UNITY COLLEGE MURRAYLANDS
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Junior School (R-5) Curriculum Outline

Unity College Junior School strives to provide a caring and supportive learning community which caters for the needs of students from Reception to Year 5. Through the lens of a Christian environment, students are encouraged to discover and develop their own unique God given skills and abilities. They are assisted as learners to explore, test and evaluate in their quest to make sense of their ever-changing world through challenging, collaborative, playful and independent learning experiences. The learning experiences offered are designed to ensure all students can access the curriculum from their own starting point, and celebrate success as learners.

JUNIOR SCHOOL SUBJECTS

The following subjects are undertaken by students in Reception to Year 5:

+ English
+ Maths
+ Christian Studies
+ Physical Education and Health
+ Arts and Music
+ German and Japanese
+ Science
+ HASS - Humanities and Social Sciences (Geography and History)
+ Technology
+ Dance

UNITY COLLEGE AND THE AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

The Australian Curriculum is designed to develop successful learners, confident and creative individuals, and active and informed citizens. It is presented as a progression of learning from Reception to Senior School that makes it clear to parents, students and others in the wider community what is to be taught, and the quality of learning expected of young people as they progress through school. Students have access to the same content across the nation, and their achievement can be judged against consistent national standards. Unity College and the teaching staff are responsible for the organisation of learning and will choose contexts for learning and plan paths that best meet students' needs and interests.

The Australian Curriculum also includes three current cross-curriculum priorities that are to be addressed through the learning areas. These are: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Histories and Cultures; Asia and Australia's Engagement with Asia; and Sustainability. These priorities are addressed through various learning areas across the curriculum, not as separate subjects.

OTHER SCHOOL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Students can participate in a range of co-curricular, extra-curricular and leadership programs and activities in the Junior School at various year levels.

	CAMPS, EXCURSIONS AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	ACROSS YEAR LEVELS	EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	LEADERSHIP	WHOLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES (R-5)
RECEPTION	+ Farm Barn Excursion + Indigenous Plant Exploration Excursion + Healthy Cooking with Senior Students + Jolly Phonics Dress Up Day + 100 Days of School Celebration	+ Mud Day + Bike Day + Water Day			+ Sports Day + Cross Country + Swimming Carnival + Book Week + Science Week + Healthy Eating and Wellbeing + Colour Run + Musical (bi-annual) + Lunchtime Activities with Teachers + Nature Playground + Swimming Lessons + Library Borrowing + Pancake Day Breakfast + KidsMatter / B You Initiatives + Christmas Carols (bi-annual)
YEAR 1	+ Year 1 Stay-Up + Investigating Living Things + Shopping Excursion + Local Business Connections				
YEAR 2	+ Local Historical Places Excursion + Year 2 Sleep Over (at school) + Murray Bridge Community Christmas Pageant (float)			+ Student Representative Council (Year 2-5)	
YEAR 3	+ Aldinga Camp (Indigenous - Ngarrindjeri focus) + Aussie Day + Lutheran Homes Service Learning				
YEAR 4	+ Community Tree Planting + Kindy Buddy Visits + Seed Propagation and Compost Collection + Monarto Safari Park & Maritime Museum Excursion + Way to Go Road Safety	+ Star Gazing	+ Certificate of Agriculture + SAPSASA Sport + Champions Challenge		
YEAR 5	+ Ballarat Camp (History Focus) + Growing with Grattitude + Grain Store Project + Step Up (Term 4)			+ Year 5 House Captains + Student Ambassadors	

****Please note that the activities listed above may vary from year to year.**

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