



ST. PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Community,

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all new families & students at St. Paul's. I would also like to welcome back all our existing families & students. The 2019 school year promises to be one filled with much learning & teaching, in a safe & happy environment, with many rich & rigorous learning experiences, planned for all our learning community members – students, staff & families. I hope your holiday break allowed you time to spend with family & friends, away from the busyness of school & work and provided you all with an opportunity to rest & relax.

Last year your children achieved great things in their learning, both at school & kindergarten; this year, I am sure, will be no exception. Kinder Reports & school Student Achievement Reports, as well as Parent-Teacher conversations, kept you informed of your children's progress – goals achieved, challenges to be met and possibilities for future learning. I hope you took the time to tell your children how proud you were of their growth & learning and of your confidence in their ability to continue to improve.

Allow me to begin the school year where we begin all aspects of life & learning at St. Paul's, and that is with our 'School Vision', which reads as follows,

As a Catholic school community, inspired by the Gospels and in the spirit of St. Paul...

We believe that Christ lives in us. (Galatians 2:20)

We work together for the common good, by building deep and genuine relationships.

***We work with diligence and intent to protect all children in our care,
prioritising their safety and wellbeing at all times and in every situation.***

We are lifelong learners, encouraging each other's passions, talents and dreams.

We seek to make a difference.

These words form the basis of all we believe, do & say at St. Paul's', as we live, learn & grow together. I will refer to them often throughout your time as a part of the St. Paul's 'family', as they form our way ahead and inspire us to work together to achieve what it (the vision) says. With the inspiration of Jesus and the message his life provides us in the Gospels, as well as the direction of St. Paul, in his letters of the

New Testament in the bible, we have much to model our lives on and great life-lessons to share with our children.

Your children's safety, happiness & learning, are of the highest priority to the staff of St. Paul's. Our 'partnership' with you, our parents & guardians, cannot be emphasised strongly enough, as we work together to achieve the highest of standards, provide the best of education & ensure the safest of schools, for your children.

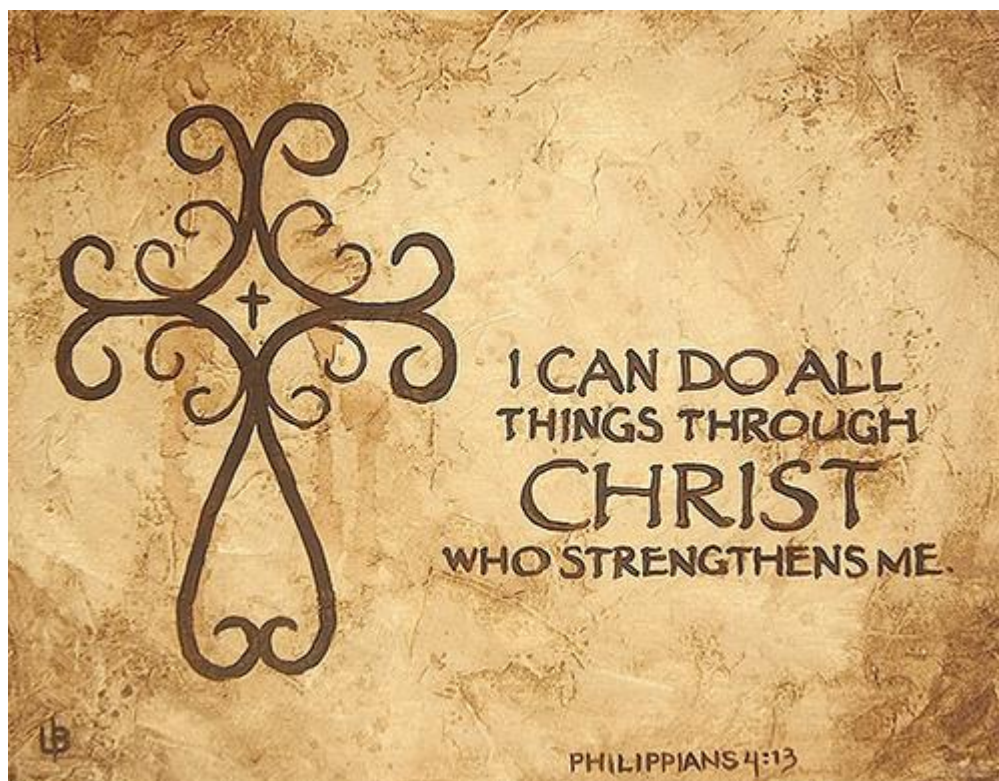
Last year we, as a school community, worked together through a process of review (audit), to understand & celebrate our strengths, determine our challenges & needs for further improvement and begin the process of developing a 4 year 'Strategic Plan'. In beginning the planning process, School Leaders, through reflection, discussion & reading, sought to establish the 'Why', of what we do & how we go about doing what we do. Our 'Why', stated simply, is ... ***'Like Christ, we believe in valuing each individual for who they are and who they can be'***. In our St. Paul's 'family', all are known & loved, all are valued for their uniqueness & individuality and all are encouraged & supported to be the best they can be.

