



McDowall State School

Year 5/6 - Term 4, 2025

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Welcome to another busy term in Year 5/6!

This term overview outlines the work units that will be studied, along with the activities that have been planned to support learning in the classroom.

Below are the units we will be studying this term.



Welcome to another busy term in Year 6. The end of the year is quickly approaching and students are busy engaging in their learning.

This term overview outlines the work units that will be studied, along with the activities that have been planned to support the learning in the classroom. Invoicing for student activities has been completed, where possible, with payment slips included as part of this overview. Parents will be provided with a two-week window of opportunity to make these payments, but can contact our Business Manager to arrange a payment plan, if required. Detailed excursion letters with permission slips will be forwarded separately as required.

Below are the units we will be studying this term.

English

Through a novel study, students explore themes of interpersonal relationships and ethical dilemmas in real-world or imagined settings. Students read, view and comprehend a selected novel. Students will plan, create, edit and publish a written imaginative text, organised into characteristic stages and phases of a narrative.



Mathematics

Year 6 students will further develop proficiency and positive dispositions towards mathematics and its use as they:

- solve problems involving fractions, decimals and percentages of a quantity, including percentage discounts and choosing efficient calculation strategies using digital tools where appropriate
- recognise and use rules that generate growing patterns and number patterns involving natural numbers and rational numbers
- apply computational thinking to develop algorithms that use rules to generate numbers, such as to find unknown values in patterns
- recognise that probabilities of an event can be described and compared numerically
- observe and compare long-run frequencies in repeated chance experiments and simulations

Year 5 Students will further develop proficiency and positive dispositions towards mathematics and its use as they:

- use place value to order decimals
- use algorithms and digital tools to experiment with factors and multiples to identify and explain patterns
- use multiplication facts and efficient calculation strategies to build fluency in multiplying large numbers by one and two-digit numbers and divide by single digit numbers
- find unknowns in numerical equations involving multiplication and division using materials, diagrams, number sentences and arrays

develop reasoning skills when considering relationships between events and connecting long-term frequency over many trials to the likelihood of an event occurring

SCIENCE

Stick Bird Investigation

Year 5 students will engage in an experiment that explores the effect of beak types on the diets of a variety of bird species and the environments in which they live.

Investigating Plant Growth

Year 6 students will plan, conduct and evaluate an investigation to identify the best environment for growing a plant.

HASS

In this unit Year 5 and 6 students will explore Australia's global connections and learn about how places interact and trade. Students will explore the following key inquiry question:

What are Australia's global connections between people and places?

Health

Growing Up

In this unit, students explore developmental changes and transitions that occur as they grow older. They investigate strategies available to assist them with the transition.

Visual Arts

Say it with Art

In this unit students use collage techniques and the recontextualization, reclamation and reuse of objects and non-traditional art materials to communicate ideas.

Physical Education

Students will have one 30 minute Physical Education lesson each week. Students will learn skills in bowling, newcombe and table tennis.

Interschool Sport (Years 4 – 6)

Students will participate in Interschool Sport. Students will be involved in sport over 3 x Friday afternoons. Dates are 31st Nov, 7th, 14th November. Students have nominated for Interschool Sport or At-school Sport. Payment is only required for Interschool Sport.

Japanese

Students will continue to develop their existing knowledge and skills relating to the Japanese language and culture. Learning will focus on:

Describing themselves and family members via Q and A.

Developing students' understanding of hiragana.

Music

- Read, write and aurally identify more complex rhythms including ti-tikas and tika-tis.
- Discuss their ideas and responses to music from the Medieval Period and perform using appropriate musical vocabulary.



Dance

Students will participate in one 30 minute lesson each week. Students will continue learning and exploring The Elements of Dance. Students will create a contemporary small group dance performance exploring their memories at McDowall State School as their final task. Students will also respond to their own presented in class as well as others.

Lifesaving Program

Year 6 students will participate in a lifesaving program on 20th, 27th November and 4th December. The aim of the Lifesaving Program is to improve overall lifesaving capabilities, skills and confidence of those students who can already swim, as well as developing confidence in those students with limited swimming instruction.

Students will also learn how to safely assist other swimmers who may experience swimming difficulty.

More information about this exciting learning experience will go out this term.

GRADUATION

December 2025

The Year 6 Presentations Assembly will take place on Wednesday 10th December at 9.00am.

Graduation Dinner will be held on Wednesday evening at Kedron Wavell Services Club.

Further information will come for these events later in the term.

Remembrance Day

Years 6 students will participate in a Remembrance Day Service and visit the National Memorial Walk at the Gallipoli Barracks Enoggera on 11th November 2025



CLASS CELEBRATION DAY!

Thursday 11th December

Further information to come from your class teacher.

McDowall Speaking Competition

Students from Years 3 – 6 prepare and present a spoken presentation.

Year level finalists present at the Speaking Challenge Assembly on

Tuesday (Year 3 & 4) 9:00am

Wednesday (Year 5&6) 9:00 am

Year 6 finalists compete for the

Linda Davidson Speaking Award

Excursion Information**Year 5/6 D1 – Term 4, 2025**

Consent requests for all school activities (excursions, incursions, etc) are now done via QParents only. Paper permission forms will no longer be sent home.

Please refer to QParents for up-to-date information on excursions, incursions and payments for this term.

If you do not currently have a QParents account, or the details to set up an account, please contact the School Office on 3872 5333 or admin@mcdowallss.eq.edu.au.

If you are unable to create a QParents account for any other reason, please contact Administration to discuss further.