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ASPIRE

Empowering Every Learner to Succeed Through Excellence.

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OUR VISION FOR ASPIRE

The ASPIRE Programme is the golden thread that runs through our commitment to academic excellence at Penryn College. Our vision is to develop ambitious, scholarly and intellectually curious students who are creative, practical and prepared to thrive in higher education, competitive careers and an ever-changing world.

Through the explicit development of scholarship, challenge, leadership and enrichment, ASPIRE provides opportunities for students to extend themselves beyond the classroom and realise their full potential.

Our students are encouraged to think deeply, ask questions and engage critically with the world around them. We foster a culture where academic curiosity is celebrated, effort is valued and excellence is pursued. We believe that scholarship is about more than achieving outstanding grades. It is about developing a genuine passion for learning, exploring ideas independently and embracing intellectual challenge.

Students within ASPIRE are challenged to become confident, reflective and resilient learners. They are encouraged to take advantage of a wide range of opportunities that broaden horizons, develop character and prepare them for their future pathways.

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PILLARS OF THE ASPIRE PROGRAMME

CURRICULAR CHALLENGE

Providing stretch, depth and academic rigour across subjects. Students are encouraged to tackle demanding concepts, think deeper, think critically and strive for excellence in every aspect of their learning.

SUPER-CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT

Creating opportunities that extend learning beyond the classroom through competitions, lectures, research opportunities, university engagement, reading programmes, leadership experiences and wider academic enrichment.

STRATEGIC DELIVERY OF ASPIRE

UNIVERSAL

Experiences and opportunities that all students can access to develop scholarship, academic confidence and intellectual curiosity.

TARGETED

Additional support, challenge and enrichment for students who opt into sessions or would benefit from enhanced academic provision. This support ensures potential is recognised, nurtured and developed through increased curricular challenge, academic mentoring, wider reading and subject specific opportunities.

SPECIALISED

High-level opportunities designed for students demonstrating exceptional academic potential and aspiration. Provision includes university preparation, academic mentoring, leadership development, university outreach, and guidance on future academic and career pathways.

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ASPIRE PRIORITIES

SCHOLARSHIP

To embed a culture of scholarship across the school, ensuring students develop intellectual curiosity, critical thinking and a love of learning beyond the taught curriculum. Through the High Performance Academy framework, students will engage with wider reading, independent research and academic discourse, developing the habits and characteristics of successful scholars.

CURRICULAR CHALLENGE

To increase opportunities for stretch and challenge within the curriculum, ensuring high attaining students consistently encounter ambitious academic experiences. Students will be encouraged to tackle complex concepts, engage in deeper thinking and demonstrate mastery through extended and sophisticated learning opportunities.

SUPER-CURRICULAR ENRICHMENT

To expand the breadth and quality of super-curricular opportunities available to students. This includes academic societies, lectures, competitions, university outreach programmes, research projects, leadership experiences and subject-specific enrichment that develops both knowledge and cultural capital.

DESTINATION SUCCESS

To strengthen pathways towards competitive universities, apprenticeships and future careers. Students will receive high-quality guidance and experiences designed to raise aspirations, broaden horizons and enable informed decision-making about their next steps beyond Penryn College.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP & INDEPENDENCE

To develop students as independent learners and leaders within the school community. Through mentoring, reflection and leadership opportunities, students will build confidence, resilience and self-regulation, preparing them for success in higher education and beyond.

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OUR ASPIRATIONAL GOALS

Every student develops the habits of a scholar.

Students demonstrate intellectual curiosity, engage critically with ideas and confidently pursue learning beyond the classroom.

Every student experiences meaningful academic challenge.

Students are routinely stretched through ambitious curricular opportunities that promote deep thinking and high achievement.

Every student engages in super-curricular learning.

Students participate in opportunities beyond specifications that enrich their understanding, broaden their horizons and develop cultural capital.

Every student understands their future pathways.

Students are ambitious about their futures and have the knowledge, skills and guidance required to access aspirational destinations.

Every student becomes an independent, reflective learner.

Students develop the self-discipline, resilience and learning habits needed to thrive in higher education, employment and lifelong learning.

Every student can truly ASPIRE.

Through Scholarship, Challenge and Enrichment, students leave Penryn College equipped to excel academically, contribute positively to society and realise their full potential.

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Universal Offer

Curriculum

Valuable for all, Vital for Some.

Knowledge Organisers and retrieval practice.

'Think Deeper' embedded.

Academic Questioning and dialogue.

Super-Curricular

Visiting Speakers.

Post-16 and Further Education Pathways.

Educational Visits and Trips.

Personal Development including SMSC and Finding my Voice.

Lunchtime Masterclasses

For example...

Potential Medics

Swedish from Scratch

ASPIRE Revision Sessions.