I hope & pray that all of us, as members of the St. Paul's 'family', have a year filled with hope & happiness; that we are there for one another in times of joy & challenge; and, that we keep the words of our patron, St. Paul, always in mind, that ***"I (we) can do all things through Him (Christ) who strengthens me (us)"*** (St. Paul's Letter to The Phillipians 4: 13).



Denis J. Daly

Principal



CHILD SAFETY

In ensuring the safety of every child at St. Paul's, the following is our 'Statement of Commitment to Child Safety' ...

St. Paul's Primary School prioritises the safety and wellbeing of all children in our care.

We work with diligence and intent to protect them,

prioritising their safety and wellbeing at all times and in every situation.

The staff team of St. Paul's takes very seriously our 'Duty of Care' owed to your children whilst in our care, our role whilst acting 'In Loco Parentis' – 'in place of the parent', and our legislated obligations under Child Safety Legislation. Schools must comply with the legal obligations that relate to managing the risk of child abuse under the *Children, Youth and Families Act 2005* (Vic.), the *Crimes Act 1958* (Vic.), the *Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005* (Vic.) and the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* (Vic.).

The *Child Wellbeing and Safety Act 2005* (Vic.) introduced the seven Victorian Child Safe Standards which aim to create a culture where protecting children from abuse is part of everyday thinking and practice. The Child Safe Standards were introduced in response to recommendations made by the *Betrayal of Trust* report.

Ministerial Order No. 870 – *Managing the Risk of Child Abuse in Schools* was made under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* (Vic.) and sets out the specific actions that all Victorian schools must take to meet the requirements in the Child Safe Standards.

The 'St. Paul's Primary School Child Safety Policy 2019', is designed to enable St. Paul's Primary School to comply with Standard 5 of the Victorian Child Safe Standards: processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse, as well as the school-specific requirements for procedures for responding to allegations of suspected abuse in Ministerial Order No. 870.

All staff employed at St. Paul's Primary School, sign an annual 'Code of Conduct', specifically relating to their conduct whilst employed at St. Paul's Primary School, in ensuring the safety of your children.

PROTECT

Protecting children & young people
from abuse is our responsibility



2019 SCHOOL TERM DATES

- Term 1: Thursday January 31 – Friday April 5 (Note: Easter April 19-22)
- Term 2: Tuesday April 23 – Friday June 28 (Note: Easter Monday April 22)
- Term 3: Monday July 15 – Friday September 20
- Term 4: Monday October 7 – Wednesday December 18 (Note: Yr. 6 finish Friday December 13)



2019 CALENDAR

TERM 1

FEBRUARY

- MON 11 – YEAR 4 EXCURSION POINT COOK COASTAL PARK
- WED 13 - NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS (PREP)
- TUES 19 - PARENTS GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (7.00PM – 9PM)
- WED 20 - NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS (PREP)
- WED 20-22 - GRADE 6 CAMP
- WED 27 – NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS (PREP)
- THUR 28 – 1ST RECONCILIATION FAMILY NIGHT

