



CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

PURPOSE

The purpose of this framework is to outline Irymple South 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 student performance, and when and how we report to parents.

This curriculum framework should be read alongside Scope and Sequence documents, Visible Learning Pathways and our whole school Assessment Schedule.

OVERVIEW

Irymple South 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.

Irymple South 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](#)

Irymple South Primary School aims to empower every student to reach their full potential academically, socially and emotionally through high quality teaching practice, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and dispositions for lifelong learning in a safe, inclusive and thriving environment. Our visible learning and teaching approach and culture of excellence creates a stimulating learning environment that engages and challenges students to achieve personal success and make positive contributions to society. Our school encourages students to strive for excellence in all their endeavours. At Irymple South Primary School our curriculum presents students with the opportunity to develop deep understandings on a range of concepts throughout their school lives. Our broad curriculum is planned and taught sequentially and the Learning Sequences encourage students to have ownership of their learning. It is designed to develop student voice and agency, 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 and undertake a range of student assessment and reporting activities.

IMPLEMENTATION

Irymple South Primary School will determine the curriculum program for the following year, based on provision needs and DET policy requirements.

- All students undertake year-long programs in English, Mathematics, Physical Education, The Arts, Health/Respectful Relationships and Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM).
- Students undertake Humanities disciplines; History (all Grades), Geography (all Grades), Civics and Citizenship (Grades 3-6), Economics and Business (Grades 5 & 6) as part of the Inquiry Program.
- All students undertake technology disciplines; Design and Technologies is part of the Inquiry and Specialist program and Digital Technologies are integrated across all curriculum areas.

At Irymple South Primary School, class time is structured into a weekly timetable, with five hours of learning per day, broken into five 60-minute sessions. A breakdown of time allocated to each learning area is documented below:

Domain	Hours Per Week
English (classroom- reading)	5
English (classroom- writing)	5
Mathematics (classroom)	6
Physical Education (Specialist program)	1
Dance and/or Food Technology (Specialist program)	1
Visual Arts (Specialist program)	1
Respectful Relationships/Health (Specialist program)	1
STEM (Specialist program)	1
Inquiry Program (see relevant standards and capabilities below)	3
Sport (classroom)	1
Digital Technologies	Integrated across all learning areas
Total	25 hours

Language provision

Irymple South Primary School currently has an exemption from providing a language program.

Pedagogy

The pedagogical approach at Irymple South Primary School is documented in our Whole School Effective Teaching and Learning Model (**FIG. 1**). The Instructional Model focuses on each element of teaching in the [VTLM 2.0](#) – planning, enabling learning, explicit teaching and supported application.

The Instructional Model supports teachers to design engaging and challenging learning experiences through planned integration of curriculum, pedagogy and assessment. The Model is focused on teacher practice as the main contributor to improved student learning outcomes.

