



Year 1

Mullaloo Beach

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Mullaloo Beach Primary School is an Independent Public School located in the beachside suburb of Mullaloo. As a school, we are committed to providing educational excellence in a positive, nurturing and values based environment which recognises and supports students' individuality. The school has a culture of high expectations and a strong focus on learning success for every child. Teachers have a clear focus on the learning and explicit teaching of the Western Australian curriculum.

The culture of the school is built on open and honest communication and respectful relationships. It is important to us that our students enjoy their experience at Mullaloo Beach Primary, develop a deep love of learning and build friendships that last a lifetime.

In addition to focusing on high performance and high care at a school level, Mullaloo Beach is committed to implementing the Departmental priorities:

1. Success for all students
2. High quality teaching
3. Effective leadership
4. Strong governance and support

Our comprehensive planning structure ensures continuity in teaching, learning and assessment and our high quality specialist programs provide students with opportunities to showcase exceptional talent across a variety of areas.

Our Focus 2019

At Mullaloo Beach our students are the central focus of our school. Our goal is to provide the best possible conditions and support for them to do their best.

This Year Level outline is shaped by the Western Australian Curriculum, the diverse needs of our students and our commitment to creating a culture of high expectations for our students.

Honesty • Respect • Knowledge



Year 1 Curriculum Overview

OVERVIEW

Moving into Year 1 from Pre-Primary can feel like a big step for children and their parents. At Mullaloo Beach Primary School, the Year 1 teachers try to make this experience as smooth and enjoyable as possible. Parents are welcome to come into the classroom each morning and spend some time with their child. The school community at Mullaloo Beach Primary school is extremely warm and caring and this is very apparent in the Year 1 classrooms. The parents of Year 1 children support the teachers by participating in a reading roster each morning and helping with various art and craft activities through the year. Year 1 is a very special time in the life of a child. Learning to read and write, tell the time, add and subtract are all part of our daily activities. We understand that loose teeth, lost jumpers, tears and untied shoe laces are all part of the year 1 learning journey. We endeavour to make this journey a magical and memorable experience for everyone.

ENGLISH

The English Curriculum is built around language, literature and literacy and in Year One we follow a whole school English Program that meets the needs of all students. The children are exposed to a variety of literacy texts which extend them to become independent readers. These include a variety of texts including: Aboriginal stories, picture books, rhyming verse, poetry and non-fiction as well as, decodable and predictable texts.

The **Guided Reading** comprehension strategies are another big focus for Year ones. Through explicit instruction they learn the strategies of: visualising, predicting, questioning, determining importance, and making connections. All of which make them better readers!

In **Talk 4 Writing** students learn and imitate different texts and create a variety of imaginative and informative texts. Talk 4 Writing engages all students of all abilities and the results are evident in the students' writing.

Students focus on extending their knowledge of letters and sounds in Spelling which includes having a new list of words every week and participating in specific phonic activities.

Whilst homework is not compulsory at Mullaloo Beach Primary School it is encouraged. Home readers and spelling words are sent home with students each day, should they wish to continue their learning at home.

The year one students are encouraged to present news on a topic, weekly.

MATHEMATICS

At Mullaloo Beach we have a whole school approach to teaching Mathematics. The year ones' lessons are based on explicit instruction and visible learning strategies in Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. We make maths instruction engaging and fun for the students and we teach a variety of strategies such as: counting on, counting backwards, partitioning numbers and rearranging parts. During maths time you will see a variety of manipulatives in use as we follow a "hands on approach" in teaching concepts. The Math Plus textbook is also utilized during maths lessons.

HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

In year one the HASS Curriculum includes Geography and History. In Geography, we look at natural, managed and constructed features and the students investigate how they change over time and how to care for them. Children also explore how weather changes in different places.

Our History program includes looking at present and past family life, differences in family sizes, structures and roles and how these have changed or remain the same over time. Students also explore Aboriginal culture.

HEALTH

The Health Curriculum focuses on the benefits of healthy eating and regular physical activity on health and wellbeing. We incorporate the Protective Behaviour Program and the MindUp program into our health lessons. In the MindUp Program the children learn about the different parts of the brain and their functions. They engage in 3 mindful brain breaks a day which is known as core practice.

ART

The Visual Art Curriculum consists of making and responding. The year one students are encouraged to apply their ideas, skills and techniques to making artwork. They incorporate shape, line, colour and texture in their art pieces and respond to different pieces of art giving their own personal opinion. Our art topics reflect our classroom themes and we use the children's artwork to create a stimulating environment.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

Digital Technologies is embedded and integrated in teaching and learning on a regular basis with the use of iPads and laptops. In collaboration with the Science specialist, students also engage in STEM activities.

DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES