



St Catherine of Siena

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NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 3 12th February 2021

COVID—19 Update

Dear families,

As you will most likely all have heard, today Daniel Andrews has announced a 5 day lockdown for all of Victoria commencing at midnight tonight.

During this lockdown the following applies

*there are only 4 reasons to leave home - for food, to care for another person, essential work that can't be done at home and exercise

*face masks must be worn when outside

*private gatherings are not permitted

*public gatherings are not permitted

*if you can work at home you must

*exercise and shopping within 5km of your home

*schools will be closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

*Reconciliation Presentation Masses this weekend have been cancelled - we will reschedule when we can

****St Catherine of Siena school will be closed next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for all students **except** for children of essential workers who have no one else to mind them.****

****Due to the short notice, teachers will be providing some suggested activities for students through SEESAW to complete on these days. This will not be the same as the 2020 Remote Learning activities due to the short time frame we have had to organise this.**

*If you are an essential worker who is required at work on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday you must notify me via email by 8pm this evening, stating which day you need your child to be at school. This will give me an opportunity to organise sufficient staff to be onsite for supervision.

*I know this is very short notice however, this information is needed to organise this in a very short time frame.

Stay safe everyone and take care

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

Reflection

My Life is but a weaving between the Lord and me,
I cannot choose the colours He weaves so steadily.
Oft times he weaveth sorrow, and in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper and I the under side.
Not till the loom is silent and the shuttles cease to fly,
Will God roll back the canvas and explain the reason why.
The dark threads are as needful in the Weavers skilful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver in the pattern He has planned.



Dear families,

As we begin the school year it is important to remember the importance of daily attendance at school for each child. Victorian law states that attendance is compulsory for young children unless there is a medical or personal reason for not attending. Missing one day a fortnight is the same as missing 4 whole weeks of school a year. From Prep to Year 12 that adds up to 1.5 years of school and will have a huge impact on your child's education. A signed note needs to be received by the school for each absence, this can be sent in as a paper note or via our Skoolbag app. Enclosed in this newsletter is a poster published by the Department of Education on school attendance. Equally as important as daily attendance is arrival at school prior to 9am. Children who arrive after the school day commences are missing important social interactions with their peers as well as vital initial instruction from their teachers which sets up the remainder of the day. If parents do need to collect their children from school we ask that you do this between 9:00 - 11:00am, 11:30 - 1:30 or 2:00 - 2:50pm as the office is not attended between 11 - 11:30 am or 1:30 - 2:00pm and it is a challenge to get children in from the yard.



In 2019 our student leaders worked with me to rewrite our Child Safe Policy in Child Friendly Language. They did a wonderful job in working through this, taking the important core essentials and rewriting this in a way that all children can access and understand. This version of our policy is in all classes so that all children know and understand not only what staff will do to keep them safe; but also how they can be proactive in this themselves. It was also included in a newsletter last year so that all families were able to have access to this important policy. I have included it in the Wellbeing section of this newsletter as a reminder for you all.

Each morning our school yard is supervised from 8:30am until the bell rings at 8:50am. Children should not be arriving at school prior to this time as the yard is unsupervised; there are also staff, and parents using OSHClub, driving into the carpark and this is a safety issue for your child. If you do need to leave your children at school early they should be registered and signed into OSHClub. All children enrolled in OSHClub will be sent into the yard once supervision begins at 8:30am.

At the moment we have the following dates for Sacraments this year. If these dates change due to restrictions or other circumstances we will let you know as soon as possible

Year 3 Sacrament of Penance = 16th, 17th & 18th March at 7pm

Year 4 Sacrament of Eucharist = 19th June

Year 5 Sacrament of Eucharist = 15th May

Year 6 Sacrament of Confirmation = 4th September

Have a good weekend, take care everyone and God bless.

Carmel Marantelli

PRINCIPAL

CURRICULUM FEE

The curriculum fee of \$400 per child for 2021 is now due. This covers booklists, incursions and excursions (apart from sports events) art materials, physical education equipment, mathematics equipment, readers and literacy games as well as all other curriculum materials.

Congratulations to the following students who have all been elected as our Student Leaders for 2021.

School Captains

Congratulations to Gabriella Valentine and Ned Michael on being voted in as our **School Captains** for 2021 and Mariann Joseph and Jeremiah Saliba who are our **School Vice Captains**. You have shown your classmates your responsibility, leadership and sense of community and have been awarded the honor of student leader. We wish you well as you commence the year and know that you will always endeavour to be a wonderful role model for our school community.