MARCH

- WED 6 – ASH WEDNESDAY
- WED 7 – NO FOUNDATION STUDENTS (PREP)
- THUR 7 – SCHOOL PHOTOS
- FRI 8 - SCHOOL CLOSURE
- MON 11 – SCHOOL CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- WED 13 – FOUNDATION (PREP) STUDENTS COMMENCE FULL TIME
- THUR 21 – EXCURSION GRADES 5 & 6 – IMAX
- THUR 21 – CONFIRMATION FAMILY NIGHT 7.00PM
- THUR 28 – SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION 7.00PM

APRIL

- THUR 4 – END OF TERM 1 – SCHOOL FINISHES 1.50PM
- FRI 5 – SCHOOL CLOSURE
- THUR 18 – HOLY THURSDAY
- FRI 19 – GOOD FRIDAY
- SAT 20 – HOLY SATURDAY
- SUN 21 – EASTER SUNDAY
- MON 22 – EASTER MONDAY
- TUES 23 – TERM 2 COMMENCES

2019 STAFF

Clergy / Priests:

- Parish Priest: Reverend Monsignor Charles Portelli P.P.
- Assistant Priest: Reverend Father Paul Chandler

School Leaders:

- Principal: Mr. Denis Daly
- Deputy Principal: T.B.A.
- Religious Education Leader: T.B.A.
- Acting Deputy Principal: Mrs. Tina Segulin
- Acting Religious Education Leader: Miss Lisa Peplow
- Learning & Teaching Leader: Mrs. Tina Segulin
- Learning Diversity & Student Services Leader: Mrs. Bernadette Kardash
- Student Wellbeing Leader: Mr. John McCall

Administration / Office Staff:

- Office Manager: Mrs. Lorraine Hammett
- Finance-Business Manager: Mrs. Rita Mifsud
- School Officer – Office Support: Mrs. Joyce Zammit
- School Officer – Library: Mrs. Lina Tabone

Ancillary Staff:

- Caretaker: Mrs. Wanda Peplow
- Canteen & Catering Manager: Mrs. Cinzia Brancatisano

Middle Leaders

- Prep School Coordinator: Mrs. Belinda Mifsud
- Junior School Coordinator (Yr. 1 & Yr. 2): Mrs. Michelle Renda
- Middle School Coordinator (Yr. 3 & Yr. 4): Mrs. Leanne Polidano
- Senior School Coordinator (Yr. 5 & Yr. 6): Ms. Colleen O’Leary

Curriculum Leaders:

- Senior Literacy Leader: Mrs. Tina Segulin
- Junior Literacy Leader: Mrs. Bernadette Kardash
- Senior Maths Leader: Mrs. Luisa Calvano
- Junior Maths Leader: Miss Narelle White
- Information & Communications Technologies Leader (I.C.T.): Mr. Andrew Curmi

Specialist Teachers:

- Health & Physical Education Teacher: Mr. John McCall
- L.O.T.E. (Language Other Than English) – Italian Teacher: Mrs Terri Bonello
- Visual Arts Teacher: Mrs. Cecilia Budgen
- New Arrivals Teacher: Mrs. Natalie Vetro
- Reading Recovery Teacher: Mrs. Gloria Steinbring
- Music Specialist: Mrs. Veronica Gauci

Learning Support Officers:

- Mrs. Mary Zambara
- Mrs. Paula Cassar
- Mrs. Catherine Carbis
- Mrs. Margaret Lardieri

Classroom Teachers:

- Foundation (Prep): Mrs. Belinda Mifsud & Miss Natalie Lynch
- Year 1: Miss Hannah Van Beek & Mr. Jared Zambara
- Year 2: Mrs. Fiona Galdes & Mrs. Michelle Renda
- Year 3: Miss Marlene Fenech, Miss Nadia Tarascio & Miss Narelle White
- Year 4: Mrs. Leanne Polidano & Miss Ana Majczak
- Year 5: Miss Lisa Peplow & Miss Ashlea Fisher
- Year 6: Ms. Colleen O'Leary, Mr. Andrew Curmi & Mrs. Nadia Chindamo

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CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

CSEF 2019 applications now open

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card (eg Health Care Card) or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The annual allowance is \$125 for primary school students, and is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete an application form if:

- **new student enrolments** - your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances**, such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

الآن مفتوحة تطبيقات CSEF 2019

يتم توفيرها من قبل حكومة فيكتوريا لمساعدة الأسر المؤهلة لتغطية تكاليف (CSEF) المخيمات والرياضة وصندوق الرحلات السياحية الرحلات المدرسية والمخيمات والأنشطة الرياضية.

