



BRISBANIA PUBLIC SCHOOL

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SARATOGA NSW 2251

8 February, 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Stage 3 at Brisbania Public School in 2017. The students have settled in well to the rigour and routines of Stage 3 and are looking forward to a positive year ahead. The Stage 3 staff are excited to deliver high quality education that promotes collaboration and an inquiry approach to learning that embeds the use of technology and 21st Century learning.

The team of teachers on Stage 3 this year are Mr Michael Ingram (5M), Mr Greg Anderson (5A), Mrs Shelley Wilding (6W), Mrs Sharon Howe (6H) and Mr Clint Lowe (5/6L). Outlined below is an overview of the content covered across all Key Learning Areas throughout the year. There is also some additional information regarding student requirements and other relevant information.

English

Each class will participate in guided lessons on reading and writing based on the specific needs of the students within each class. Speaking and listening activities, including debating, will also be embedded across all subjects. Grammar and spelling will be both taught within units of work as well as explicit teaching lessons. In Semester 1, Year 6 students will undertake a unit of work developed by the Stage 3 teachers from the Erina Learning Community (ELC). Samples from this unit will also form a part of the Year 7 A-stream class application. More information regarding this process will be communicated later on this year.

Mathematics

All Stage 3 students will be placed in ability-based groups in Week 4, Term 1. This will assist all students in accessing the curriculum at their own level of ability. Groups will be fluid with changes made throughout the year based on student needs and at the discretion of teachers.

Science and Technology (Inquiry-based units of work)

Two units will be studied this year in an inquiry-based learning environment. Inquiry-based pedagogy is essential to develop higher-order thinking, problem solving and critical thinking. The ultimate goal is to allow students to be active, digital citizens in a world unlike the world we know today. Units covered will be *Micro-organisms* and *Earthquake Explorers*.

History (Inquiry-based unit of work)

In accordance with the History syllabus and Australian Curriculum, students will study one history unit per grade, with units complementing excursions throughout the year.

Year 5-The Australian Colonies

Year 6-Australia as a Nation

Geography (Inquiry-based unit of work)

This year, students will be studying the unit, *Factors that Shape Places*.

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Creative Arts

Students will take part in creative arts lessons in their home classes and also as part of a rotation amongst Stage 3 classes throughout the year. Activities will be centred around the four strands of visual arts, dance, drama and music.

Personal Development, Health and Physical Education

Students will engage in personal development and health lessons in home classes, which will include the 'You Can Do It' program and Child Protection lessons. Sport lessons will take place each Friday, in addition to the weekly fitness program.

Homework

Homework will be distributed each Monday and is to be returned each Friday for marking. Please ensure you provide your child with a covered homework book.

Communication

If you wish to communicate with your child's teacher, please write a note, call the office (**ph:** (02) 4369 1246) or email the school directly (brisbania-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au). To ensure you adhere to the school policy, please do not email, text or call teachers directly. To stay up to date with school activities and events, please check the school Facebook page and/or Skoolbag app.

Absences

It is a mandatory state government requirement that all student absences are explained in writing. Notes can be written by hand, email or via the Skoolbag app.

Class Donations

We would love donations such as paper towels, baby wipes, pump soap, tissues and gluesticks. All donations are appreciated.

Books

As student exercise books come home, it would be appreciated if you could cover these in clear contact to ensure longevity.

Student Stationery

Please ensure your child has the following materials each day and replenish items, when needed, throughout the year:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• pencil case• 2 x blue pens• 2 x red pens• 2 x black pens• 1 x black felt tip pen (0.4)• Scissors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 x HB pencils• eraser• sharpener• 30cm ruler (mm and cm)• coloured pencils• highlighters	Optional Items <ul style="list-style-type: none">• textas• crayons• correction tape (no liquid paper please)
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We look forward to meeting you all at the parent information session next Wednesday, 16 February at 5:50pm in Mr Lowe's classroom.

Stage 3 Teachers

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