

Curriculum

As with all Australian Schools, our teachers plan, implement an engaging program using the Australian Curriculum to guide the teaching and learning. We have a strong Arts Focus with all students receiving specialist teaching in Drama/Dance, Visual Art and Music. Physical Education and Health education are part of the weekly curriculum. Students regularly take part in sporting workshops, in term 2, there is usually a particular focus, this has been gymnastics and footsteps dance course. In recent years we have had a focus on Circus Skills, which will teach balance and acrobatic skills, juggling and coordination as well as clowning and presentation.

Swimming lessons and water safety take place in term 1 for Reception to Year 5 students while Year 6/7 students take part in a 3 day Aquatics Camp every odd year in term 4.

The whole school works on literacy/English based learning before recess. Early Years staff use the Jolly Phonics program to begin literacy learning, which progresses to reading, spelling and grammar. We use a variety of Intervention Strategies, resources and personnel for those students requiring additional support.

There is a 75 minutes mathematics session 4x a week after recess. Students are taught in smaller groups in Mathematics to enable them to work at the speed that best suits them. There is a whole school agreement about the scope and sequence that maths is taught.

Classes have opportunity to learn how to make the best use of the library and most students borrow books regularly. The mobile library visits every fortnight offering students and families the opportunity to access books from all the libraries in South Australia.

Equity is important at Lenswood and means teachers do their best to ensure programs and strategies are in place so all students can participate as fully as they are able to in the curriculum. It also ensures that all children and students learn about the many different perspectives to be found in our diverse society. Through this, learners will develop knowledge, skills and understandings necessary to contribute towards a fairer world.