

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Our Lady of the Southern Cross School aims to enhance the development of all children socially, emotionally, physically, academically and spiritually.

We believe in nurturing the whole child and encouraging their independence and self-esteem. We believe that every child must be given the opportunity to discover his or her special talents, skills and interests and the time and encouragement to achieve to the highest standard.

Developmental Learning

Each child at our school is unique and has his/her own gifts & talents and areas of challenge. Each child develops at his/her own rate and is ready for stages of learning at different times.

The staff at Our Lady of the Southern Cross use the very latest in teaching methodology, philosophy and resources to cater for the individual needs of the children in their care.

Children's learning is maximised in an environment where each individual is valued, where their individual learning needs and processes are identified and planned for, where small group instruction and activity provide the basis for focussed teaching and where the skills of staff and students are shared to maximise the effectiveness of the teaching and learning.

Children whose learning is matched to their needs and development experience success and develop into confident, life-long learners.

Curriculum Areas

Religious Education	Literacy	Numeracy
Interpersonal Skills	Thinking Skills	Science
Humanities	Health & PE	The Arts
Language Other Than English - Mandarin		

The curriculum is based on the Victorian Essential Learning Standards and learning experiences are planned to meet the developmental needs of the students.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross has a strong commitment to early literacy and numeracy development and the THRASS literacy program is implemented in the Junior school and the phonic learning model, with modifications, is followed in the Middle and Senior classes.