

## **PYP Transdisciplinary Themes**

**These themes:**

- **have global significance – for all students in all cultures**
- **offer students the opportunity to explore the commonalities of human experience**
- **are supported by knowledge, concepts, and skills from the traditional subject areas**

### **WHO WE ARE**

*An inquiry into the nature of the self; beliefs and values; personal, physical, mental, social and spiritual health; human relationships including families, friends, communities and cultures; rights and responsibilities; what it means to be human.*

### **WHERE WE ARE IN PLACE AND TIME**

*An inquiry into orientation in place and time; personal histories; homes and journeys; the discoveries, explorations and migrations of humankind; the relationships between and the interconnectedness of individuals and civilizations, from local and global perspectives.*

### **HOW WE EXPRESS OURSELVES**

*An inquiry into the ways in which we discover and express ideas, feelings, nature, culture, beliefs and values; the ways in which we reflect on, extend and enjoy our creativity; our appreciation of the aesthetic.*

### **HOW THE WORLD WORKS**

*An inquiry into the natural world and its laws; the interaction between the natural world (physical and biological) and human societies; how humans use their understanding of scientific principles; the impact of scientific and technological advances on society and on the environment.*

### **HOW WE ORGANIZE OURSELVES**

*An inquiry into the interconnectedness of human-made systems and communities; the structure and function of organizations; societal decision-making; economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment.*

### **SHARING THE PLANET**

*An inquiry into rights and responsibilities in the struggle to share finite resources with other people and with other living things; communities and the relationships within and between them; access to equal opportunities; peace and conflict resolution.*