



McDowall State School

Year 1 - Term 2, 2025

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

For all date claimers please refer to the 'School Calendar' which can be found within the 'Tartan Times' via the following link -

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Welcome to another busy term in Year 1!

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 Term 2

Welcome back to Term 2. This is going to be a very busy Term in Year 1. We have lots of new learning to do and consolidation of the routines we learned during Term 1.

Our 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.

Parents will have another opportunity to discuss their child's progress with the teacher early in term 3.

Below are the units we will be studying this term.

ENGLISH

Students participate in shared reading, and viewing of authentic texts including non-fiction texts. Students explore how texts such as simple procedures, reports and factual descriptions are organised according to their purpose.

Students create short procedural texts to present to an audience.

MATHS

This term students have opportunities to develop understandings of:

Number and Algebra

- partition one- and two-digit numbers
- recognise patterns in numbers and extend knowledge of numbers beyond two digits
- use physical or virtual materials and diagrams when modelling practical problems (addition and subtraction to 20) through active learning experiences and employ different strategies and discuss the reasonableness of answers
- use curiosity and imagination to explore situations and choose ways of representing thinking when communicating with others
- quantify collections using skip counting

Measurement

- explain ways of making direct and indirect comparisons and begin to use uniform informal units to measure duration of events



SCIENCE/HASS

This integrated and connected unit encompasses the Science and HASS Learning Areas. Students will explore and investigate the ELA (Environmental Learning Area) in order to describe and observe the observable features of this landscapes. They will consider changes in the landscape, and the impact of these changes on themselves and others. They will recognise that the features of places can be natural, managed or made (built) and represent local places using pictorial maps. Students will describe local places using the language of direction and location.

TECHNOLOGY

Students will recognise and explore digital systems and their purposes.



THE ARTS

Music

Students in Year 1 will have one 30 minute music lesson each week with Ms Woodruff. Students will participate in a variety of musical activities that develop skills in singing, playing instruments, listening, moving, improvising and composing.

Visual Arts

Students will participate in a variety of art activities where they develop skills to express ideas through the manipulation of images and objects. This term students will also participate in the School Art Competition.

Dance

Students will explore the elements of dance. They use the elements of dance, locomotor and non-locomotor movements and use fundamental movements to explore the topic of The Four Seasons.

SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

This term all students at McDowall will participate in the School Art Competition. Students in each year level will produce a piece of art work using a particular medium. A special assembly will be held on the last Monday of term (23rd June) to acknowledge the class and year level winners.



HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Movement

This term, all students will receive a 30 minute PE lesson each week. Students will participate in a unit focussing on ball skills (bouncing, catching, kicking and dribbling). Students will also prepare for the interhouse sports day.



JAPANESE

Students in Year 1 will have one 30 minute Japanese lesson each week. Students will learn about different eating practices and use Japanese language to describe children's lunches in Australia and Japan.

LIBRARY

Thank you to all the parents and care givers who share their love of reading with their children. Most of the Year One students borrow books from our Library every week.

Together – we will help our students build a 'life-long reading tradition'. On 21st May 2025, we will again participate in the National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS). It is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

All Year 1 students have been subscribed to the DoE (Department of Education) Digital Library and can now access over 60,000 eBooks and audiobooks by visiting the Sora website, or downloading the free Sora app on a mobile device, searching for the school 'Education Queensland', and logging in using their MIS ID.

Play is the Way

This year McDowall SS teachers have been introduced to Play is the Way.

PLAY IS THE WAY® is a social and emotional learning (SEL) methodology using physically interactive games & activities, 5 guiding concepts, an empowering self-reflective language and 6 key virtues that form a pathway to empathy.

It is a process that gives McDowall SS a way to develop, improve and entrench the personal and social capabilities of students.

The PLAY IS THE WAY® Methodology uses:

- A unique program of physically interactive games
- "Life Raft" concepts that serve as a moral compass to guide students through life and learning
- reflective language that helps children master their own behaviour
- "Pathway To Empathy" virtues
- a philosophy of behaviour education and student self-regulation that fosters independent, self-motivated, empathetic, life-long learners.



Excursion Information**Year 1 – Term 2, 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.