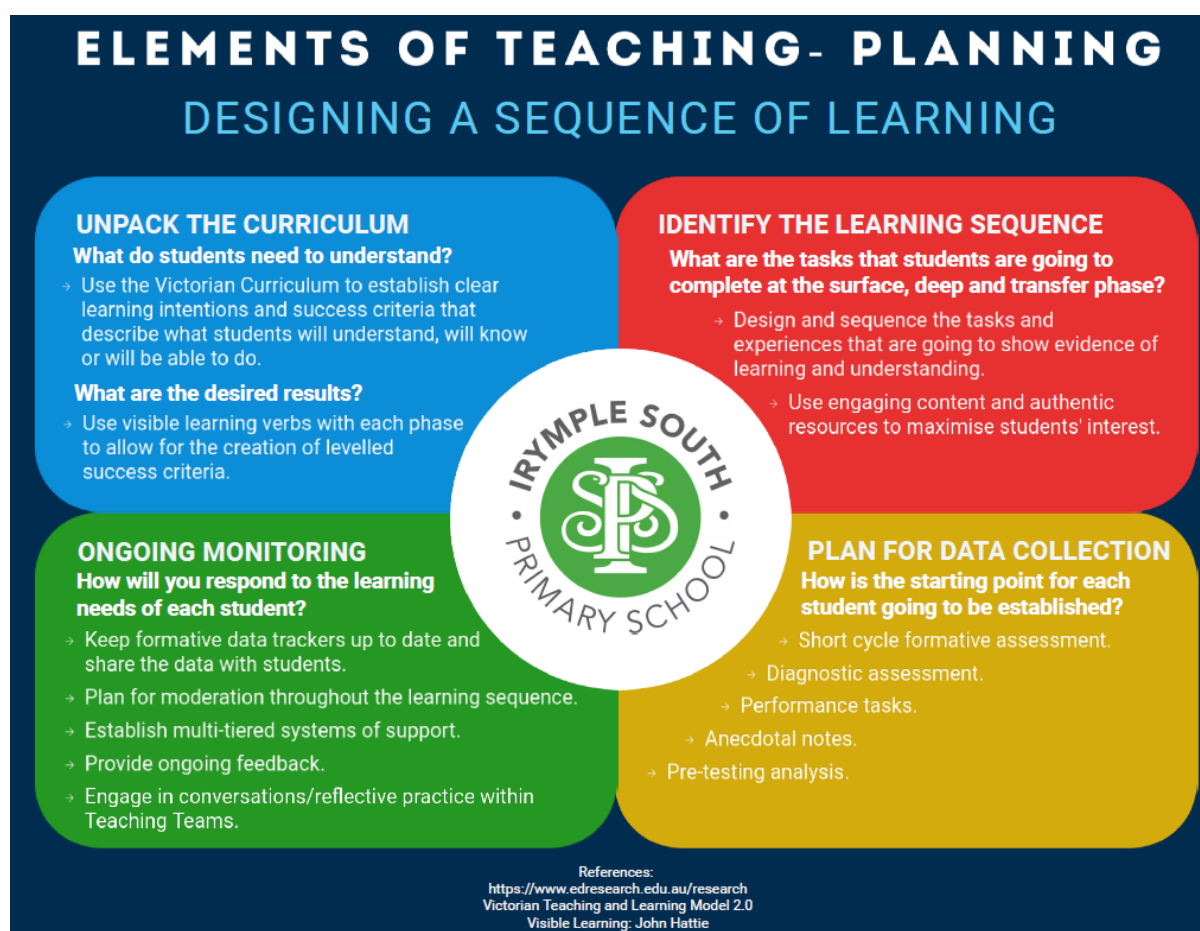
FIG. 1

Effective Teaching and Learning Model



The four stages of planning (**FIG. 2**) outline a whole-school approach to curriculum planning and ensures that all staff have a shared vision, common language and a shared understanding of the school's processes for curriculum planning, monitoring and evaluation.

FIG. 2



Assessment

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

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

- Teachers at Irymple South 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 (see description of 'reporting' below).
- Teachers will use a variety of assessment strategies to gather evidence about student achievement. The agreed assessment processes and tasks are documented in Visible Learning Pathways and the whole school Assessment Schedule. The assessments may include, but are not limited to, short-cycle formative assessments, 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.
- Irymple South Primary School will develop Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for students who are part of the Disability Inclusion (DI), 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.
- Staff will participate in the moderation of assessment tasks involving assessment rubrics/documented success criteria and work samples so they can apply consistent judgements of student progress against Victorian Curriculum Standards across the school.

Reporting

Irymple South Primary School reports student progress to parents in line with the Department's [Reporting Student Achievement and Progress Foundation to 10](#) policy. In addition, Irymple South Primary School ensures that there is continuous sharing of assessment information formally and informally with parents/carers throughout the term/semester, including learning conferences each semester and twice-annual formal reporting.

The twice-annual formal report will be in a written format easy for parents/carers to understand and will be accessible in digital form via Xuno, with the option to translate text from English to another language, to cater to our school community or the option to provide a hard copy upon request. The written report will:

- report directly against the Victorian [Curriculum F-10 achievement standards](#).
- include both student achievement and progress.
- use an age-related five-point scale for reporting against the achievement standards, where the quality of a student's achievement against what is 'expected' for students of that year level at the time of reporting is included

Opportunities will be provided for parents/carers and students to discuss the school report with classroom teachers and/or school leaders.

Learning conferences, conducted twice-yearly, enable the opportunity to discuss the students' progress and how they can continue to be supported at home.

