

## Curriculum Focus Groups

Focus Teams are the strategic curriculum decision making mechanism for our College. Focus teams allow all teaching staff to be part of a like-minded group. Focus teams allow teachers to show leadership outside their direct classroom responsibilities. Important aspects of Focus team discussions are P-12 curriculum, futures, partnerships, professional learning communities and developing a strategic framework.

From 2008, the eight focus areas of study will be : Literacy, Numeracy, Innovation, Activation, Inquiry, My Journey, Cultural and Sustainable Futures.

Visit the Gallery to view documents and policies relating to each focus area of curriculum.

Literacy:

The key focus for 2008 is the promotion of literacy for life within a multi-literate world.

Key responsibilities of the Literacy Focus Group include overseeing the strategic direction of the following programs:

literacy across the curriculum with a focus on reading

teaching English

National Literacy and Numeracy Week activities

enhancing the literacy component in the website - online policy and program support

extracurricular and co-curricular activities

learning and development opportunities through the ongoing mentoring model

lunch action program

"excellence" possibilities with links to the University of the Sunshine Coast and the community

Numeracy:  
The key focus for 2008 is the promotion of mathematics as a unique and powerful way of viewing the world and helping it make sense, the distillation of life experiences into abstractions and the application of these to view new situations.

Key responsibilities of the Numeracy Focus Group include overseeing the strategic direction of the following programs:

mathematics P - 10 syllabus rollout

development of Senior mathematics curriculum option

professional development in thinking, reasoning and working mathematically

world class teaching project

mathematical teaching framework development

maths 300 and learning objects

competitive events, e.g., Maths Tournament

integration of maths into teaching units

development of key assessment tasks in mathematics

specialist "excellence" area possibilities with University links  
My Journey:

The key focus for 2008 is the development and promotion of the My Journey Curriculum from P - 10. My Journey will develop students' social skills, thinking skills and build habits for them to be successful.

Key responsibilities of the My Journey Focus Group include:

development of curriculum from P - 12 in personal identity, career education, moral and ethical framework, and community action and service

professional development to implement the curriculum

promotion of the curriculum across the College and wider community

exploration and implementation of digital portfolios for students  
Innovation:

The key focus for 2008 is to empower our teachers, students and the community to make the most of new technologies in order to create new learning pathways that equip students to live and work in the future.

Key responsibilities of the Innovation Focus Group include overseeing the strategic direction of the following programs:

ICT Scope and Sequence Matrix alignment to curriculum plans

Smart Classrooms - Laptops for Teachers professional development program

professional development programs to explore the pedagogies associated with ICT integration

digital portfolios for teaching, learning, assessment and reporting

integration of online learning tools and The Learning Place portal into teacher practice use of Blackboard sites for most secondary classes and some primary classes

The Virtual campus - providing true flexible delivery of learning opportunities

ICT hardware and software management

partnerships with the ICT Innovation Centre and other industry groups

International programs linking students and teachers with learners worldwide

ICT extension and enrichment programs  
Development of Master Class Program for some teachers  
Inquiry:

The key focus for 2008 is the promotion of inquiry based learning to enhance the cognitive development of our students.

Key responsibilities of the Inquiry Focus Group include overseeing the strategic direction of the following:

thinking process and strategies - working scientifically, technological processes, habits of mind, college thinking matrix

inquiry based learning

enrichment - student excellence, Optiminds, Eng-Quest, chess

research and investigation

lunch action programs - thinkers' club, construction club

"excellence" area possibilities with links to the University of the Sunshine Coast and the community

spotlight on Science Project  
Activation:

The key focus for 2008 is the promotion of life-long fitness and health.

Key responsibilities of the Activation Focus Group include overseeing the strategic direction of the following programs:

physical education (primary school)

health and well-being (middle school)

health and physical education (senior school)

teaching requirements for sports stadium construction

working partnerships with student leaders

intra-school and inter-school sport

carnivals and competitive events

Activ8 (daily fitness program)

health programs - protective behaviours, family planning

fitness programs - JRFH, fun runs

lunch action programs

outdoor education programs

specialist "excellence" area possibilities Introduction of Smart Moves Policy 2008

Please click here to view Education Queensland's Healthy Eating Policy.

Cultural:

The key focus for 2008 is the promotion of LOTE and the Arts as powerful tools to enrich students' lives and bring about cultural tolerance and understanding.

Key responsibilities of the Cultural Focus Group include overseeing the strategic direction of the following programs:

LOTE: Japanese and Italian

The Arts KLA's P-10: Visual Arts, Drama, Music, Media Studies and Dance

Senior Programs: Art, Creative Arts, Music and Drama

Instrumental Music and Bands

Arts council

Cultural excursions

Promotion of Community and college links

International Women's Day

Display of student and staff artworks in the Gallery

Development of virtual gallery and stage for student performance on school website

International program

Exchange students

Sustainable Futures:

The key focus for 2008 is the promotion of sustainability within our school grounds and the wider community.

Key responsibilities of the Sustainable Futures Focus Group include overseeing the strategic direction of the following programs:

On-going development and expansion of permaculture gardens on both campuses

Establishment and promotion of paper waste recycling on both campuses

At least one habitat area re-planted

On-going communication of sustainable messages

Coordinate, as a central point, communication between groups devoted to sustainability both inside and outside the school

Promotion and development of sustainability within the curriculum P-12