



YEAR 7

FREDERICK IRWIN ANGLICAN SCHOOL

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COURSE INFORMATION

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TEACHING AND LEARNING

FOREWORD

The Year 7 curriculum is wide and varied, providing students with knowledge and understanding as well as developing skills and capabilities. In Year 7, students actively participate in activities that will motivate, stimulate and challenge them. ICT is embedded across the curriculum .

Frederick Irwin Anglican School Year 7 follow the Western Australian Curriculum. Students are taught the following subjects:

• Mathematics	9 periods per week
• English	9 periods per week
• Humanities and Social Sciences	6 periods per week
• Science	4 periods per week
• Christian Studies	1 period per week
• Cyber Safety	1 period per week
• Physical Education	2 periods per week
• Art/Digital Technologies	2 periods per week - 1 semester of each
• Drama	1 period per week
• Health	1 period per week
• Japanese	2 periods per week
• Music	1 period per week

TIMETABLE

The timetable is made up of 40 periods per week, each period lasting approximately 40 minutes. Students are provided with a timetable at the start of the school year, however variations can occur throughout the year.

SCHOOL DIARY

The school diary is an excellent means of communication between home and school. Students can note homework, commitments, reminders and other important information in the diary.

The student is responsible for updating the diary daily. Parents must sign the diary on a weekly basis, usually on a Thursday night. Year 7 staff check the diary and sign it each week, usually on a Friday.

STUDENT PLANNER AND STUDY SKILLS

Year 7 students are provided with a Student Planner at the end of Term 1, this is an ongoing resource that is used throughout s]Secondary school. Students participate in Study Skills workshops and have two sessions of timetabled study per week. Students are expected to complete regular study at home. We recommend 20 minutes, 5 nights a week.

HOMEWORK

Homework is an integral part of education and is given regularly. Students are expected to note homework in their diary and it must be handed in on the correct day. Students must organise themselves to ensure that

homework is completed to the best of their ability. Homework comprises of:

- On-going study and review of each day's lessons;
- Work set by teacher;
- Finishing off class work.

ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING

All subjects use a variety of assessment types eg. Tests, group activities, oral presentations and inquiries. Assessments are ongoing throughout the year and assessment results and feedback will be available on SEQTA.

The information gathered by assessments will be formally communicated to parents via written reports in Term 2 and 4.

LEARNING JOURNEY

Learning Journeys will be held in Terms 1 and 3. At these events parents will be given an insight into the student's experiences and parents will visit their child's classroom. It is a terrific way to celebrate your child's successes and show him/her how much importance you place on their learning.

LIBRARY

The school library is open from 8.00am until 4.15pm each day. Students have access to the library throughout the day, including recess and lunch. They can borrow resources at any time.

BYOD

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) operates at Frederick Irwin Anglican School. This will require that each student bring a suitable laptop or tablet computer to school each day for use in the classroom.

Whilst many parents will want to purchase a new device for their child it is important to emphasise that it is not essential that the device brought to school be purchased specifically for this task, the virtual desktop environment operated by the school will run on most computers purchased in the last few years. Please refer to the What Do I Need? Page on the School website for a guide to the system requirements for BYOD devices.

Parents wishing to invest in a new computer for their child can purchase from any reputable retail establishment. In making a decision on which device to select it is important that parents consider the total cost of ownership of the computer over its total expected lifespan, typically three years. Factors such as extended warranty, accidental damage repairs and insurance must be weighed up to ensure additional and unexpected costs are not incurred at a later date.

PASTORAL CARE

In Year 7, class teachers are responsible for the pastoral care of the students. The Heads of House and Assistant Heads of House are actively involved and liaise closely with the Year 7 staff and parents.

The school chaplain, Father Noel Oakey is available for students to discuss any problems also. Students are given the opportunity to regularly mix with their House through an extended house period on a Wednesday which involves students from Year 7 to 12 and activities include Chapel, Inter-House sports, games and assemblies.

**If you have any questions about Year 7, please feel free to contact Mrs Learmonth,
Head of Year 7, via the School on (08) 9537 0000.**

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CORE SUBJECT OVERVIEW

ENGLISH

Students learn about the English language and using it effectively. In Year 7, students follow a common programme and the English curriculum is built around three inter-related strands of Language, Literature and Literacy:

Major Topics

1. The World of Media
2. A Passion for Poetry
3. Novel Study - Paper Planes
4. Myths, Legends and Ancient Tales



MATHEMATICS

The programme of work in Year 7 covers Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability.

Students will use Pearson Mathematics 7 as the main resource and some of the topics include: Integers, Measurement, Linear Equations, whole numbers, fractions, statistics and probability, decimals, percentage and ratio, angles and shapes. We stream students in Mathematics from term 2.



SCIENCE

Students will focus on 3 areas of Science:

1. **Science Understanding** – Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences and Physical Sciences
2. **Science as a Human Endeavour** – Nature and development of Science, Use and influence of science
3. **Science Inquiry Skills** – Questioning and Predicting, Planning and conducting, Processing and analysing data and information, Evaluating, Communicating

Students will use Pearson Science 7 as their main textbook. A Science 'Birds of Prey' incursion will be enjoyed by students.



HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (HASS)

Geography - There are two units of study in the Year 7 curriculum for Geography – these are Water in the World and Place and Liveability.

History - We study Ancient Civilisations in Year 7. The main units of study are investigating the Ancient Past and inquiry in which students choose an ancient civilisation to study.

Economics and Business - Students study producing and consuming, running either a small scale business.

Civics and Citizenship - We study the Political and Legal system of Australia.





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