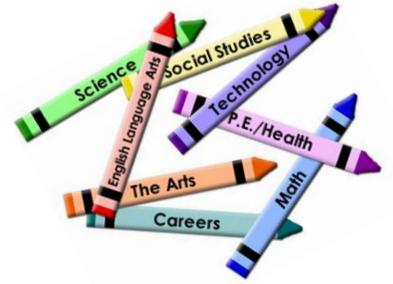


ACROSS THE CURRICULUM (ACO)

YEARS 7 - 10

WHAT IS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Across the Curriculum subjects are designed to support students that may find difficulty in other subjects in the Mercy Curriculum for one reason or another. Rather than being a “stand alone” subject with its own assessment, ACO classes supplement the work being done in other subject areas.



COURSE AIMS:

ACO aims to ensure that students develop:

- essential literacy and numeracy skills that are vital to success in all subject areas
- organisational skills to facilitate independence in managing assessment workloads, including class and homework
- social and behavioural goals so that all students can be happy, active, participating members of the College community
- life skills and a love for learning that will assist students well into the future

COURSE ORGANISATION:

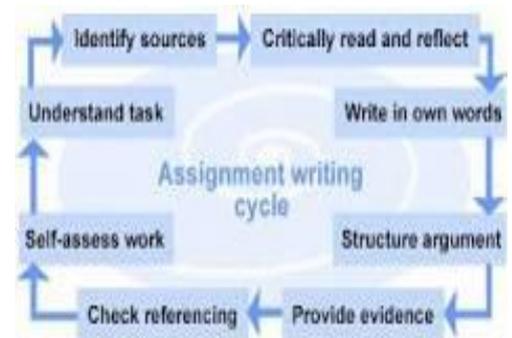
ACO subjects are offered on an invitation basis only, to those students who are believed may benefit from such a program after discussion between parents and the HOD – Inclusive Curriculum.

YEAR 7 – “The Sound Way” Reading program

YEAR 8 – Assignment Writing

YEAR 9 & 10 – Literacy Support, Numeracy Support and Assignment Writing

ALL YEAR LEVELS – IEP GOAL PROGRAMS (Students with disabilities only)

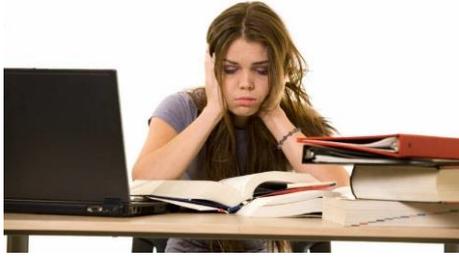


THE SOUND WAY READING PROGRAM – AC054



The Sound Way is a reading program that has shown terrific success across many Australian schools with students with a range of socio-economic backgrounds. In re-visiting the basic principles of letter-sound production, text decoding and reading comprehension, The Sound Way looks to raise the reading age of participants by two to three years. Participation is by invitation only, after school based testing has indicated a deficiency in reading ability. Course duration is for one semester only. Classes are maximised at 20 students with a class teacher and teacher assistant

ASSIGNMENT WRITING – AC011



This program is designed to support students who struggle to complete written assessment for a variety of reasons. In this class students are taught explicit organisational skills, proof-reading and editing skills, how to research information and reference it correctly, as well as being allowed time to complete other subject assessment with teacher support. It is of benefit for those students with learning difficulties, students who experiences a high level of absences from school, and students who suffer from anxiety which is exacerbated by the demands of secondary school.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY SUPPORT PROGRAMS – AC060 / AC070

From 2015, students at Mercy may be invited to participate in literacy and numeracy support programs, which will support their work in English and Maths. Students who struggle to achieve satisfactory results in English and Maths may benefit from these programs as they attempt to address the key elements of literacy and numeracy, the deficiency in which may be contributing to the students' lack of success in English and Maths. These programs would be in addition to regular English and Maths programs.

