At Bindoon Primary School, we focus on a developmental approach which considers what the student already knows and structure their learning to move them forward from that point. By doing this, learning follows a sequential path and individual needs are catered for.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD CURRICULUM**

Our Kindergarten and Pre-primary programme caters for all aspects of a child’s development: intellectual, emotional, social, creative and physical. It is during these years at school that children are equipped with the pre-literacy, pre-numeracy, gross and fine motor skills that are needed for formal learning.

**PRIMARY CURRICULUM**

The curriculum is divided into eight learning areas

- The Arts
- English
- Health and Physical Education
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Science
- Studies of Society and Environment
- Technology and Enterprise

**SCHOOL PRIORITIES**

English and Mathematics are two of the school’s priorities. In keeping with department policy, fifty percent of contact time is spent developing literacy and numeracy skills.

In English, programmes focus on the aspects of Reading, Writing and Listening and Speaking. Viewing is also a reporting focus in second semester.

The school has a GiRN specialist teacher (numeracy) who assists teachers in developing student understanding of mathematics.

In the Science learning area, Investigating is a school priority with the conceptual outcomes of Life and Living and Energy and Change being the focus in first semester and Earth and Beyond and Natural and Processed Materials in second semester.

In the Society and Environment learning area, Investigate, Communicate and Participate is the school priority with the conceptual outcomes of Time Continuity and Change, Culture and Natural and Social Systems being the focus in first semester and Place and Space, Culture and Resources in second semester.

**OTHER AREAS**

**Physical Education**

Physical activity develops healthy bodies, active minds and students are involved in two hours of physical activity each week.

A specialist teacher provides specific teaching of physical education skills. Students from Years 1-7 take part in the physical education program which includes: ball skills, sport skill development, physical fitness, athletics and swimming.

**Swimming**

Swimming is an integral part of our physical education program and In Term swimming lessons are offered to all students in Years 1 - 7 during the year. They are held at Iluka Pool, Gingin usually in the last two weeks of the school year. Payment is required to cover transport and pool entry costs.
Learning Technology

We are fortunate to have a Computing Room to provide the necessary skills today’s technology demands. The school has been networked, which allows all classrooms to access the Internet as well as sharing resources such as the printers located in the computer room. The library, in order to increase the research-related facilities for classes using the library, has been automated. There is a bank of computers in the library and all classrooms are equipped with computers. Students and parents are required to sign a computer use agreement. A specialist teacher provides one lesson per week, but technology is integrated throughout the curriculum.

Languages

Students in Years 1-7 participate in a language program provided by a specialist teacher. The aims of this programme in our primary school are for students to learn to communicate effectively in another language and increase their understandings of and grow to respect others.

The Arts

Music

Our Specialist Music Teacher provides each class group with music lessons and directs our school choir which includes students from years 4-7. Students have the opportunity to perform in front of our school and at other venues in the wider community. Music lessons teach children to become musically literate through participation in a wide range of activities. Other musical activities are an integral part of class teaching activities. From time to time we have performers visiting our school to encourage and develop musical appreciation.

Visual Arts

Classroom teachers conduct their own visual arts programmes to develop the students’ skills and processes, arts ideas and appreciation and responses. Students also have the opportunity to exhibit a work of art at our annual art show.