God

Year Level Focus
God, revealed in Jesus, enters into a relationship with humankind and calls each person to respond.

Knowing and Understanding: Students will understand that through knowing Jesus we come to know God.
Inquiry and Communication: Students will explore the experience of paradox.
Discernment and Making Connections: Students will experience Jesus as the paradox who reveals both God and us.

Enduring Understandings
- God reaches out to us to form relationships and invites us into a personal relationship through Jesus.
- Through the life, actions and words of Jesus, our God of love and compassion is revealed.
- The complete self-giving of Jesus reveals what God is like.
- Jesus reveals that God is Love.
- The Resurrection shows us Jesus’ triumph over death.

Essential Questions
- How does Jesus show that God is love?
- What does the Resurrection reveal about the power of God’s love?

Jesus Christ

Year Level Focus
Jesus Christ offers hope to the world and calls his followers to discipleship.

Knowing and Understanding: Students will understand that Jesus embodies the Reign of God.
Inquiry and Communication: Students will explore further how the words and works (parables and miracles) of Jesus are about the Reign of God.
Discernment and Making Connections: Students will discover that in Jesus we see who we really are and who God really is.

Enduring Understandings
- The Reign of God is the mystery of God’s loving plan for the world-in-right-relationship.
- Jesus proclaims the Reign of God through parables: transformative stories of wonder.
- As disciples, we are called to co-operate with God in making the world more compassionate and just.

Essential Questions
- Can we know God’s plan for the world?
- What do the Parables teach us about the Reign of God?
- How can we contribute to a more just and compassionate world?

Church

Year Level Focus
The Church proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ and is missionary and prophetic.

Knowing and Understanding: Students will understand that the Good News of Jesus is that we are loved completely and invited into the mystery of God.
Inquiry and Communication: Students will explore the challenge of being sent into the world, to love the world as Christ does and to speak this truth with courage.
Discernment and Making Connections: Learning about God and engaging in God deepens our encounter with all creation.

Enduring Understandings
- The original meaning of Church is to be called out. This describes this movement of love - being called out of self.
- Being sent is at the very heart of being church. This is the original meaning of missionar y/apostolic.
- We are sent to discover the truth that God loves the world absolutely and to proclaim this to the world.
- The absolute love of God for the world is revealed in Christ who gave himself absolutely (to the point of being crucified).

Essential Questions
- What does it mean to live in right relationship with our planet, people, our God?
- How do we build healthy relationships?
- What do just and compassionate actions look like?
- Can one person’s compassionate actions make a difference?
- What does suffering teach us about God?

Scripture

Year Level Focus
Studying and meditating on the Scriptures as the Word of God reveals God’s love and deepens Christian perception of who Jesus is.

Knowing and Understanding: Students will develop their understanding of the structure, genres and cultural background of the Bible.
Inquiry and Communication: Students will study core themes e.g. Covenant, Promise, Liberation, Revelation.
Discernment and Making Connections: Students learning about and engagement with Scripture will move them to an encounter with God and everything in God.

Enduring Understandings
- The Bible is a library of books containing many different genres
- The Bible today is a result of a long process of development from an oral to a written tradition.
- The Bible is the inspired Word of God written in human language.
- The New Testament was written by people of faith for people of faith and to bring others to faith in Jesus the Christ.

Essential Questions
- What can be identified as the core themes of the Bible?
- Why do we need to know what, when, where, why and for whom the authors wrote?
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<td>Prayer and Christian life are inseparable. Effective prayer transforms us and leads to a deeper love for God and one another.</td>
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**Enduring Understandings**

- Sacraments are visible but limited signs of God’s active presence.

**Essential Questions**

- How can the Sacraments help us explore the mystery of God?
- What do we understand when we hear that Sacraments are visible but limited signs of God’s presence?
- In what ways is Baptism a sign of life and death and in what ways is Reconciliation a sign of mercy and justice?

**Year Seven and Year Eight**