Student Representative Council

Congratulations to the following SRC representatives and their deputy who were chosen, by their class mates, to represent their class on the **Student Representative Council** for 2021. We look forward to working with you all to run events and projects to engage students and develop our school.

Prep A = Johan Saguin & Liberty German

Prep B = Jax Gauci & Abby Vella

Prep D = Bailey Maureu & Gabriela Mantilla-Mesa

1E = Kara Torney & Nathaniel Ah-Kee Tagaloa

1F = Arabella Orate –Santos & Zeke Lue

1H = Nathan Scicluna & Chloe Ashamalla

2G = Maya Baglieri & Gabrienna Dominic-Lea'ana

2I = Zoe Cooney & Semira Cabral

2K = Alana Alford & Benjamin Eastwood

3J = Nyaguon Joseph & Deng Nagur

3L = Catherine Zarwue & Olivia Sobol

3M = Diyar Matti & Nikita Hassell

4Q = Isum Meemaduma & Macie Cowan

4S=Liko Westerlund & Mia Wolfe

4U = Apai Dhal & Ayol Anyar

5R = Indie Thorneycroft & Makoi Mangok

5T = Kristy Saroe & Natasha Puccio

5V = Benjamin Craik & Emily Kaltner

6N = Ned Michael & Mariann Joseph

6O = Jeremiah Saliba & Mary Chol

6P = Gabriella Valentine & Youssef Kolta

Christian Service Team

Congratulations to Hannah Linton, Talia D'Angelo, Josh Patel and Aaron Dalumpines who will be our **Christian Service Team** for 2021. These children will work with Mrs Madigan to promote Prayer, Liturgy and Social Justice initiatives within the school.

Sports Captains

Congratulations to the following children who are our **Sports Captains** for 2021. Ms Hogan and Mrs Kazi look forward to your assistance and contributions throughout the year.

Green (Freeman) = Shyanne Reardon & Blake Judd

Blue (McKillop) = Isabella Paddon & Jai Singh

Gold (Hollows) = Veronica Abela & Ryan Groves

Red (Roberts) = Sienna Wright & Romy Hossni

Specialist Monitors

Congratulations to Jordyn Philpin, Tracy Lalia, Lexie Bugeja, Sienna Rose Herrero and Ariel Balebanga who will be our **Resource Monitors**; to Faith Abraham, Jessica Mialual, Dylan Self and Mia James who will be our **Art Room Monitors**; to Hannah Wills and Mitchell Stancic who will be our **Performing Arts Monitors** and Sebastiana Sant, Pauline Abela, Ekam Bawa, Asher Bongiorno, Tyrese Young and Krish Saroe who will be our **ICT Monitors**. I know that you will be of great assistance to Mrs Taylor, Ms O'Reilly, Ms Humphries, Mrs Morrell, Mrs Moore and Mr Donnelly throughout the year.







I wish to welcome all our students, family and community back to a new school year in 2021. Last year taught us all many things about ourselves, our relationships, our resilience and most of all our gratitude for life and love. We were challenged during 2020 in many ways we never thought possible. I would like to dedicate each weekly newsletter this term with a 'Parent Space' to support all our families by providing helpful tips, practical tools, positive thoughts, quotes, supports and activities that will promote continued growth, love and kindness.

This week's space is all about **Behaviour as communication**.

IMPORTANT "It is helpful to remember that all behaviours are a means of communication for your child.....they are trying to tell you something".

ZONES OF REGULATION!

Blue	Green	Yellow	Red
			
Sick Sad Tired Bored Moving Slowly	Happy Calm Good to Go Focused Ready to Learn	Frustrated Worried Silly/Wiggly Anxious Excited	Mad/Angry Mean Yelling/Hitting Out of Control I Need Time and Space

Research shows that most children will push parental boundaries at some stage, which can make it tough for parents. Effective discipline teaches children about appropriate behaviour and encourages them to take responsibility for their own behaviour. Punishment, however, is the infliction of unpleasant experiences on children when they misbehave rather than the use of effective consequences that promote responsibility in children and young people. Effective consequences are:

1. Related to the behaviour
2. Respectful as both you and the child maintain dignity
3. Reasonable and acceptable
4. Timely and doesn't drag on too long

(visit www.parentingideas.com.au)

Remembering that all children want to be liked and accepted and "correction does much, but encouragement does more." Goethe.

