

# 2026

## Intermediate Syllabus



**THE SCHOOL  
OF BONSAI**

### **Term 1** (*27<sup>th</sup> Jan to 26<sup>th</sup> 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** (*20<sup>th</sup> April to 18<sup>th</sup> 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** (*21<sup>st</sup> Jul to 17<sup>th</sup> 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** (*13<sup>th</sup> Oct to 10<sup>th</sup> Dec*)

1	Plant Profile: Malus (Crabapple)
2	Grafting: Approach and Thread Graft
3	Plant Profile: Hornbeam
4	Plant Profiles: Conifers, a closer look
5	Plant Profile: Oak and Liquidambar
6	Plant Profile: Azalea Sao Tome/ twisting Trunks
7	Summer Care and Summer tasks
8	Display: discussion in conjunction Beginners class topic
9	Plant Profile: Wisteria, Boston Ivy, Star Jasmine /Christmas get together