2026
Intermediate Syllabus

THE SCHOOL OF BONSAI

Term 1 *(27th Jan to 26th March)*	
1	Welcome / Introduction to Intermediate Course & Developing Bonsai using Figs
2	Approaches to Tree Development/Developing Trees in the Open Ground for Bonsai
3	Plant Profile: Allocasurina and Eucalypts
4	Let's Build a Rock and Rock plantings
5	Autumn Care and tasks for autumn /Trees with Autumn Colour
6	Advanced Pruning
7	Roots: Exposed Roots, Root over Rock Part II and Root cuttings
8	Display: discussion in conjunction with Beginners class topic - Key Elements of Bonsai presentation
9	Plant Profile: Flowering/ Fruiting Trees for Bonsai
Term 2 *(20thApril to 18th June)*	
1	Plant Profile: Jade/Figs
2	Plant Profile: Camellia
3	Australian Native Plants Revisited
4	Plant Profile: Junipers
5	Tool Maintenance/ Refining Pots
6	Winter Care and Tasks for winter
7	Miniature Bonsai
8	Display: discussion in conjunction Beginners class topic
9	Gardenia, Murraya and Crepe Myrtle
Term 3 *(21st Jul to 17th Sept)*	
1	Pests and Diseases
2	Styling and Wiring Techniques for Azaleas and Plant Profile: Azalea Sao Tome/ Twisting Trunks
3	Tree Style: Clump
4	Plant Profile: Japanese and Chinese Quince/ Advanced Wiring
5	Pines
6	Spring Care and tasks for Spring
7	Plant Profile: Metasequoia & Taxodium
8	Display: discussion in conjunction Beginners class topic
9	Windswept & Weeping Plants
Term 4 *(13th Oct to 10th Dec)*	
1	Plant Profile: Malus (Crabapple)
2	Grafting: Approach and Thread Graft
3	Plant Profile: Maples
4	Plant Profiles: Conifers, a closer look
5	Plant Profile: Oak and Liquidambar
6	Australian Natives
7	Summer Care and Summer tasks
8	Plant Profile: Wisteria, Boston Ivy, Star Jasmine
9	Display & Christmas get together