To optimise student’s learning experiences the Enrichment and Extension Program provides a learning culture that focuses on self-regulation, critical, creative and conceptual thinking. The program is guided by current research on catering for the needs of gifted and talented students and 21st Century learning.

Semester 2 has commenced this week for Years 3-6 and Years K-2 will have their first session next Monday 20 July. We have a challenging program planned for the students and look forward to their enthusiastic engagement.

Throughout the semester we plan to fully utilise our upgraded technology tools which include 10 iPads, 10 netbooks, 9 new computers and a new colour printer to enhance our learning program. The students will be extending their technology skills making videos using Adobe Premier Elements or using Photo Story as a means of expression.

During week 5 of this term each of the Language and Expression sessions will have a visit from an author who will share their expertise in the process of bookmaking. These visits are always a valuable and enjoyable learning experience for the students.

The Solution Finding sessions will continue to consolidate the problem solving strategies. The theme in all the stages is Survival. The students will be engaged in active learning through hands-on, team–based projects that make learning maths meaningful. The challenges will be based on real-life situations that pose authentic design challenges. Students will contribute ideas, practices and knowledge from their own experiences. They will apply maths skills and knowledge in original ways to create design solutions. Students will work together in cooperative groups as well as independently. Students will listen to their own and others’ thinking and evaluate and modify ideas. As well as focusing on peer-based learning, students will develop reflective practice.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss your child’s involvement in the program.

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