Our Curriculum

The Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline (QKGL) provides advice for planning, interacting with children, monitoring and assessment and sharing information in kindergarten contexts.

The Australian Curriculum and Queensland Curriculum informs our curriculum in Prep-Year 10.

The Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA) provides Kindergarten to Year 12 syllabuses, guidelines, assessment and reporting services for Queensland Schools. Our senior (Year 11 and 12) subjects are developed from QCAA syllabuses.

The Australian Curriculum

At Staines Memorial College we are continuing to work to full implementation of the Australian Curriculum as outlined by the Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

“The Australian Curriculum describes what young Australians should learn as they progress through schooling. It is the foundation for their future learning, growth and active participation in the Australian community. It sets out the essential knowledge, understanding, skills and capabilities and provides a national standard for student achievement in core learning areas” (ACARA, 2014)

The Australian Curriculum currently guides the following subjects (Prep-Year 10) at our College:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities (History and Geography)

The Australian Curriculum currently awaiting final endorsement by the council of federal, state and territory education ministers include:

- Economics and Business
- Civics and Citizenship
- The Arts
- Technologies
- Health and Physical Education

Further information on the Australian Curriculum is available at: www.australiancurriculum.edu.au

The Queensland Curriculum

We continue to use the Queensland Curriculum to plan, teach, assess and report on the learning areas where the Australian Curriculum is not yet available for implementation. This curriculum is informed by the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority (QCAA).

The Queensland Curriculum Framework includes the Essential Learnings and Ways of Working, and the Year 10 Guidelines which identify what should be taught and what is important for students to have opportunity to know, understand and be able to do.
The Queensland Curriculum currently informs the following subjects at our College:

- Health and Physical Education (Prep - Year 10)
- Business Economics (Years 8-10)
- Home Economics (Years 7-10)
- Design Technology (Years 7-10)
- Visual Art, Music and Drama (Prep – Year 10)
- Chinese (Prep - Year 6)
- Technology (Prep – Year 6)

Further information on the Queensland Curriculum is available at: https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/20735.html

Prep-Prep/ Kindergarten Curriculum

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The Continua of Learning and Development is a resource that helps teachers assess, reflect and make evidence-based judgements about children’s learning progress. This information is used to plan ways to promote continuity of children’s learning and development.

The Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guideline and the Continua of Learning and Development are based on the Early Years Learning Framework for Australia (EYLF)

Further information on is available at: https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/10192.html

A separate Prep Handbook outlining our goals, approach, programs and routines is available on request. Kindergarten (Pre-Prep) and Prep are part of our Early Childhood Program.

Primary Curriculum (Years 1-6)

We provide students with a broad range of learning experiences. Students study the following subjects.

- Biblical Living- including lessons from the Bible and relationship skills development
- English, including a phonics program and Reading and Writing Workshops
- Science
- Mathematics- including aspects of financial literacy
- Humanities (History, Geography and Civics)
- Visual Art
- Music
- Technology
- Chinese

Secondary Curriculum (Years 7-9)

We provide students with a broad range of learning experiences including a range of CORE subjects, with ELECTIVE choices in The Arts and Technologies. Students study the following subjects:
Core Subjects

- Biblical Living - Including lessons from the Bible and relationship skills development
- English (including The Arts: Media)
- Mathematics
- Science
- Humanities (History and Geography)
- Health and Physical Education (including The Arts: Dance)
- Business and Economics

Electives

The Arts (Including Visual Art, Music, Drama and Graphics)

Technologies (Including Home Economics and Design Technology). Home Economics includes cooking and sewing. Design Technology includes working with wood, metal and plastic.

In Year 7, students study Music and Visual Art for 2 lessons each week. They also study Home Economics and Design Technology for one semester each.

By Years 8 and 9, Students have a choice of two out of the three Arts Electives (Music, Drama, Visual Art). Students will study each Arts subject for one semester. Students will also study Home Economics and Design and Technology (including Graphics) for one semester each.

By Year 10, students may choose to specialise in Performing Arts (Music and Drama) or Visual Art, and specialise in Home Economics or Design and Technology (including Graphics). Students will study their chosen subjects for the full year.

Senior Curriculum (Years 10-12)

A separate Senior Handbook outlining our goals, approach, programs and routines is available on request.

Please see our document ‘Why Study Senior at SMC’.
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- Civics and Citizenship
- English
- History
- Geography
- Science
- Mathematics
- Business and Economics
- Health and Physical Education
- The Arts (Dance)

#### Grades K-4
- English
- History
- Science
- Mathematics
- Health and Physical Education
- The Arts (Dance)


#### Grades 7-10
- Technology
- Year 10 Guidelines (Business)
- Health and Physical Education

#### Grades K-6
- Health and Physical Education

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