



Curriculum

Overview

Years 4 - 6



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# Education in Faith

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The aim of our Religious Education Programme is to enable the children to integrate their personal faith with their daily lives. To achieve this, the Trinity College Junior School provides a range of opportunities for the boys to learn and share in our Catholic tradition, as well as to respond in faith.

The school bases its Religious Education Programme on the Perth Archdiocesan Primary Religious Units written by the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia. Various Feasts Days within the Catholic Church calendar are also studied and celebrated.

## **SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME**

All children have the opportunity to prepare and receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. The College presents comprehensive programmes to prepare the children and their families for the reception of these sacraments.

## **CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME**

The Confirmation Programme which is designed for the Year 6 students includes the whole Year 6 community including the parents, teachers, students and the College Chaplain. It includes a home/family based component, a class retreat and classroom instruction, all of which are integrated, and when brought together, create a very successful programme in which all members of the Year 6 community grow in faith and understanding together. Parents and families are encouraged and welcome to be part of all religious celebrations, including masses, retreats, liturgies and assemblies.

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# General Curriculum

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## **CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK**

The curriculum offerings at Trinity Junior School are very much in line with the Curriculum Framework developed by the Curriculum Council in 1998. The Framework has provided the school with the opportunity to refine and renew the way we teach in the eight learning areas and move towards an outcomes approach to teaching and learning.

## **ASSESSMENT**

Student progress is reviewed regularly using a variety of means. Profiles are sent home each term and include work samples representing areas covered and are considered worthy examples of a student's current effort. Other assessments include:

- A formal report written by the classroom teacher - at the end of Terms 2 and 4.
- Self-assessments completed on selected pieces of work.
- Parent response forms - giving parents the opportunity to make comment and arrange an interview with specific teachers.

## **LITERACY PROGRAMME**

Trinity Junior School is committed to maximizing achievement in Literacy for every student. Currently we are working, in conjunction with the Catholic Education Office of WA, to fulfil the Raising Achievement in Schools (RAISE) initiative. This initiative draws heavily on current national and international research. RAISE aims to provide an educational approach that is both comprehensive and successful. It focuses on building teacher expertise in order to achieve this. Literacy programmes in the Junior School provide the students with authentic and relevant purposes for using language. Teachers are given the opportunity to work at a whole class, small group and at an individual student level in order to cater for the diverse range of student needs found in most classrooms.

## **INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT)**

ICT is incorporated into all areas of the curriculum. With an up to date computer laboratory and three classrooms equipped with interactive whiteboards, students are able to use a range of software to enhance learning opportunities.



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORT



Physical Education and Sport play an important part in the development of all Trinity students. Many life skills such as team work, co-operation with others and the ability to strive for success against difficulties are valuable lessons that the boys learn from an involvement in sport. The College encourages the boys to strive for excellence and to set high goals and standards for themselves while at the same time acknowledging the efforts of those around them. Above all, we encourage participation to the best of each person's ability, regardless of what level they perform at. Trinity prides itself on the conduct and sportsmanship of our boys on the sporting field, and we have high expectations that our standards are maintained at all times. This includes dress and behaviour standards, accepting decisions of umpires and accepting victory or defeat graciously.

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Physical Education is an integral part of the Junior School curriculum. During the weekly sessions the students are involved in a range of activities that develop their skills and fitness level in a wide variety of sport.

### *House System*

Much of the sport played within the school is underpinned by our House System. Each boy is placed in a house (QUEENS, XAVIER, CHANEL and CAMPION) in his first year at the school. Throughout their years in Junior School the boys will be aligned to this house in many carnivals and sporting fixtures within the school.

## SPORT

Trinity Junior School is a member of the Junior School Heads Association of W.A. and participates in an interschool sporting programme for much of the year. Sporting fixtures are scheduled for Thursday afternoon.

### Term One

- Swimming
  - 40 minute lesson each week for all year levels
  - Carnival trials for all students
  - Interhouse Swimming Carnival
  - Interschool Swimming Carnival
- Summer Sport
  - Interschool fixtures for Year 5 – 6
  - Cricket, basketball, flippaball (modified Water polo) & tennis

### Term Two

- Winter Sport
  - Interschool fixtures for Yr 5 – 6
  - Football, soccer, rugby (modified) & hockey
  - Year 4 Skills Development Programme in all codes

### Term Three

- Winter Sport
  - Continuation of fixtures
  - Lightning Carnival
- Cross Country
  - Training and House competition
  - Interschool Carnival
- Athletics
  - Carnival trials for all students
  - Interhouse Carnival
  - Interschool Carnival

### Term Four

- Option Programme
  - Movement away from competitive sports
  - Student choose to try a different sport over a 6 week period
  - Canoeing, sailing, tenpin bowling, (choices vary from year to year).



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# EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT SPECIALIST PROGRAMMES

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## **ART**

Each Junior school class attends a weekly art lesson with our specialist teacher in a well equipped Art Centre.

## **ITALIAN**

This programme introduces the students to the culture, traditions and language of Italian. The Italian programme commences in Year 4 and allows the student to continue their studies through to Year 12.

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

With a specialist teacher the students have the opportunity to maintain a high level of fitness and develop skills in a wide range of sports.

## **LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT**

In the area of special education Trinity Junior School provides a programme for students experiencing problems in the area of English (writing, reading, spelling and oral expression).

## **EXTENSION**

Extra challenge and academic extension programmes are provided in areas of Art, Dance, Music, Year 6 Maths and General extension.

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## Music Education

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Students at Trinity College can be involved with music from Year 4 through to Year 12, whether it is in the classroom, in one or more performing groups, in musical productions or in a combination of these activities.

### **GENERAL MUSIC CLASSES**

In the Junior School each class has a music period where students engage in a range of activities aimed at enhancing their musical appreciation and music literacy.

### **INSTRUMENTAL TUITION**

Instrumental tuition at the College begins at Year 4 with a compulsory strings program in violin or cello, Year 5 for woodwind, brass and classical guitar and Year 6 for percussion. Students can continue their tuition through to Year 12 with the option of using their performing skills as part of the TEE music subject. Tuition in tenor drumming with the Pipes and Drums is available to students from Year 5 onwards, in piping from Year 6 onwards, while boys wishing to play snare drum start in Years 6 or 7. Performing groups in the Junior School include the 'Elastic Band', Year 4/5 Choral Group, Year 6 Choral Group, and the violin and cello groups.

### **DANCE**

Dance is becoming a significant part in the culture at Trinity College. The Junior School has a very successful dance group called BIG 'Boys in Groove'.

### **CATHEDRAL CHOIR**

Members of the Junior School and some Senior School students form the St Mary's Cathedral Choir. The Choir rehearses each Monday to Thursday morning at 8:00am for its Sunday commitments. Scholarships are available for members of the Cathedral Choir.