Pre Primary Achievement Standards



Religion

At Standard, students explore the similarities and differences created by God in people, their families and their friends. Students identify from Bible stories that Jesus belonged to a community and related closely with his family and friends within that community. They retell Bible stories about Jesus and how he used words and actions to teach people how to relate in loving and forgiving ways with God and one another.

Students represent information about the Church as a religious community, guided by the Holy Spirit to follow the life and teachings of Jesus. They provide examples of how the Church community develops a relationship with God through prayer, the celebration of Mass and other liturgies such as Christmas and Easter.

English

Reading and Viewing

At Standard, students use predicting and questioning strategies to make meaning from texts. They recall one or two events from texts with familiar topics. They understand that there are different types of texts and that these can have similar characteristics. They identify connections between texts and their personal experience. They read short, decodable and predictable texts with familiar vocabulary and supportive images, drawing on their developing knowledge of concepts of print, sounds and letters, and decoding and self-monitoring strategies. They recognise the letters of the English alphabet, in upper and lower case, and know and use the most common sounds represented by most letters. They read high-frequency words and blend sounds orally to read consonant-vowel-consonant words.

Writing and Creating

Students understand that their texts can reflect their own experiences. They identify and describe likes and dislikes about familiar texts, objects, characters and events. When writing, students use familiar words, phrases and images to convey ideas. Their writing shows evidence of letter and sound knowledge, beginning writing behaviours and experimentation with capital letters and full stops.

Speaking and Listening

Students use appropriate interaction skills to listen and respond to others in a familiar environment. They listen for rhyme, letter patterns and sounds in words. Students understand that their texts can reflect their own experiences. They identify and describe likes and dislikes about familiar texts, objects, characters and events. In informal group and whole class settings, students communicate clearly. They retell events and experiences with peers and known adults. Students identify and use rhyme, and orally blend and segment sounds in words.

Mathematics

Number and Algebra

At Standard, students count to and from 20 and order small collections. They make connections between number names, numerals and quantities up to 10.

Measurement and Geometry

Students compare objects using mass, length and capacity. They explain the order and duration of events. Students connect events and the days of the week. They group objects based on common characteristics and sort shapes and objects. Students use appropriate language to describe location.

Statistics and Probability

Students answer simple questions to collect information and make simple inferences.

Science

Science Understanding

At Standard, students describe the properties and behaviour of familiar objects. They suggest how the environment affects them and other living things.

Science as a Human Endeavour

Students share and reflect on observations.

Science Inquiry Skills

Students ask and respond to questions about familiar objects and events.

Humanities and Social Sciences

At Standard, students pose and respond to questions, and recognise that there are a variety of sources from which information can be collected. They use simple categories to organise information and sequence familiar events. Students explore points of view, represent information in different ways and begin to draw simple conclusions. They share observations and ideas when participating in the decision-making process. Students develop simple oral texts, and reflect on what they have learnt using language, gesture and other non-verbal modes.

Students recognise that countries, such as Australia, and familiar places are represented on a globe or a map. They describe the features of places that are familiar to them. Students identify the interconnections that people have with familiar places and recognise why some places are special and need to be looked after. They identify similarities between families and suggest ways that families communicate and commemorate significant stories and events from the past.

The Arts-Music

At Standard, students improvise and share simple music ideas through singing, playing, moving and drawing, with some inconsistencies. They recognise beat, copy some modelled rhythms and identify some changes in tempo. Students recognise high, low and direction of pitch and, with some accuracy, sing simple pitch patterns across a narrow range of notes. They recognise loud and soft and repeated musical patterns. Students identify familiar classroom instruments.

Students listen and respond to familiar music with mostly appropriate movements, drawings or descriptions. They associate music with familiar places and occasions.

The Arts-Visual Arts

At Standard, students apply their ideas, skills and techniques to making artwork. They express simple ideas, using some visual art elements, and explore materials to express developing ideas about a given theme. Students consider shape, line, colour and texture when producing artwork. They create artwork exploring some tactile techniques.

Students identify some appropriate places in their personal environment for artwork to be displayed. They respond to artwork by giving personal opinions.

Design and Technologies

At Standard, students identify people that produce familiar objects within the community and some simple stages of the production process. In Engineering principles and systems, students move objects in a range of ways and observe their reactions. In Food and fibre production, students connect plant and animal products to their use as food, clothing and/or shelter. In Materials and technologies specialisations, students explore and select materials to use for construction, considering the materials' characteristics.

With all Design and Technology contexts, students explore needs for designing simple solutions. They generate and record design ideas through describing, drawing, modelling and/or a sequence of written or spoken steps. Students safely use given components and equipment, to make simple solutions and evaluate their success using personal preferences.

Digital Technologies

At Standard, students label digital systems (hardware and software) and where they are used. They represent data using pictures, symbols and patterns. Students follow safety strategies while they collect and use information from an online source.

In Digital Technologies, students explore needs for designing simple solutions. They generate and record design ideas through describing, drawing, modelling and/or a sequence of written or spoken steps. Students safely use given components and equipment, to make simple solutions and evaluate their success using personal preferences.

Health Education

At Standard, students identify unsafe situations and ways they can be healthy and safe, such as identifying trusted people in their community. Students identify simple actions that promote health, safety and wellbeing in familiar contexts and state why they are important.

Students identify different emotions that people experience in response to certain situations and use appropriate language and actions to communicate their own feelings.

Physical Education

At Standard, students perform fundamental movement skills, including body management, locomotor and object control skills.

Students identify ways that being active can make them healthy and well. They cooperate with other members of the group in structured movement activities and follow simple rules, such as staying between set boundaries and responding to commands.

Auslan (Languages)

By the end of Year 2, students interact with teachers and each other to talk about themselves, their families, friends and immediate environment. They follow instructions to complete actionbased activities such as signing games or transactional activities, using repeated constructions, gestures and affective non-manual features (NMFs). They interact in familiar classroom routines by responding to requests, such as DS:line-up PLEASE, LOOK-AT-me PRO1. Students ask and respond to simple questions and distinguish between statements and questions. They express likes, dislikes and feelings using lexical signs and affective NMFs. They recognise and produce fingerspelled names for roll call and games and produce modelled signs, phrases and sentence patterns in familiar contexts. They use culturally appropriate protocols, such as maintaining eye contact and responding to and gaining attention by waving or tapping a shoulder or table. They identify specific information in signed texts, such as the properties of colour, number, size or shape, and describe people and objects, for example, PRO3 5-YEARS-OLD, PRO1 HAVE 2 BROTHER, or THAT BALL BIG. Students demonstrate simple procedures using known signs, gestures, objects and list buoys. They recount and sequence shared events using familiar signs and visual prompts. They view short imaginative and expressive texts such as stories and nursery rhymes, demonstrating understanding through drawing, gesture, modelled signs or English. They use fixed handshapes in creative ways, for example to create amusing sequences of signs to enact movements, and portray characteristics through the use of constructed action. They identify similarities and differences in ways they interact when communicating in English and in Auslan.

Students know that Auslan is a language in its own right, different from mime and gestures used in spoken languages. They know that eye contact is necessary for effective communication and that meaning is communicated visually through the use of whole signs, gestures or fingerspelling. They identify and categorise signs according to handshape and they recognise major types of path movements. They know that some signs link to the appearance of a referent, for example PEN, HOUSE, and that some words, such as proper nouns, are borrowed from English by fingerspelling and mouthing. They know that locations of signs can be modified to change meaning, for example when pointing to people. They recognise the importance of facial expression, eye gaze and other NMFs in a visual-gestural language and culture and know that sign order is flexible in Auslan.