



Heany Park
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Middle School – 2021 Program of Inquiry

1 February, 2021



Transdisciplinary Themes	WHO WE ARE An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities, and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.	SHARING THE PLANET An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution	HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES An inquiry in to the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the way in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic	WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationship between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations; from local and global perspectives.	HOW WE ORGANISE OURSELVES An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organisations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment.	HOW THE WORLD WORKS An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and the environment.
	8 Feb – 19 Mar	22 Mar -14 May	17 May – 25 Jun	12 Jul – 27 Aug	30 Aug – 29 Oct	1 Nov – 10 Dec
Inquiry Units	Central Idea The effective interactions between human body systems contribute to health and survival. Key Concepts Function, Connection, Causation An inquiry into <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Body systems and how they work - How the body systems are interrelated - Impact of lifestyle choices on the body 	Central Idea Children worldwide encounter a range of challenges, risks and opportunities. Key Concepts: Form, Perspective, Connection An inquiry into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Challenges, risks and opportunities that children encounter (local and global) - How children respond to challenges, risks and opportunities - Ways in which individuals and organizations work to protect children from risk 	Central Idea Celebrations and traditions are expressions of shared beliefs and values. Key Concepts: Form, Connection, Perspective An inquiry into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People celebrate for a variety of reasons - Celebrations and traditions have unique features and symbols - Meaning people assign to celebrations and traditions 	Central Idea Exploration leads to discoveries, opportunities and new understandings. Key Concepts: Causation, Perspective, Change An inquiry into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reasons for exploration (historical and personal) - How exploration has taken place over time and leads to change - The consequences of exploration 	Central Idea Public spaces provide people with opportunities to make connections and establish a sense of community. Key Concepts: Form, Function, Connection, An inquiry into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purpose of public spaces - Characteristics of different public spaces - How people use public spaces 	Central Idea People apply their understanding of forces and energy to invent and create. Key Concepts: Function, Change, Causation An inquiry into: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Inventions that impact peoples' lives - How circumstances lead to the creation of important inventions - How understanding forces and energy helps inventors
Excursions and Incursions	15 Feb Mad about science Incursion, The Human Body			TBC Polly Woodside Excursion	25 Oct – 27 Oct Camp Phillip Island	8 Nov Mad about Science Incursion – Forces in motion
Opportunities for Connecting with Student Learning	2 & 4 Feb Getting to Know You Interviews 16 Feb - School Photos	1 April House Cross Country	31 May to 11 June 10 day Intensive Swimming Program 22 and 24 June 3 Way conferences		10 Sept (2.30pm) Celebration of Learning 21 Oct House Athletics (TBC)	4 Nov Count Us in 18 Nov Movie Night (4.00pm) 8 Dec Christmas Concert