



# PATTERSON LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## HISTORY POLICY

### RATIONALE

Awareness of history is an essential characteristic of any society, and historical knowledge is fundamental to understanding ourselves and others. The process of historical inquiry develops transferable skills, such as the ability to ask relevant questions; critically analyse and interpret sources; consider context; respect and explain different perspectives; develop and substantiate interpretations; and communicate effectively. It also helps students to appreciate Australia's distinctive path of social, economic and political development, its position in the Asia-Pacific region and its global interrelationships.

### AIMS

- Interest in, and enjoyment of, historical study for lifelong learning and work, including their capacity and willingness to be informed and active citizens.
- Knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the past and the forces that shape societies, including Australian society.
- Clarify values and attitudes about issues affecting society and the environment, particularly tolerance of people from many cultures and commitment to the democratic process.
- Participate in activities that enhance community life, particularly in making decisions about civic projects and in ways of achieving ecologically sustainable development.

### IMPLEMENTATION

History will be taught:

- In line with the National Curriculum
- Within the context of the PLPS Integrated Curriculum

Whilst planning, the school will consider the following:

- Cross Curriculum Priorities:
  - Asia and Australia's engagement with Asia
  - Sustainability
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures
- General Capabilities:
  - Intercultural understanding
  - Ethical understanding
  - Personal and social capability
  - Critical and creative thinking
  - ICT capability
- In addition:
  - Civics and Citizenship
  - Global Perspectives
  - Gender Perspectives

### EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

### CERTIFICATION

This policy was adopted at the School Council Meeting held at Patterson Lakes Primary School, on September 2013.

Signed.....  
School Council President

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Principal