



McDowall State School

Year 6 - Term 2, 2025

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SCHOOL CALENDAR

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Welcome to another busy term in Year 6. We hope you and your family had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday.

This semester the students will participate in a range of enjoyable activities. In addition to our regular class program, this term all Year 6 classes will take part in three sporting Gala Days and compete in the Inter-house Athletics Carnival. We look forward to working with you again this term.

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 will be forwarded separately as required.

Below are the units we will be studying this term.

ENGLISH

Engaging with and responding to literature

Students in Year 6 will read, view and comprehend past and contemporary literary texts, exploring how literary devices, for example, narrative structure, characterisation, rhetorical devices, imagery or figurative language, are used to enhance meaning and for effect.

They will share and elaborate on ideas about a literary text they have studied, by participating in a book club discussion.

MATHS

Number and Algebra

Students will:

- solve arithmetic problems involving all four operations with natural numbers of any size
- use mathematical modelling to solve financial and other practical problems, choosing models, representations and calculation strategies and justify solutions
- extend knowledge of factors and multiples to understand the properties of prime, composite and square numbers

Measurement

- use timetables to solve practical problems

HASS

Australians as Citizens

Student will investigate and explore the Inquiry questions:

What does it mean to be an Australian citizen?

How have experiences of democracy and citizenship differed between groups over time and place, including those from and in Asia?

SCIENCE

Making changes



Students investigate changes that can be made to materials and how these changes are classified as reversible or irreversible. They plan investigation methods using fair testing to answer questions.

HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Movement

This term all students will receive one x 30 minute PE lesson per week. Students will be focussing on developing track and field skills and fitness in preparation for the Interhouse Athletics Carnival.



ALL-SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS

This term all students at McDowall will take part in the:

20th June: Inter-house Athletics Carnival (track)

Inter-school sports

All students in Years 5-6 have the opportunity to participate in inter-school sport - known as North District Gala Days.

Students leave the school to play against teams from other local schools. Students not participating in the Gala Days stay at school and undertake a multi-sport programme.

- There will be three Gala Days in Term 2.
- Gala Days are half-day events, with teams usually playing two/three games on each Gala Day.

Health

What am I drinking (Semester 1)

Students continue to explore drink products that contribute to health and wellbeing. They focus on investigating a variety of drink options including soft drinks, energy drinks and fruit juice, and the effects they have on the body. Students examine available alternatives to various drink options.

THE ARTS

Human Movement – Dance/Drama

Students will have one 30 minute movement lesson each week. They will continue to explore the genre of Musical Theatre through class performance and choreography activities.

Music

Children in Year 6 will have one 30 minute music lesson each week. Children will participate in a variety of musical activities that develop skills in singing, playing instruments, listening, moving, improvising and composing.

Media Arts

Documentary - What's the story?

In this unit students create a documentary style film to tell the personal story of someone in the school community.

SCHOOL ART COMPETITION

This term all students will participate in the School Art Competition, by producing a piece of art work using a particular medium. A special assembly will be held on Monday 23rd June to acknowledge the class and year level winners.



JAPANESE

Students will continue to develop their knowledge of basic sentence patterns. They will use verbs, adjectives, nouns and times to describe daily routines. Students will continue to develop their knowledge of hiragana (Japanese alphabet).

TECHNOLOGIES

Digital Technologies (Semester 1)

Students will explain how information systems meet local and community needs, represent a variety of data types in digital systems and share information ethically.

Students will use their iPads to design and create an interactive spreadsheet analysing data on natural disasters around the world.

LIBRARY

The Year 6 students have been reading up a storm in Term One and we thank parents and care givers for supporting their child's regular reading habits. All Year Six 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. Borrowing days for Year 6 students continue weekly.

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.



Year 6 Camp
Year 6 are invited to attend a 3day/2-night
Camp at
Luther Heights Youth Camp, Coolum on 25 –27
June 2025.



Excursion Information**Year 6 – 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.