

Biblical Studies



Biblical Studies at Northpine is a values-rich study of the Bible. The Bible is seen as the true basis of belief for building better relationships with one another and also a relationship with God. This study aims to produce citizens of principle and distinction.

Curriculum Overview

Biblical Studies focuses learning experiences on solid community values. All students are given the opportunity to gain knowledge and skills that can be used in life outside school. The studies are designed to produce quality citizens that appreciate the contribution biblical understandings have made and benefitted the world in which we live.

Biblical Studies seeks to align students with the skills needed for religious studies in the Senior School. The Curriculum is designed to also teach some of the basic skills that are being crowded out of the Australian Curriculum. Northpine aims to provide a rich biblical focus, without overloading students with religious commitments.

In Years 8 – 10 Biblical Studies classes are scheduled about three times a week. As well as encouraging Christian values, the curriculum aims to provide opportunities for service as well as develop evaluative and analytical skills in an age-appropriate way. Bible is one of the most loved experiences of a student's day, its message of the offer of a loving relationship with God impacts the way we view ourselves and others. Learning about personalities, relationships and actually serving others, keeps the study alive, deeply relevant and practical.

Course focus

Years 7 & 8

High School Biblical Studies begins with studying how incredible it would have been to have witnessed Jesus up close and personal. This background provides the basis for reflection on what it would be like to have Jesus in our lives today.

In Year 7 we attempt to discover the into plan Jesus has for us. As stated in Jeramiah 29:11, Jesus says that he knows the plans he has for us, plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future.

Together we study ways that we can be a shining light in our community, making a difference in the lives of others. As Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Acts 20:35.

Year 8 is a fascinating study of the Old Testament biblical characters of Joseph, Moses, Joshua and Elijah. These people trust God in the face of seemingly insurmountable evidence to the contrary—their faith rewarded!

Exploring Jesus' parable-driven teachings, helps us appreciate the deep messages of what God's Kingdom is really like.

Year 9

Who is Jesus? Year 9 begins by studying this all-important question. Did such a person really exist? Is there real, strong evidence —outside of the Bible —that supports the idea? Did he really die, or did he only fake his death? So who is he, God or fraud?

Building our Who is Jesus unit we ask, "What is God like?" Many in our current 'anti-God culture,' portray God in the most unflattering of ways. But what are the characteristics that really epitomise who he is?

Jesus shows us that God wants us to treat ourselves and each other in ways far better than we do. Jesus also shows us a God who himself is so caring—so loving—that he would rather die than have us miss out on the 'good life.'

Biblical Studies includes a regular service component. Older students assist the younger ones with learning to both read and manipulate numbers—our "Buddy Visits." They also assist with art and craft activities. This is the highlight of not only a Primary pupil's week, but also most of the older ones as well!

Years 10

Our final year of Biblical Studies at Northpine takes us on a journey where we explore important questions such as:

- How can we trust the messages in the Bible?
- How can we know the biblical themes have not been impacted by the 'Chinese Whispers syndrome'?
- Does the Bible stand up to the rigors of scientific and archaeological research?
- How can I know there is a God?

The Bible not only predicts the future, but it shares experiences of people who struggled to maintain their values in the face of antagonistic environments. These explorations are presented in age-appropriate ways, so the study is perceived as both practical and relevant.

Year 10 finishes with a study designed to facilitate student subject selection for Years 11 and 12. Students can chose either Study of Religion, or the less academically rigorous Religion and Ethics. Our Connect option is automatically linked with our VET certificate level courses.



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