

## **English Rationale:**

(To be seen in the light of our BBS)

God reveals himself to us through his written Word, creation, and most completely, His son Jesus Christ. Language is His gift to humanity which enables our communication and relationship with Him and each other.

Language also enables critical thinking and creativity, and allows for sophisticated ideas to be explored and developed. It also allows for the exploration and critique of our culture.

Reading, writing, speaking and listening are all aspects of our humanity which need to be developed so that our students are able to glorify God in all they think, say and do.

## **Aims**

The Australian Curriculum: English aims to ensure that students:

- learn to listen to, read, view, speak, write, create and reflect on increasingly complex and sophisticated spoken, written and multimodal texts across a growing range of contexts with accuracy, fluency and purpose
- appreciate, enjoy and use the English language in all its variations and develop a sense of its richness and power to evoke feelings, convey information, form ideas, facilitate interaction with others, entertain, persuade and argue
- understand how Standard Australian English works in its spoken and written forms and in combination with non-linguistic forms of communication to create meaning
- develop interest and skills in inquiring into the aesthetic aspects of texts, and develop an informed appreciation of literature

(Added) And especially

- grow in their skills to interpret and understand God's Word so that they are better equipped to respond to the Bible with obedience and learn to live faithfully in this fallen and sinful world.