What students are learning and how they are progressing will be communicated in various formats throughout the year:

What	Purpose	When
Term 1		
Introductory Video	To provide parents/carers/guardians with information specific to their child's class and year level. It will allow parents the opportunity to hear about specific programs and procedural matters that relate to daily classroom operation. The video will be published on Seesaw.	By week 3

Student Support Group Meeting	The group will meet to plan and support the educational, health, social, cultural and emotional wellbeing of students with diverse learning needs. This includes: Students supported by Disability Inclusion. Other SSG meetings will be scheduled as required.	Week 6 & 7
Learning Conference	The conference gives students' an opportunity to share the instructional approach used in their classroom. They will also articulate their growth/progress and area/s for improvement with parents/carers/guardians.	Week 9 (Tuesday 24 th March)
Seesaw	Selected work samples will be shared on Seesaw to capture the learning process and to highlight students' growth over time. Multimodal entries will provide students with the opportunity to reflect on their learning and to celebrate success/identify areas for growth. A whole school approach detailing the focus and frequency of student entries is outlined in the assessment schedule. The purpose will be communicated in the newsletter and with parents/families in the introductory video.	Ongoing
Term 2		
Student Support Group Meeting	The group will meet to plan and support the educational, health, social, cultural and emotional wellbeing of students with diverse learning needs. This includes: - Students supported by Disability Inclusion. - Students with additional learning needs. - Students in Out of Home Care (OoHC). - Koorie Students Other SSG meetings will be scheduled as required.	Week 5 & 6
Learning Celebration	The Celebration of Learning provides an opportunity for parents/carers/guardians to visit their child's classroom and see it in action, engage in learning activities, checkout the classroom displays and celebrate achievements.	Week 8 Focus: -Sustainability (odd year) - Science (even year)
Formal Report	The formal report will indicate a child's achievement and progress directly against the relevant Victorian Curriculum standards, using an age-related five-point scale.	The last Thursday
Optional Parent – Teacher meeting	Parents/carers/guardians can make a meeting time to discuss their child's formal report. The day/time will be negotiated directly with the classroom teacher. Alternatively, they can attend the learning conference in term 3.	
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	A whole school approach detailing the focus and frequency of student entries is outlined in the assessment schedule.	
Term 3		
Learning Conference	The conference gives parents/carers/guardians an opportunity to discuss the Semester 1 formal report. Student's will present work samples as evidence of growth and discuss area/s for improvement.	Week 3 (Friday 31 st July)
Student Support Group Meeting	The group will meet to plan and support the educational, health, social, cultural and emotional wellbeing of students with diverse learning needs. This includes: Students supported by Disability Inclusion. Other SSG meetings will be scheduled as required.	Week 5 & 6
Seesaw	Selected work samples will be shared on Seesaw to capture the learning process and to highlight students' growth over time. Multimodal entries will provide students with the opportunity to reflect on their learning and to celebrate success/identify areas for growth. A whole school approach detailing the focus and frequency of student entries is outlined in the assessment schedule.	Ongoing
Term 4		
Grandparents Day	An opportunity for grandparents (or a special person) to visit classrooms and engage in learning activities, tour the school, and celebrate achievements.	Week 4 (Monday 26 th October)
Student Support Group Meeting	The group will meet to plan and support the educational, health, social, cultural and emotional wellbeing of students with diverse learning needs. This includes: - Students supported by Disability Inclusion. - Students with additional learning needs. - Students in Out of Home Care (OoHC). - Koorie Students Other SSG meetings will be scheduled as required.	Week 4 & 5
Formal Report	The formal report will indicate a child's achievement and progress directly against the relevant Victorian Curriculum standards, using an age-related five-point scale.	Second last week (on the Friday)
Optional Parent – Teacher meeting	Parents/carers/guardians can make a meeting time to discuss their child's formal report. The day/time will be negotiated directly with the classroom teacher.	
Seesaw	Selected work samples will be shared on Seesaw to capture the learning process and to highlight students' growth over time. Multimodal entries will provide students with the opportunity to reflect on their learning and to celebrate success/identify areas for growth. A whole school approach detailing the focus and frequency of student entries is outlined in the assessment schedule.	Ongoing

