Philosophy

The provision of quality Learning and Teaching programs is paramount at Park Ridge Primary School. To ensure all students are achieving their full potential, teachers design and provide lessons that engage both boys and girls, cater for individual differences and encourage deep levels of thinking. Quality learning and teaching is about developing confident and life-long learners.

Guidelines

1. Teachers create a classroom environment that is welcoming and engaging, where all students feel excited about their learning and safe to take risks with their learning.

2. Teaching strategies will be based on the latest brain-based research for engagement and developing memory.

3. Activities will foster and develop deep levels of thinking, problem solving and co-operative learning. Thinking skills and learning strategies will be taught across all areas of the curriculum.

4. The curriculum will be differentiated to cater for the wide range of abilities in each classroom.

5. The e5 Instructional Model will be used to inform conversations and guide the observation and reflection of classroom practice.

6. Teachers will utilise learning technologies to engage students, widen the breadth of knowledge available to them and develop up-to-date skills for learning and collaborating with others. This will include the Internet, the Ultranet, a wide variety of computer software programs, web 2.0 tools, school laptops and digital cameras.

7. This policy will be formally reviewed every three years by the Education Subcommittee, in consultation with the school community.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in June 2011.