

DARE

Year 6 Graduate Diploma

Children are born creative, curious and imaginative. It's a wonderful thing and through the DARE - Year 6 Graduate Diploma, we strive to keep these traits alive.

At St Peter's Woodlands we nurture a love of learning, a thirst for discovery and a desire to be creative, so making sense of the world is always fun and exciting.

Life-long success is not a fixed state nor is it ever complete. It is not homogeneous and looks different for every child as they move through the phases of their school life and beyond.

We have designed DARE - Year 6 Graduate Diploma, to

encourage active participation, perseverance and the desire to excel. It supports students to set goals and work hard to achieve them.

Our hope is that through active participation in *DARE* - *Year 6 Graduate Diploma*, our children will be inspired to develop resilience, joyfulness, and respect, whilst building life-long skills, characteristics and behaviours to help them flourish.

The DARE Challenge

Throughout DARE – Year 6 Graduate Diploma we throw a gauntlet down for our students and DARE them to....



DREAM about all the endless possibilities which are before them

ACHIEVE to the very best of their ability, recognising that success often comes after failure

REACH as high as they can, pushing themselves out of their comfort zone

EXPERIENCE and embrace a range of activities which are new, exciting and sometimes scary





About the Program

The primary purpose of DARE Graduate Diploma is for students to engage in a series of learning activities that allow them to DREAM, REACH, ACHIEVE and EXPERIENCE.

The *DARE* program consists of a series of learning activities designed to develop skills that are transferable from one learning experience to another. Over a 12-month period students are encouraged to develop their independence, character and are equipped with life-skills

DARE consists of activities completed at home as well as at school, being a partnership between home and school. Support and guidance from parents and other family members throughout the DARE journey is important to the success, growth and positive outcomes for students.

As children commence their final year of primary school, the *DARE Graduate Diploma* provides a framework of activities, perfectly aligned to the developmental age of young adolescent children.

St Peter's Woodlands looks forward to working alongside students and families as they embark on the *DARE* journey throughout their final year of primary school.



Seven Learning Capabilities

DARE embodies *Seven Learning Capabilities* (7Cs) developed by Prof. Guy Claxton and Bill Lucas. Every learning activity embeds the elements of the 7Cs, giving students many opportunities to develop these important attributes over the course of the year.







Learning Activities

The DARE - Year 6 Graduate Diploma is organised into eight Learning Areas with different Learning Activities under each stream.

Passion Project

The *Passion Project* is an opportunity for students to share their creativity, talents, skills and expertise through a project of their choice. The best Passion Projects are those that come from the heart, where the student is truly inspired by their chosen topic/field.

The *Passion Project* provides students with an opportunity to develop independence through time and

project management, develop new or existing skills and work with an adult mentor, perhaps a parent, friend, relative or SPW staff member.



Life Skills

The Life Skills Learning Activities are designed to help students understand and practise every day routines. It is hoped that through this stream, students develop empathy, a sense of responsibility and self-management which will help prepare them for their futures.

- Goal setting
- Household & Bedroom chores
- · School lunch making
- Meal preparation

My Voice

Communication is the backbone of our society. It allows us to form connections, influence decisions, and motivate change. Well-developed communication skills are vital to a child's success.

In all areas of life and at all levels of education, students must be able to communicate effectively, in verbal, written and non-verbal form. The *My Voice Learning Area* will help students develop public speaking and performance skills, self-confidence, positive body language, and projecting a positive self-image.

- Speech making
- Person of eminence essav
- Me as a leader
- Digital journal
- SALA exhibition
- Graduation song writing
- Bands
- · Soundtrack of my life
- Artist in residence
- Author in residence
- IPSHA Poetry

Service

Service is a core value of St Peter's Woodlands. It is appropriate that the *DARE* program incorporates this value and allow students the opportunity to experience the joy of serving their community.

As a component of *DARE - Year 6 Graduate Diploma*, students are required to undertake a *Community Service Learning Activity* for a minimum of 6 hours, of which will benefit others in the community.











The World Around Me

In *The World Around Me Learning Area* students develop and appreciate an understanding of their world and how they connect their learning in curriculum activities. Each activity will be school-based and the students will be supported by staff to develop a deeper sense of the world in which they live, whilst developing a cross-section of the 7Cs attributes.

- Canberra tour
- City week
- Jumble sale
- Kaurna culture
- Forktree project
- Japanese



Spirituality

In these challenging days, more than ever before, young people are asking questions about life and meaning. Where do they turn to for their answers? Where do they turn to for hope? Through *DARE*, students will have the opportunity to explore these concepts through the *Spirituality Learning Area* whilst participating in the ALPHA Youth course.

Safety

Safety encompasses many aspects important to a child's development. Through *DARE*, students will learn a range of relevant skills essential to their and others' wellbeing.

- Cyber safety
- Basic first aid
- Surf safety

Wellbeing and Grit

In a fast paced and ever changing world, it is vital that today's students are equipped with the necessary skills and strategies to manage their personal wellbeing and character to deal with problems as they arise.

The Wellbeing & Grit Learning Activities are designed in conjunction with the existing Bounce Back wellbeing curriculum. The five school-based programs provide children with opportunities to practice skills and strategies learnt.

- Puberty and relationships
- Physical growth
- · Body esteem
- Hallett Cove to Glenelg hike
- Transition



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