INQUIRY UNITS OF WORK

WHOLE-SCHOOL TEACHING AND LEARNING PLAN- REPORTING STANDARDS AND CAPABILITIES

Odd Year	Term 1 In Our Community	Term 2 Sustainability	Term 3 Social Justice	Term 4 Creativity
Foundation	IN OUR COMMUNITY Health and PE History Geography Capabilities: Personal and Social	OUR SUSTAINABLE WORLD Geography Science Health & PE Capabilities: Personal and Social Critical and Creative	FAIRNESS & FRIENDSHIP History Health and PE Capabilities: Personal and Social Ethical Critical and Creative	TOPSY TURVY TALES Design and Technologies Science Health and PE Capabilities: Critical and Creative Personal and Social
Years 1 & 2	PLACES AND SPACES Geography Design and Technologies Science Health and PE Capabilities: Personal and Social Creative and Critical Ethical	TIPTOE THROUGH OUR WORLD Design and Technologies Geography Capabilities: Personal and Social Ethical Creative and Critical	CELEBRATING DIFFERENCES History Geography Health and PE Civics and Citizenship Capabilities: Personal and Social Intercultural Ethical	ROBOT BUDDIES Digital Technologies Science History Design and Technologies Capabilities: Personal and Social Critical and Creative
Years 3 & 4	FIRST CONTACT History Digital Technologies Design and Technologies Geography Civics and Citizenship Capabilities: Creative and Critical Thinking Intercultural Personal and Social	THE BLUE MARBLE Design and Technologies Science Geography Capabilities: Personal and Social Ethical Creative and Critical	SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES Civics and Citizenship Health and PE Capabilities: Personal and Social Creative and Critical Ethical	FRAME BY FRAME Digital Technologies Design and Technologies History Capabilities: Personal and Social Creative and Critical
Years 5 & 6	MAKING DEMOCRACY History Civics and Citizenship Capabilities: Personal and Social Intercultural Critical and Creative	THINK GLOBAL, ACT LOCAL Geography Science Capabilities: Personal and Social Critical and Creative Intercultural	CARE FOR THE KIDS Digital Technologies Civics and Citizenship Capabilities: Personal and Social Ethical Creative and Critical	BIZARRE BAZAAR Economics and Business Design and Technologies Capabilities: Personal and Social Critical and Creative

Even year	Term 1 Identity	Term 2 Change	Term 3 Discovery	Term 4 Connections
Foundation	SHAPING IDENTITY Health and PE History Science Capabilities: Personal and Social	THE CHANGING WORLD Science History Geography Health and PE Capabilities: Personal and Social Intercultural Critical and Creative	THE BRIDGE AND BEYOND Design and Technologies Science Capabilities: Personal and Social Critical and Creative	GREAT AND SMALL Design and Technologies Science Geography Health and PE Capabilities: Personal and Social Critical and Creative
Years 1 & 2	GROWING OLDER AND WISER Health and PE Science History Capabilities: Personal and Social Critical and Creative	STIMULATING SCIENCE Science Geography Health and PE Capabilities:	LIGHT AND SOUND Digital Technologies Design and Technologies Science Health and PE Capabilities: Personal and Social Critical and Creative	THROUGH GENERATIONS History Geography Capabilities: Personal and Social Critical and Creative Ethical
Years 3 & 4	THE GAME OF LIFE Health & Physical Education History Capabilities: Personal and Social Intercultural Ethical Critical and Creative	INTO THE UNKNOWN History Digital Technologies Capabilities: Critical and Creative Personal and Social	FORCES AND FUNCTIONS Digital Technologies Design and Technologies Science Capabilities: Critical and Creative Personal and Social	OUR ISLAND HOME Science Geography Civics and Citizenship Capabilities: Personal and Social Critical and Creative
Years 5 & 6	ETHICS AND EMOTIONS Health & Physical Education Design and Technologies	MUSEUMS IN MOTION History Design and Technologies Civics and Citizenship	THE JOURNEY TO DISCOVERY Digital Technologies Design and Technologies Science	DATA AND DECISIONS Digital Technologies Design and Technologies Economics and Business

	Capabilities: Personal and Social Ethical Intercultural Critical and Creative	Capabilities:	Capabilities: Critical and Creative Personal and Social	Capabilities: Critical and Creative Personal and Social
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CURRICULUM AND TEACHING PRACTICE REVIEW

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

The School Improvement Team 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, English and Maths Online, PAT-R/PAT-M, Digital Assessment Library (DAL), Common Assessment Tasks and teacher judgments based on learning outcomes in the Victorian Curriculum.

Each year the school will audit and evaluate the curriculum to ensure curriculum domains, dimensions and standards of the Victorian Curriculum meet minimum requirements and are updated to reflect current school initiatives. This audit will inform future curriculum planning.

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.

Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

Irymple South Primary School uses PLCs to create a culture that is:

- focussed on continuous improvement by linking the learning needs of students with the professional learning and practice of teachers
- committed to professionalism
- fuelled by collaborative expertise.

PLCs help our teachers to evaluate the effect of instructional strategies as well as trialling new curriculum plans.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

- Policy and Advisory Library:
 - [Curriculum Programs Foundation to 10](#)
 - [Framework for Improving Student Outcomes \(FISO\)](#)
 - [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](#)

- [School Hours \(including variation to hours\)](#)
- This policy should be read alongside:
 - Whole School Assessment Schedule
 - Teaching Teams Document
 - Scope and Sequence Documents
 - Visible Learning Sequences

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	December 2025
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