Enjoy the weekend with god's blessing.

Lorraine Macdonald

Student Wellbeing Leader



Child Friendly Version of our Child Safe Policy



Pg 1, Who we are as a school community, what do we value?

St Catherine of Siena is a Catholic school and we follow the saying of St Catherine,

“Be all that you can be and you will set the world on fire”



Pg 2, Why have a Child Safe Policy?

The school staff have a responsibility to keep us safe at school, this policy says how they can do this. At school we also learn things we can do to keep ourselves safe.



Pg 3, What we all commit to?

Everyone has the right to be safe and protected at school.

Teachers understand children and have ways to talk to them and help them when they have a problem.

The decisions they make need to be good decisions that keep us safe.

All the teachers agree to keep children safe.

Pg 4, How we are working to create a safe environment?

Our school behaviour expectations help us become better people in school and outside of school and help to keep us safe.

Sometimes our school needs the help of outside experts to help children feel safe and solve problems.



Pg 5, Code of Conduct

Our school has a Code of Conduct for all staff, this makes sure that they know how to behave around children.

All the staff agree to keep children safe.



Pg 6, School Expectations

Our school has 6 school expectations which help to keep everybody at school safe.

Our school does not tolerate irresponsible behaviour. There will be a consequence for inappropriate behaviour.

Pg 7, How can we check that the people who work here are suitable to work with children?

Before employing new staff the school checks with people who know them to make sure that they are suitable to work with children.

We check to see:

that they sign the Code of Conduct

if they have a Working with Children Check

what they did for their last job and what their last boss says about them

that they know how to work with children properly and respectfully

that they understand what Child Safety means and their role in keeping children safe.



Pg 8, How can we be active in keeping ourselves safe?

Students should act in a mature manner and speak up if they see something unsafe.

We can help keep people safe by telling someone if we see something dangerous or unsafe.

We have a Wellbeing teacher to support us if we are feeling upset.

Pg 9, How can we make sure that we are inclusive of all people?

Everyone is welcomed at our school.

We are all responsible for making visitors feel welcome and safe.

Our school is made up of people from different cultures.

Everyone is respected and treated equally.



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Office Open: Tuesday - Friday 9am - 3pm



Mass Times - St Catherine of Siena

Wednesday: 9.15am

Tuesday Evening: 7.00pm

Saturday Evening: 6.00pm

Sunday Morning: 9.00am & 11.00am

Sunday Evening: 5.00pm



w: <http://pol.org.au/melton/Home>

Anaphylaxis and Asthma Plans

Could all parents of students with Anaphylaxis or Asthma please make sure you have provided the school office with an updated 2021 action plan.

Student Medication

Please note that any student medication sent in to school must have a signed medication authorisation. Medication sent to school without authorisation can not be administered to students.

Updating Email Addresses

Please ensure you have provided the school with a current and up to date **personal email address**. This is essential for all future communication from the school.

School Fees

Please note the Curriculum Levy is now due. Curriculum Levy for 2021 is \$400 per student. Payments can be made in the school office. If you would like to set up a direct debit payment plan please contact the school office.

SkoolBag

Skoolbag is an app used by the school to send notices, reminders and weekly newsletters. It is also the main way parents and carers can report when a student is absent from school. Instructions on how to install the Skoolbag app can be found at the end of this newsletter.



Scholastic Book Club

Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 2021 has been sent home with all students this week.

Orders need to be placed online at scholastic.com.au by Friday, 19th February.

**No late orders can be processed.*



Operoo

Profile requests for all new students have now been emailed to parents/carers. Please follow the instructions outlined in the email as soon as possible and share completed medical profiles with the school. An Operoo profile is required for every student at St Catherine of Siena so they can attend excursions, parents can give permission for classroom activities and teachers can access student medical details and parent contact information. It is the responsibility of a parent/carer to ensure all details in Operoo are kept up to date. If you have not received an email from Operoo please contact the school office.



Does your child love to sing?

Get them to join the SCHOOL CHOIR - we sing at Mass, assembly and special events!

Mrs Moore and Miss Woodhouse will be running this every Tuesday at recess in the Performing Arts room and we'd love to have your child there to sing their hearts out.





