

Science Outline: Year 9

Term	Week	Unit of Work	Key Concepts	Class Tasks and Homework	Assessments
1	1 - 5	Living World - Responding, Maintaining, Surviving And Depending	Multicellular organisms rely on coordinated and interdependent internal systems to respond to changes in their environment	 Experiment: Dissection Research: Infectious and Non Infectious Diseases 	
	5 - 9	Chemical World - Atomic Theory	 Scientific understanding changes and is refined over time through a process of review by the scientific community Identify that all matter is made of atoms which are composed of protons, neutrons and electrons Investigate a range of types of important chemical reactions that occur in non-living systems and involve energy transfer 	Activity: Periodic Table of Elements Activity: Drawing Atoms from Data	Written Assessment
2	1 - 5	Earth & Space - Global Patterns (Plate Tectonics)	The theory of plate tectonics explains global patterns of geological activity and continental movement	Activity: Plate Tectonic Jig Saw	
	5 - 9	Physical World - Electricity	Scientific understanding of current electricity has resulted in technological developments designed to improve the efficiency in generation and use of electricity	 Experiment: Constructing Circuits Research: Technological Developments in Electricity Generation 	

3	1 - 5	Chemical World – Chemical Reactions	Chemical reaction involve rearranging atoms to form new substances; during a chemical reaction mass is not created or destroyed	 Experiment: Investigating Different Types of Chemical Reactions Worksheet: Word Equations
	5 - 9	Physical World – Waves	 Energy transfer through different mediums can be explained using wave and particle models Energy conservation in a system can be explained by describing energy transfers and transformations 	 Activity: Optics Kit Research: Scattering and Dispersion of Light
4	1 - 5	Living World – Ecosystems	Conserving and maintaining the quality and sustainability of the environment requires scientific understanding of interactions within, the cycling of matter and the flow of energy through ecosystems	 Research: Feeding Relationships in Australia Ecosystems Activity: Constructing Food Chains and Food Webs Written Assessment
	5 - 9	Skills	Student research project involving a firsthand investigation	 Experiment: Fair Tests Activity: Solving Scientific Problems Power Point Presentation