

2024
Year 6
Class Handbook



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Year 6 Teaching Team

Greetings and salutations, my name is Jared Semmler and I have worked here at Immanuel longer than all but four of the buildings. In my time here, all four of those buildings have been renovated in some way; so maybe this year it will be my turn for a facelift or some hair regrowth. Probably not! Instead, this year I hope to assist and guide your child along the path to transitioning into secondary school. This is a role I have taken great pride in for over 10 years now.

Hi, my name is Rachael Siviour, and I'm excited to be teaching at Immanuel for another year! I've been a part of the Immanuel community since 2010, within an array of different positions and year levels. This year, I'm excited to be joining the Year 6 teaching team, as well as continuing to teach LOTE to both Foundations and the Year 6s. I value the team and community aspects of our school and I'm looking forward to another great year as I join Jared in the Year 6 teaching team. I'm a proud mother of two, and I understand how important it is to have a strong partnership between parents and teachers. I look forward to working together to support our learners in reaching their full potential for 2024.

Hi all, my name is Marianne Roberts, and I am in the Senior Unit on Fridays (all day) and in 4 other lessons for Maths sessions throughout the week. This is my 14th year at Immanuel and I taught many of these students in Year 1 (They have grown a bit since then!) I live on a farm at Tarlee and have 4 grown children and 10 grandchildren. I have been in education since 1988 and have seen many changes – and swings back to former styles of education.

I am excited to be part of this team – joining the dynamic duo! Please feel free to catch up with me if you have any concerns or information I may need to know.

While being a new teaching pair we have previously (through Rachael's role as the LOTE teacher) enjoyed working in collaboration and with other teachers to support Year 6 students, as they tackle challenges preparing for secondary school. While it can have its stresses, Year 6 is a fun and exciting time in a student's life. Seeing students inspired to inquire, own and present their learning is engaging and rewarding for us.

Together we are looking forward to assisting this year's graduates and their families, through this transition. We can be contacted via a joint email address that allows each of us to offer care to your child and be aware of situations as soon as they happen. For all correspondence with us, we ask that you please use the email address below:

senior_unit@ilsg.sa.edu.au

Year 6 introduces students to the concept of secondary school where it is usual for them to interact with several teachers. For this reason, they are grouped in many different ways to accommodate differing teaching needs and provide students with the opportunity to experience multiple teaching styles.

Introduction

In 2023 a strategic plan was developed and as a result of this process, which involved the school community, the following values were created: Love, Grace, Quality and Teamwork. To promote our core values of Love, Grace, Quality and Teamwork, our behaviour management policy is guided by the principles of respect, safety, learning, care and kindness.

These words will be unpacked at a class level and over the coming days, weeks and months these will form an integral part of our school culture.

1) Weekly Overview

Formal – Monday, Tuesday, Friday

Sport Uniform – Wednesday, Thursday

Worship & Praise – Every Friday 10:30am

Year 6 will be presenting in Term 1, Week 4

Assembly – Monday 2:45pm in weeks 4 & 8 of each term

Year 6 will be presenting in Term 3, Week 4

Specialist Subject Areas

Art - Thursday

Music - Wednesday

LOTE (languages other than English) - Wednesday

SAKG Gardening - Wednesday

SAKG Kitchen - Tuesday

Physical Education – Thursday

2) Camp – Canberra

Canberra Camps have become popular among this age group as they provide great learning opportunities in Civics and Citizenship as well as offering experiences that are not available in our own state. It is also a fantastic way to promote and develop independent and social skills in and amongst the students.

Dates for 2024: Saturday 27th April - Friday 3rd May

Approx Camp Costs: \$700-800 depending on final numbers

3) Homework/Learning at home

Our approach to homework focuses on how to best support student learning and how best to support parents. We recognise there are a variety of family situations schedules and views on homework throughout the school. We value reading at home and will provide tasks for students which support their learning at school. This will include a mix of literacy, numeracy or inquiry tasks.

The Homework routine in Year 6 is ...

- We encourage reading aloud each night
- We encourage students to aim for a 1000 points on Mathletics
- At times additional inquiry work will be encouraged (ie Street Food Night and Exhibition)

4) Daily Routines

Prompt arrival is a school expectation. Students are to be at the classroom by 8:50 as learning starts at 9am. If your child arrives after 9am or leaves before 3.25pm they will need to sign in/out via the front office.

The daily timetable has changed this year. Students will have a brain break at 10.05am which includes time to have a snack. Lunch will be at 12 with eating time following play at 12.30pm. In the afternoon there will be a play break at 2.10pm.

5) Who else is involved in your child's learning?

- LOTE: Rachael Siviour
- Music: Dwayne Hueppauff
- Sport: Richie Cochrane
- Art: Kayla Kreymborg
- Wellbeing: Heidi Gogoll and Rosie (Wellbeing Dog)
- Youth Worker: Will Knott
- LSA (Lutheran Schools Assistant): Jenny Melville
- Maths: Daryl Trigg and Marianne Roberts
- SAKG Program: Andrew Tiller and Simon Wundersitz

6) Special Events

Street Food Night – Term 2, Week 9

Exhibition - Term 4, Week 4

Graduation Evening – Term 4, Week 9

7) iPads

We aim to educate our students to understand the importance of safe and responsible use of ICT. Year 4-6 expectations include:

- Communicating respectfully
- Being a safe user
- Being a responsible user

An Acceptable Use Agreement will be sent home shortly which needs to be signed by the students and a parent/caregiver.

8) Communication

At Immanuel we use a variety of modes to communicate. Here is a snapshot...

Seesaw- Seesaw is used to communicate student work and occasionally class information.

Monday memos (sent as an Operoo)- whole school information is published weekly which is followed with class specific information.

Email- We understand meeting face to face is not always possible in which case email is the next best option. Please send all emails concerning your child to senior_unit@ilsg.sa.edu.au

Operoo- online (paperless) process used to communicate events (camps/excursions/ school events).

All the best for 2024,

Jared Semmler and Rachael Siviour