Book Club LOOP for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



2021 Specialist Timetable

	Sport	Performing Arts	Art	LoTE
Tuesday	2K, 2I, 3L, Prep B, 1F	2I, 2G, 3M, Prep A, 1E, 4S, 4Q, 4U, 5R		2G, 2K, 3J, Prep D, 1H
Wednesday	6N, 6O, 5V, 5R, 4Q, 1E, 1H, 3J, 3M	6P, 6N, 5T, 5V, 2K	1H, 1F, 2G, 2I, 5V, 3M, 3L, 3J, 4U	6O, 6P, 5R, 5T, 4S, 1F, 1E, 3M, 3L
Thursday	4S, 4U, 6P	1H, 1F, 6O	4Q, 4S, Prep B, Prep D, Prep A, 6P, 6O, 6N, 1E	4U, 4Q, 6N
Friday	5T, 2G, Prep A, Prep D	3J, 3L, Prep D, Prep B	5R, 2K, 5T	5V, 2I, Prep B, Prep A

For Sport and Performing Arts, all children need to wear their Sport Uniform. Runners are only to be worn on Sport and Performing Arts days.

For Art, all children need to wear an art smock. This needs to be waterproof so that paint etc. does not damage children's uniform.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Year 3 students are currently preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. As part of this preparation the students are required to attend a presentation Mass. *Presentation Masses will no longer take place this weekend.* Students and families will be notified when these presentation masses can be rescheduled.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be held on Tuesday, 16th March, Wednesday, 17th March and Thursday, 18th March at 7:00pm. Further information regarding the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be sent home with Year 3 students shortly. If you have any questions please speak to your child's classroom teacher.



Parents and Friends Association

The Parents and Friends Association (PFA) exists to support the work of the school and its community, whether it be by assisting at school functions or by organising fundraising events. The PFA plays an important part in the school; money raised is used to help purchase resources and equipment as well as contribute to school improvements. The PFA is open to all families attending St Catherine of Siena School. Some of the events organised and run by the PFA include

- Mother's Day Stall
- Father's Day Stall
- School Disco
- Easter Raffle

We would usually hold a morning tea to welcome new parents interested in joining the PFA but due to the current restrictions we are unable to run this. If you would like to be part of the St Catherine's Parents and Friends Association please email your interest to, office@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au



Sibling Storytime @ St Cath's

Bring your baby, toddler or preschooler to St Cath's for Storytime!

Come and join our teachers for stories, songs and fun.

****You must stay with your child/ren during Storytime****

When: Starting on Tuesday, 23rd February then every Tuesday from 2:30 - 3:00pm

Due to the limited number of spaces available you **MUST** email Mrs Moore at kmoore@scmeltonwest.catholic.edu.au if you wish to attend - only 1 adult per family please.

Where: If you receive an email saying that you can attend you need to sign in at the Office then make your way to the Library.

Who: Storytime is for brothers and sisters of any current St Catherine's student.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following children who all received a class award for the beginning of the school year. These awards were presented at school today.
Keep up the terrific effort!!

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| Prep A - Payton Ramsey-Quinton | 4Q - Talia Juresic |
| Prep B - Olivia Schwartz-Nicart | 4S - Harish Katuwal-Chhetri |
| Prep D - Gabriela Mantilla-Mesa | 4U - Jahdiel Roberts |
| 1E - Joseph Chol | 5R - Nyanthuoi Pabek |
| 1F - Gok Thuc | 5T - Brock Cahill |
| 1H - Jayden Lomani | 5V - Best Nnajieze |
| 2G - Athieei Thuoc | 6N - Jessica Mialual |
| 2I - Sage Thompson | 6O - Aidan Harrison |
| 2K - Nazar Gawan | 6P - Mabil Ngong |
| 3J - Christian Riefoli | Miss Connolly - Mia Wolfe |
| 3L - Duot Garang | LoTE - Class 6O |
| 3M - Brody Cooney | Principal Award - Class 4U |

