Agency and Voice in their learning through the Inquiry process gives students the power and will to act on their learning, making it more personal, meaningful, and engaging. During Personal Learning students are supported and scaffolded to plan, organise, research, present and evaluate their own work. This provides opportunities for students to collaborate and make decisions with adults around what and how they learn.

## REVIEW CYCLE

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s four year review cycle.

## DOCUMENT STATUS

<b>Reviewed</b>	<b>School Council Ratification</b>	<b>Next Review</b>
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