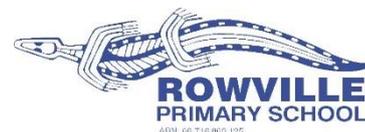


Rowville Primary School

English Policy



PURPOSE

- To provide authentic experiences to promote the competent use of written, spoken and oral language for a range of purposes.
- To develop knowledge, skills and personal qualities, which enable students to read, view, write, compare research and talk about texts.
- To nurture an enjoyment of writing and reading and foster a love of literature.

IMPLEMENTATION

1. Students will be encouraged to write and read for a variety of purposes for example to inform, entertain, retell and convince.
2. The students will be encouraged to speak clearly and confidently in a variety of situations.
3. Every classroom will have a library that is vital and inviting and includes a range of interesting reading materials at a range of developmental levels.
4. Students will undertake independent practice in reading and writing every day for one hour. Teachers will conference with students while students are undertaking independent practice.
5. Students will be taught the six reading comprehension strategies: visualising; prediction/prior knowledge; questioning; text structure and features; summarization; think-aloud.
6. Students will participate in a daily word study workshop that will focus on families of words and will be drawn from the students' own writing.
7. Systematic phonics will be taught in Foundation.
8. The individual differences in ability, experiences and interests of the students will be reflected in the students' individual learning goals.
9. Formative assessment is continuous and will inform the next sequence of lessons.
10. Technology will be an integral part of the English learning program.
11. Teachers will undertake professional learning to enhance teaching and learning strategies and skills.
12. Teachers will provide opportunities for students to reflect on their learning and encouraged to articulate their thinking and understandings by using a variety of forms of response.

EVALUATION

1. The policy will be reviewed every three years, when the strategic plan is reviewed and developed.

This policy was ratified on 6th September 2017
and is due to be reviewed in September 2020.