Term 1, 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
15 Week 4 *School Closed	16 *School Closed	17 *School Closed *Ash Wednesday	18	19 *Year 6 Summer Sport Round 1	20	21
22 Week 5	23 *Sibling Storytime 2:30pm-3:00pm	24	25	26 *Year 6 Summer Sport Round 2	27	28
1 March Week 6	2 *Sibling Storytime 2:30pm-3:00pm	3	4	5 *School Photos *Year 6 Summer Sport Round 3	6	7
8 Week 7 Labor Day Public Holiday	9 *Sibling Storytime 2:30pm-3:00pm	10	11 School Photos	12 *Year 6 Summer Sport Lightning Premiership	13	14
15 Week 8	16 *Sibling Storytime 2:30pm-3:00pm Year 3 Reconciliation	17 Year 3 Reconciliation	18 Year 3 Reconciliation	19	20	21
22 Week 9	23 *Sibling Storytime 2:30pm-3:00pm	24 MPSSA Divisional Tennis	25	26 *Prep/Yr 6 Buddy Picnic 5:30pm - 7:30pm	27	28 PALM SUNDAY
29 Week 10	30 *Sibling Storytime 2:30pm-3:00pm	31	1 HOLY THURSDAY *Last Day of Term students Dismissed at 1:30pm	2 GOOD FRIDAY	3	4 EASTER SUNDAY



A message from the Coordinator

Dear Families,

A big warm welcome to all our OSHClub families . Hope everyone had a lovely break . I am so pleased to have you all back at the school and OSHClub and welcome to all our new Prep Children.

We had a very busy week with lot of new and existing children at OSHClub. Children engaged in doing art and craft , Science experiments and playing outdoors.

Looking forward to meeting some more new children and having lots and lots fun at OSHClub.

****Please remember to use our website www.oshclub.com.au to book your child in and update your booking for each session**** . Please ensure children can **ONLY ATTEND** when and if they have an **ENROLMENT FORM** completed by the parents or guardians.

Program Coordinator

Jaskirat Kaur 😊

OSHClub News

Here are some of the photos of your child/ren being busy at OSHClub.



DO YOU HOLD A VALID HEALTH CARE CARD OR PENSION CARD?

IF SO, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THE CSE [CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS] PAYMENT

- ALTHOUGH THE SCHOOL PROCESSES THE APPLICATION, IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CARD HOLDER TO APPLY AND SUBMIT THE FORM WITH A COPY OF YOUR CARD BY **MONDAY, JUNE 25 2018**



Health Care Card

Australian Government
Department of Human Services

TASMANIA

Expires **21 JAN 201X**

CUSTOMER NAME
CUSTOMER ADDRESS 1
CUSTOMER ADDRESS 2
CRN 111-111-111A

PARTNER NAME
DEPENDENT 1
DEPENDENT 2
DEPENDENT 3
DEPENDENT 4
DEPENDENT 5
CARD START 22 JUL 201X LI

Signature of cardholder

This card is NOT transferable humanservices.gov.au/healthcarecard

Issued by the Australian Government Department of Human Services on behalf of the Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs



Keep this card with you

This card should be used when claiming concessions provided by Australian Government and state and territory governments and accounts from some private providers.

Eligibility for state, territory and private provider concessions is determined by the concession provider.

Important

- This card cannot be used after its expiry date or if you have been told by us to destroy it.
- This card is not transferable.
- You must advise us within 14 days of any changes to your circumstances that are likely to affect your entitlement to this card.

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Pensioner Concession Card

Australian Government
Department of Human Services

Signature of cardholder

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VICTORIA

Expires **31 AUG 201X**

CUSTOMER NAME
CUSTOMER ADDRESS

CRN 111-111-111A

PARTNER NAME 111-111-111A
CHILD ONE 111-111-111A
CHILD TWO 111-111-111A
CHILD THREE 111-111-111A

Card start 01 Jan 201X DSP

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) APPLICATION FORM

School Name

School REF ID

Parent/legal guardian details

Surname _____

First name _____

Address _____

Town/suburb _____ State _____ Postcode _____

Contact number _____

Centrelink pensioner concession **OR** Health care card number (CRN)

- - - **OR**

Foster parent* **OR** Veterans affairs pensioner

*Foster Parents must provide a copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Student details

Child's surname	Child's first name	Student ID	Date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)	Year level

I authorise the Department of Education and Training (DET) to use Centrelink Confirmation eServices to perform an enquiry of my Centrelink customer details and concession card status in order to enable the business to determine if I qualify for a concession, rebate or service. I also authorise the Australian Government Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide the results of that enquiry to DET.

I understand that:

- DHS will use information I have provided to DET to confirm my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund and will disclose to DET personal information including my name, address, payment and concession card type and status.
- this consent, once signed, remains valid while my child is enrolled at a registered Victorian school unless I withdraw it by contacting the school.
- I can obtain proof of my circumstances/details from DHS and provide it to DET so that my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund can be determined.
- if I withdraw my consent or do not alternatively provide proof of my circumstances/details, I may not be eligible for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund provided by DET.
- information regarding my eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund may be disclosed to the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services and /or State Schools Relief for the purpose of evaluating concession card services or confirming eligibility for assistance.

