Elliston Area School Curriculum 2013

Elliston Area School strives for educational excellence and the vocational needs of the school community by working in partnership with staff, students and parents.

The core business is:

- To maintain and continue to develop the teaching and learning environment for staff, students and parents which is collaborative, supportive, safe and reflective of current education trends.
- The development of a positive sense of self-worth and pride in achievements, caring and responsibility toward others, the environment and ourselves are principles underlying all of the schools practices.
- To implement the Australian Curriculum and support SACE.
- To improve reading comprehension skills for all students.
- To focus on Literacy in all learning areas.
- To promote and monitor positive attendance.
- To develop an effective collecting, monitoring, recording and analysing system for student achievement data.
- To integrate vocational and enterprise education across the curriculum R-12.
- To improve and integrate ICT across the curriculum.
- To promote employment opportunities through VET programs and special projects.
- Provide options at Senior School level.

Recent key outcomes

“Seamless” transition program between the preschool and junior primary class, primary to secondary, post school options
Successful sub schools – Primary School and Senior School
VET initiatives
Collaborative curriculum planning between staff and across the AC cluster
Involvement of staff in valuable professional development in line with school priorities and AC implementation support
Integration of the use of ICT across the curriculum
Successful AC and SACE implementation across the whole school

Subject offerings

We offer the standard curriculum areas – English, Maths, History, Science follow AC and other learning areas - Health and PE, Food and Hospitality, Music, Spanish, Arts and Technology use SACSA guidelines.

NIT release for primary teachers means specialist primary classes in Technology, Art, Physical Education and Health, Music and LOTE - Spanish.

Students can access a range of SACE subjects, including VET training where appropriate and Open Access offerings. Students are able to access these subjects in consultation with their teachers and counsellors.

Students with Special needs

Extensive support is available from trained teaching staff and from school service officers for Students with Disabilities, special learning needs and individual behaviour management.
Special curriculum features
School has a significant emphasis on Food and Hospitality and with regular catering across the school and wider community

Teaching methodology
- Integration of ICT across all areas of the curriculum – AC and SACSA. All students have access to the latest technology including DER wireless network.
- There is a continual emphasis on collaborative integrated approaches
- Staff maintains an awareness of learning design through training and development opportunities. Staff are encouraged to share methodologies both formally and informally.
- We currently run composite classes in the following format. R/1, 2/3, 4/5/6, 7/8, 9 and Year 12

Assessment procedures and reporting
- Secondary students receive written reports at the end of each term
- Primary students receive a written report at the end of Term 2, and Term 4
- Parent / teacher interviews are conducted in Term 1 and Term 3 by request
- Primary students receive a portfolio at the end of Term 1 and 3

Joint programmes
Interaction with Port Kenny Primary School for CAP Performances
CAP Bus shared with four other hub schools
CAP Performing Arts program
CAP Video / DVD Scheme
A new Principals’ Cluster - Hub with Lock, Tumby Bay, Port Neill, Ungarra and Cummins

Sporting Activities
Students in Year 5/6 and 7 have access to SAPSASA competitions in tennis, cricket, netball, football, hockey and surfing and secondary have access to SASSA.

Annual interschool surfing, athletics and cross-country competitions
We run a participation Sports Day and then the school competes at an interschool sports day against Streaky Bay, Miltaburra, Karcultaby, Ceduna, and Ceduna Crossways (WCIAC). If the students are successful at this day then they have the opportunity to compete at in the Far West team at WASSAC.

Other Co-Curricular Activities
The students at Elliston Area School have the opportunity to be involved in a vast range of activities within the school and the community, some of these activities include music lessons provided at the school, fundraising and enterprise activities within their class groups or with SRC, class involvement in school assemblies, whole school involvement in Woolshow, Sculptures on the Cliffs, Harmony Day and others.