

Key Competencies

The five key competencies combine a range of skills, knowledge, attitudes, and values that focus on developing dispositions for learning and for life. There is a particular focus on 21st century skills and literacies. These are nurtured and developed within and across learning areas and in the wider school.

Thinking

Relating to others

Using language,
symbols, and texts

Managing self

Participating
and contributing

21st Century Skills and Literacies:

Problem solving

Our students will learn to

- solve different kinds of non-familiar problems in both conventional and innovative ways

Creative thinking and Innovation

Our students will learn to

- use a wide range of idea creation techniques (e.g. brainstorming)
- create new and worthwhile ideas
- elaborate, refine, analyse and evaluate their own ideas in order to improve and maximise creative efforts

Communication

Our students will learn to

- articulate thoughts and ideas effectively using oral, written and non-verbal communication skills in a variety of forms and contexts
- listen effectively to decipher meaning, including knowledge, values, attitudes and intentions and know when it is appropriate to listen and when to speak

Collaboration

Our students will learn to

- demonstrate ability to work effectively and respectfully with diverse teams
- exercise flexibility and willingness to be helpful in making necessary compromises to accomplish a common goal

Information literacy

Our students will learn to

- recognise when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use effectively the needed information.

Digital literacy

Our students will learn to

- use technology as a tool to research, organise, evaluate and communicate information

Media literacy

Our students will learn to

- understand both how and why media messages are constructed, and for what purposes

Learner agency

Our students will learn to

- monitor, define, prioritise and complete tasks without direct oversight

Initiative and Self-direction

Our students will learn to

- set goals with success criteria
- balance short-term and long-term goals
- utilise time and manage workload efficiently

Self-regulation

Our students will learn to

- go beyond basic mastery of skills and/or curriculum to explore and expand one's own learning and opportunities to gain expertise

Leadership and Responsibility

Our students will learn to

- use interpersonal and problem-solving skills to influence and guide others toward a goal
- leverage strengths of others to accomplish a common goal
- inspire others to reach their very best via example and selflessness
- act responsibly with the interests of the larger community in mind

Critical thinking

Our students will learn to

- use various types of reasoning as appropriate to the situation
- effectively analyse and evaluate evidence, arguments, claims and beliefs
- analyse and evaluate major alternative points of view
- synthesise and make connections between information and arguments
- interpret information and draw conclusions based on the best analysis
- reflect critically on learning experiences and processes

Social and Cross-cultural skills

Our students will learn to

- respect cultural differences and work effectively with people from a range of social and cultural backgrounds
- respond open-mindedly to different ideas and values
- leverage social and cultural differences to create new ideas and increase both innovation and quality of work

Civic literacy

Our students will learn to

- participate effectively in civic life through knowing how to stay informed and understanding governmental processes
- exercise the rights and obligations of citizenship at local, national and global levels
- understand the local and global implications of civic decisions

Flexibility and Adaptability

Our students will learn to

- adapt to varied roles, jobs responsibilities, schedules and contexts
- incorporate feedback effectively
- deal positively with praise, setbacks and criticism
- understand, negotiate and balance diverse views to reach workable solutions

Productivity and Accountability

Our students will learn to

- set and meet goals, even in the face of obstacles and competing pressures
- prioritise, plan and manage work to achieve the intended result

Financial literacy

Our students will learn to

- know how to make appropriate personal economic choices

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