

# Fairfield Heights Public School

## WELCOME TO YEAR 6, 2016



The Year Six teachers would like to welcome you to what we anticipate will be a very exciting and rewarding year. The students from Year Six have settled into their new classes and classroom routines are well established. This newsletter is to advise you of the equipment your child will need throughout the year and to provide you with an outline of the many interesting things that will be happening in our classrooms. We hope that the following information helps you to understand a little more about the way our grade will operate this year.

If at any time you have any concerns or questions about your child, please arrange an appointment with the class teacher.

**Mrs T. Benetel - Deputy Principal**  
**Mrs D. Clews - Rel. Deputy Principal**  
**Mrs J. Crofts - Assistant Principal**

Mrs D DeMartin, Mrs M Kremmer,  
Mr M. Godoy, Mrs J. McLean,  
Mrs L. Bennett, Mrs S. Stefanovski &  
Mrs C. Bennett  
**Year Six Teachers**

### ENGLISH

Students will be provided with a varied and stimulating curriculum. Reading will take the form of shared reading, guided reading (reading groups) and independent reading. Students from Year Six will also participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge. There will be a strong emphasis on the development of writing skills, including aspects of grammar and punctuation.

Speaking and Listening activities will be an integral part of each lesson.



### MATHEMATICS

The mathematical strands of Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability will be taught throughout the year. Students will be given regular opportunities to 'work mathematically' or problem solve, in order to consolidate their understanding of concepts and develop mathematical fluency.

### SCIENCE

In Semester 1, the students develop their scientific skills while studying earthquakes and chemical changes.

During Semester 2, the students will learn about electricity and different types of energy.

The units are very practical in nature and provide many opportunities for students to deepen their understanding of scientific concepts.



### CREATIVE ARTS

In addition to the classroom activities, students are given opportunities to participate in dance groups, choir, recorder group and creative and performing arts groups.



### PD / H / PE AND SPORT

Students are able to represent their school in PSSA sport or develop skills in Home Sport.

They will also learn about healthy lifestyle choices.



### HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY

Year 6 students will be studying the following topics this year:

**Semester 1**  
"Cultural Study"



**Semester 2**  
"Federal Government"  
"Australia's Identity"

### SUPPORT PROGRAMS

Support programs are provided for identified students. These programs are aimed at specific needs and may be delivered as part of a whole, small group or individual instruction time and are delivered by specialist staff.

### STATIONERY

All students in Year Six will require the following items

- 1 A4 homework book
- 2 blue pens
- 2 red pens
- 1 ruler (no flexible rulers)
- 2 lead pencils
- 1 eraser
- 1 pencil sharpener
- 1 set of coloured pencils  
or 'twist up' crayons
- 1 glue stick
- scissors (optional)
- 1 plastic home reading folder
- 1 library bag

**THE SCHOOL HAS PROVIDED EACH STUDENT WITH A MATHEMATICAL INSTRUMENTS SET**

**NOTE:** *Liquid paper or correction tape is not to be used at school.*

### HOMEWORK

Homework will be distributed each Monday and collected at the end of the week for 6B and 5/6K. For the other classes, homework will be distributed daily and collected for marking throughout the week. Please check student diaries for more information. The development of a regular study routine and effective time management skills will be important in each student's preparation for high school.

Please support the assigned homework as it revises work covered in class. If your child experiences difficulties with the set homework, please contact your child's teacher. Throughout the year, students may also be assigned research tasks. It is an expectation of all Year Six teachers that reading is a regular part of each child's homework routine.

### UNIFORMS

Students are expected to wear full school uniform at all times, including a school hat.

Girls- Tunic

Boys- Lemon collared shirt/grey shorts

As senior students of our school, each Year 6 student will be issued with a tie to be worn as part of their uniform.

### DIARIES

Students have been issued with a diary. Students will be able to use these diaries as an organisational tool; making notes about upcoming events, reminders and additional class activities. To promote a strong communication link between home and school, it is recommended that parents check diaries regularly.

### ASSEMBLY

Every second Friday, Year 6 attends a 3-6 assembly. This event formally acknowledges student effort in a variety of areas including citizenship and book work. It also provides our students with an opportunity to speak or perform in front of an audience. Each Year Six class will host a 3-6 assembly at some stage this year.

### SCRIPTURE

Scripture classes are offered for Anglican, Catholic and Islamic students each Thursday morning. Student not attending one of these scripture classes will take part in supervised, non-scripture activities.

### LIBRARY

Year Six will have library every Tuesday (6M,6B, 6G, 6D 5/6K) and Wednesday (6S)

***Remember to bring your library bag.***

### SPECIAL YEAR SIX EVENTS

Peer Support Leadership Training –	Term 2
Canberra/Snow Excursion –	Term 3
Year Six Farewell –	Term 4