إذا كنت تحمل اختبار وسائل بطاقة امتياز سارية المفعول (مثل بطاقة الرعاية الصحية) أو هي المحتضن مؤقت، قد تكون مؤهلة للحصول على CSEF. ويوجد فئة الاعتبارات الخاصة أيضا للعائلات طالبي اللجوء واللاجئين. بدل السنوي هو \$ 125 لطلاب المدارس الابتدائية، ويدفع CSEF. إلى المدرسة لاستخدام نحو النفقات المتعلقة المخيمات والرحلات والأنشطة الرياضية لصالح طفلك.

في مدرسة طفلك في عام 2018، لا تحتاج إلى استكمال استمارة الطلب في 2019 ما لم يكن هناك تغيير في CSEF إذا قمت بتطبيق ل الظروف عائلتك.

ما عليك سوى تعبئة استمارة الطلب إذا:

- **التحاق الطلاب بالجامعات الجديدة** - بدأ طفلك أو تغييرها المدارس في 2019 أو أنك لم تطبق في عام 2018.
- **ظروف عائلية المتغيرة**، مثل تغيير الحضانة، تغيير الاسم، ورقم بطاقة الامتياز، أو الأشقاء جديدة تبدأ في المدرسة في 2019.

CSEF 2019 ứng dụng bây giờ mở

Các Trại, Thể thao và Quỹ Chuyến (CSEF) được cung cấp bởi Chính phủ Victoria để hỗ trợ các gia đình đủ điều kiện để trang trải các chi phí của chuyến đi trường, trại và các hoạt động thể thao.

Nếu bạn giữ một phương tiện thử nghiệm thẻ giảm giá hợp lệ (ví dụ Health Care Card) hoặc là một cha mẹ nuôi tạm thời, bạn có thể được hưởng CSEF. Một loại quan tâm đặc biệt cũng tồn tại cho người xin tị nạn và người tị nạn gia đình. Trợ cấp hàng năm là \$ 125 cho học sinh tiểu học, và được trả cho nhà trường sử dụng đối với các chi phí liên quan đến các trại, du ngoạn hay hoạt động thể thao vì lợi ích của

con quý vị.

Nếu bạn áp dụng cho CSEF ở trường của con quý vị trong năm 2018, bạn không cần phải điền vào một mẫu ứng dụng vào năm 2019 trừ khi đã có một sự thay đổi trong hoàn cảnh gia đình của bạn.

Bạn chỉ cần điền vào một mẫu đơn nếu:

- **tuyển sinh viên mới** - con bạn đã bắt đầu hoặc thay đổi trường vào năm 2019 hoặc bạn đã không áp dụng vào năm 2018.
- **hoàn cảnh gia đình đã thay đổi**, chẳng hạn như sự thay đổi về lưu ký, thay đổi tên, số thẻ giảm giá, hoặc anh chị em mới bắt đầu tại trường vào năm 2019.

EXTENDED HOLIDAY NOTIFICATIONS

Please ensure the Principal is informed, in writing, of extended holidays or holidays taken during school term times, where children will be missing school. This is expected under government / Department of Education legislation.

ACU-CEM EMBEDDED EXPERIENCE – STUDENT TEACHERS

We welcome Taylah O'Neill & Isabella Grasso, 3rd Year pre-service teachers, from the Australian Catholic University, to St. Paul's, for the 2019 school year. Taylah & Isabella applied for acceptance into the '2019 Embedded School Experience', a combined initiative of Catholic Education Melbourne, Australian Catholic University & a number of selected primary & secondary Catholic schools. The 'Experience' places them as teacher-interns, in Catholic primary & secondary schools, effectively as staff members, for the 2019 school year. Taylah will work in Year 2, with Michelle Renda as her Mentor & Isabella will work in Year 5 with Ashlea Fisher as her Mentor.