You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child's school.

Signature of applicant _____

Date / /



**ACADEMY
UNIFORMS**

St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Primary School Uniform

1st Sep 2020 – 31st Aug 2021 GST Inclusive

Everyday Uniform

PULLOVER	Size	6 – 22		
	Price	\$65		
SUMMER DRESS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$49		
WINTER PINAFORE	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$50		
GIRLS TROUSER	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$40		
BOYS SHORTS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$22		
BOYS TROUSERS	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$32		
S/S POLO TOP	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$30		
L/S POLO TOP	Size	4 - 22		
	Price	\$33		
TIGHTS	Size	Junior	Senior	
	Price	\$10	\$16	
SOCKS	Size	9 – 12	13 – 3	2 – 8 +
	Price	\$9.50	\$9.50	\$9.50
ART SMOCK	Size	S	M	L
	Price	\$19	\$19	\$19
BAGS		Everyday	Library	
	Price	\$42	\$15	
BUCKET HAT	Size	S	M	L
	Price	\$13	\$13	\$13
SLOUCH HAT	Size	S	M	L
	Price	\$15	\$15	\$15
RAIN JACKET		To be advised		



Sports Uniform

ZIP JACKET	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$45
TRACK PANT	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$32
HOUSE POLO TOP	Size	4 – 22
	Price	\$30
SPORT SHORTS	Size	4 - XL
	Price	\$24
SPORT SKORT	Size	4 - XL
	Price	\$25
SPORT SOCKS	Size	Various
	Price	\$9.50

Uniform items can be purchased in the following ways:

In Store at Academy Uniforms, Deer Park:

Monday to Friday: 9am - 5pm Saturday: 9am - 12noon
10/85 Mt Derrimut Road, Deer Park. Phone 03 8385 9111

On-line: Shop on-line at www.academyuniforms.com.au
for home delivery or a free weekly delivery to school.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE: 5pm Dec 23rd to 9am Jan 4th

Items are not available at Thomastown or Springvale stores.

5 Easy Steps to Staying Informed

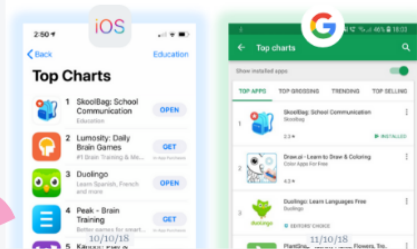


SkoolBag is the easiest way to stay up-to-date with school events, last minute notices, newsletters and all your school's communications.

1. Download SkoolBag

Search SkoolBag in the Apple App or Google Play Store, download the FREE app:

SkoolBag: School Communication



2. Create an Account

Follow the prompts to create your account in seconds.

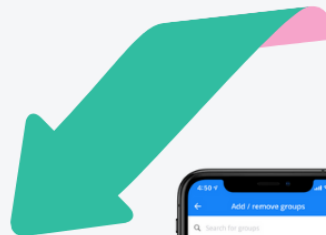
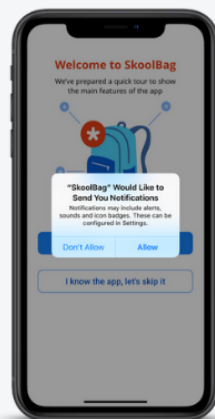
3. Add your School

Type your school's name and press enter. Tap the plus icon to add.



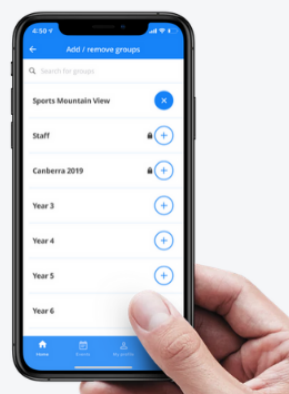
4. Allow Notifications

Ensure you Allow SkoolBag to send you push notifications when prompted.



5. Subscribe to Groups

Select Year Groups / Sports Teams to appear in your feed.



In primary school, some students **miss** on average **3 weeks** of school **per year**. That's **half a year** of school by the end of **year 6**.



EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It's vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

"Day off" – Think twice before letting your child have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.

- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you're having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx

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