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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
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◊ 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