COMMUNICATION

Effective communication is the 'key' to ensuring all St. Paul's community members are kept informed at all times. At St. Paul's the following form our communications between home & school:

- Parents' & guardians' up to date contact numbers (mobile & landline)
- Parents' & guardians' up to date email contacts
- Up to date emergency contact details & contact numbers
- Website: www.spkealba.catholic.edu.au
- eNEWS: our weekly newsletter – emailed, on the Skoolbag App & on the school website
- SkoolBag App.: can be downloaded for free for smartphones & tablet devices; allows student absence notification as well via an 'Absence eForm'; receive newsletters & other school communications
- CareMonkey: can be downloaded for free for smartphones & tablet devices; set up your child's profile, which can be updated regularly; electronic permission forms from school; no paper forms!

PARENT, GUARDIAN, TODDLER, ADULT VISITORS & CONTRACTOR FACILITIES

Student toilets should not be used by parents, guardians, toddlers, adult visitors or contractors. Non-student toilet facilities are available off the Gallery Space (beside the Discovery Centre/Library). This is about the safety of your children at all times.

CAR PARK

Please be considerate & vigilant in your use of the car park, when dropping off & picking up, your children. DO NOT speed or double park. Please park in marked parking bays only. Disabled parking bays should be used by drivers who have a registered 'Disabled Card' displayed. As a driver, parking or waiting for a child or a parent or guardian walking children through the car park, it is your responsibility to ensure your children are safe. Staff on duty are responsible for the care & safety of your children, whilst they wait to be picked up or leave the school grounds; it is not the responsibility of staff to remind you of or enforce basic manners on the road or in the car park.

SECONDARY COLLEGE ENROLMENT INFORMATION

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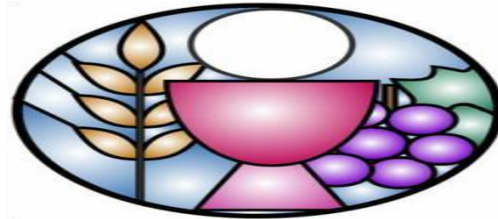


Applications for Year 7 in 2021 close on Friday, 23 August 2019.

Find out more by visiting our website at www.avemaria.vic.edu.au

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**We thank you for our school,
we thank you that we are back together.
We thank you for the new pupils and staff that have joined us.
We thank you for everyone here.**



MASS TIMES

ST PAUL'S CHURCH

SUNSHINE AVENUE

KEALBA

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.30 am
Thursday	9.30 am
Friday	No Mass
Saturday	5.00 pm (Latin) 6.30 pm
Sunday	8.00 am (Maltese) 10.00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday: 6.00 pm

ST MARY MACKILLOP CHURCH

ODESSA AVENUE

KEILOR DOWNS

Monday	9.30 am
Tuesday	9.30 am
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	9.30 am
Saturday	5.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 am 11.00am 5.30pm

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 4.30 pm



LUNCH ORDERS WITH FLEXISCHOOLS

A large number of families have now logged on to www.flexischools.com.au, created an account and are ordering lunches online. Cinzia Brancatisano, Canteen Manager, is happy to answer your questions regarding the account setup procedure and the new online ordering process. Snack items and drinks for the recess break (2nd break), need to be ordered online at the same time as the lunch order, as there are no counter / window sales during winter.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

I am asking for any parents, grandparents or guardians who have any free time to come and help and be part of a great volunteer team to provide lunch for our precious children. We desperately need volunteers on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY each week. If you are interested, please complete the section below and return it to the school, as soon as possible.

Please note that you must have a current 'Working With Children Check' registration to be able to assist in the canteen.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEER:

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Eldest Child..... Grade.....Teacher.....

am available to work on the following day(s).....

Contact No.....

