Y3 Early Years Extension (EYE) Program

"It's all About Perception"

Perception – “The way you think about or understand someone or something.”
“The way that you notice or understand something using one of your senses.”
Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

Our latest Early Years Extension program has been designed to build on and extend the work done with our students in Year One and Year Two. We will continue to use the Philosophy for Children (P4C) approach to further students’ ability to ask and answer questions that encourage multiple and diverse responses. We also aim to advance their understandings and applications of the Habits of Mind. Further to this, we aim for students to develop their ability to look at the world from points of view other than their own. This represents a significant step forward in terms of child development theory as students will be encouraged to move from egocentric to more empathetic thinking.

The program is designed with an overall theme of ‘Perception’ and the way different people “see” things: both concretely and cognitively. Sub-themes have been developed and include ‘Walking in Others’ Shoes,’ ‘Look at it a Different Way,’ and ‘It’s All Relative.’

Program content will draw on the General Capabilities of the Australian Curriculum: Critical and Creative Thinking, Personal and Social Capability, English and Maths. The program is full of ‘big ideas’ and we have chosen an engaging range of stimuli and activities for your children to enjoy and learn from. The program is structured to enable the teachers to respond to the interests, nature and needs of each group and includes additional elements in response to parent and student feedback from the year one and year two programs.

As in the Year One and Year Two programs, the Habits of Mind (as dispositions necessary for success) will act as an umbrella and P4C will provide a forum for asking questions and engaging in discussion. Familiar and new thinking tools will be utilised to extend the students’ thinking.

We are excited about adding the extra dimension of Edmodo (a secure online classroom environment) to provide a platform for students to complete tasks; access recommended extra resources; prepare for sessions; and communicate with their teacher and classmates from home. We envisage that Early Years parents will access Edmodo with their children and we will also provide items and links to items for parent interest. Updates posted by the teacher will allow you to share in and extend what your child has covered in the extension sessions. Information about how to access Edmodo will be provided separately.

Feedback for each student will be provided after the program is complete. This will include a student self-assessment and a teacher comment.

If you have any questions or comments about the program then please do not hesitate to contact your child’s Early Years Extension teacher.