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- ♦ Literacy acknowledges the crucial role of language
- ♦ Literacy embraces changes in communication modes
- ♦ Literacy is the responsibility of all teachers
- ♦ Literacy can and should be taught explicitly
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This Literacy Statement was compiled by the
Key Literacy Team
in consultation with teaching staff.

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Literacy is the key to success for every student

- ◇ Literacy involves reading, writing, listening and speaking
- ◇ Students are expected to critically analyse, respond to and produce texts of their own
- ◇ They learn social conventions
- ◇ They build on early literacy experiences
- ◇ They prepare for academic study, jobs and lifelong learning

Literacy acknowledges the crucial role of language

- ◇ Language can be seen as a system
- ◇ Literacy reflects social conventions
- ◇ Students learn to make language choices according to purpose, audience and context
- ◇ Students learn appropriate register for formal and informal, written and spoken situations
- ◇ **Professional development opportunities are provided for teachers to deepen their knowledge about language as a system**

Literacy embraces changes in communication modes

- ◇ New technologies
- ◇ Visual literacy
- ◇ Information literacy
- ◇ Multi-media literacy
- ◇ Professional development opportunities are provided for teachers to develop understanding about new forms of communication

Literacy is the responsibility of all teachers

- ◇ Literacy is part of all subjects R-12
- ◇ Our whole school management strategy ensures a continuum of literacy teaching R-12
- ◇ Teachers use a common terminology to describe literacy processes
- ◇ Teachers help students refine and build on their literacy skills
- ◇ Professional development opportunities are provided for teachers to develop skills in teaching literacy

Literacy can and should be taught explicitly

- ◇ Our literacy curriculum plan recognises the continuum of literacy development and provides structures for learning
- ◇ It includes all areas of the curriculum
- ◇ It recognizes the unique discourse of particular subjects
- ◇ It supports individual special needs
- ◇ It supports local and international students with ESL needs
- ◇ It includes appropriate assessment

Literacy benefits from opportunities to practise, refine and celebrate language

- ◇ Publishing student work
- ◇ Debating
- ◇ Drama productions
- ◇ Literacy Week
- ◇ Children's Book Week
- ◇ Friends of the Library
- ◇ Reading competitions

- ◇ Visiting performers and authors
- ◇ Premier's Reading Challenge
- ◇ Book Talks
- ◇ Writing competitions
- ◇ Young Journalist Award
- ◇ LOTE Day
- ◇ Languages on campus