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<b>Triune God</b>	In Foundation Level, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to learn how to make the Sign of the Cross. They learn through this prayer that God is called Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They learn that God is experienced through the gift of creation.	In Levels 1 & 2, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to learn that there are different names for God. They learn that people are precious and unique. They learn that God loves all people and wants people to love others. They continue to learn about God as the loving creator who gives life. They learn that through their senses they can experience and appreciate their world, created by God and entrusted to their care.	In Levels 3 & 4, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to learn that Scripture speaks of God in many ways but most significantly for Christians as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They learn that Christians name this understanding of God as Triune God (Trinity). They learn that people are created in God's image and are called to live in communion with God and others. Students learn that the creation stories invite people to be responsible stewards of creation. Students learn about Jesus as the Son of God, the promised one of the Old Testament whose life, death and resurrection reveals God's love. They learn that the Church teaches about the humanity and divinity of Jesus. They learn that they have been shown by Jesus how to live life to the full, in harmony with all creation. They learn about the variety of titles and images for the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit continues to support and enliven human efforts to live according to Jesus' teaching and ministry.	In Levels 5 & 6, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to learn that Catholics recognise Jesus as both human and divine, the Son of God. They learn how Jesus, as Messiah, is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promise. They learn how Jesus' life, death and resurrection reveal God's love. Students learn that the Holy Spirit is the love expressed between the Father and the Son and that this is a gift freely given. They learn about the variety of images and metaphors to describe Triune God. Students learn that God, the creator of all, entrusts people with the world and with the responsibility to respect and nurture life. Students learn that the human person, created in the image of God, has dignity and natural rights, which must be considered in morally challenging situations.	In Levels 7 & 8, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn that God reaches out to humanity in loving relationship through creation, the history of salvation in Jesus Christ, fully human and fully divine, and the mystery of human existence. They learn key aspects of the covenantal relationship God has with humanity through the Hebrew people. They learn why God sent his Son, Jesus, and describe ways God sends the Holy Spirit into the world. They learn that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are three divine persons equal in nature and dignity who are bound together as one being, in love. They learn ways people are invited to share in the life and love of the Triune God.

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<b>The Life and Mission of Jesus</b>	In Foundation Level, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to learn about their own families and the family and life of Jesus.	In Levels 1 & 2, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to learn how Jesus lived and what he taught. They learn that, guided by Jesus' life and mission, God's plan is for people to live in loving relationship with God, others and creation. They learn about Mary's special role in the life of Jesus.	In Levels 3 & 4, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to learn about the historical and cultural setting in which Jesus lived. They learn about the mission and ministry of Jesus that was handed on through his disciples and continues through the Church today. They learn that Mary was a woman of faith who allowed God to work through her.	In Levels 5 & 6, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to learn that by responding to, and sharing in, the mission of Jesus, Christians are witnessing and proclaiming God's unconditional love and building the Kingdom/Reign of God, which is here but not yet fully realised. Students learn about Paul and how he carried on the mission of Jesus by spreading the Word throughout the known world. Students learn that Jesus, as Messiah, is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promise. They learn that many of Jesus' parables give an insight into the Kingdom/Reign of God. Students learn about Mary's role as the Christian model of a faith filled disciple.	In Levels 7 & 8, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn about the historical, social, political and religious contexts in which Jesus lived. They learn about Jesus' teachings, actions and mission and what they reveal about God and the Kingdom/Reign of God. Students learn practical ways the Kingdom/Reign of God can be lived out today.

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<b>Sacramental Church</b>	In Foundation Level, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn about belonging to a family, school and Church community. They learn that people celebrate in different ways and that Catholics have particular celebrations throughout the liturgical year. Students learn that Baptism is the sacrament that welcomes people into the Church community.	In Levels 1 & 2, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn that everyone is invited to become members of the Church community that shares God's love. They learn about local Church communities and important liturgical celebrations in the Church. Students learn about some of the ways that people celebrate religious traditions. Students learn that sacraments are special celebrations in the life of the Church. They learn about some symbols and actions that are part of the celebration of Baptism. They learn about the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation).	In Levels 3 & 4, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn that people have different experiences of life and celebrate in a variety of ways. They learn that the Church is a community of believers called to celebrate and make present the saving ministry of Jesus. They learn that the mission of Jesus continues in the Church. They learn that the Church celebrates Jesus' life, death and resurrection in the many feasts and seasons of the liturgical year. They learn about Mary as a key figure in the Catholic Church. They learn about the Sacraments of Initiation and Healing.	In Levels 5 & 6, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn about the major Catholic feasts and seasons in the liturgical year. They learn that the mission of the Church is to bring about the Kingdom/Reign of God. They learn about the history of the Catholic Church in Australia. They learn that the Church honours Mary as Mother of God. They learn how the sacramental life of the Church nourishes the faith journey of its community. They learn about the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit and how these can be animated in people's lives.	In Levels 7 & 8, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn about the life and mission of the sacramental Church. They learn that sacraments express and enrich the shared life of the Christian community, celebrating initiation, healing and service and that each sacrament has its own history, symbols and rituals.

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<b>Christian Life and Catholic Social Teaching</b>	In Foundation Level, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn that they are unique and loved by their family and others. They learn about the love of God through relationships with others.	In Levels 1 & 2, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn about their needs and the needs of others. Students learn that the love of God is expressed in the beauty of creation. They learn that God invites people to love and care for themselves, others and their world. Students recognise their own gifts and talents and explore how these can be used to help others. They learn that people's choices and actions affect themselves, others and creation. They learn that through right relationships with others they experience the love of God.	In Levels 3 & 4, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn that Catholic Tradition calls people to love God and to love one another. They learn that all are invited to respond to God's love by showing care for self, others and creation. Students learn about the mission of Jesus and how personal gifts and talents can support this mission which is continued in the Church today. Students begin to learn about the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST), particularly focussing on the dignity of the human person, which is fundamental to how people treat themselves and others. They learn that people are called to make right choices and to take responsibility for their actions.	In Levels 5 & 6, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn about the meaning of mission and determine ways people can make a personal response now and in the future. They learn about the challenges of following the mission of Jesus today. They learn about the principles of Catholic Social Teaching (CST) drawn from the Scriptures and the moral teaching of the Church. They learn to consider local and global challenges in light of CST, and explain the impact of these challenges.	In Levels 7 & 8, students will develop the knowledge, skills & understandings to enable them to learn that the teachings, actions and mission of Jesus Christ inspire people to lead Christian lives. They learn that Christian life is nourished within a faith community, inviting people into dialogue and service. Students learn how justice calls people to be in right relationship with God, others and creation.