



**Salvado**  
Catholic College  
PEACE. JUSTICE. COMPASSION

# *Education Program for 3 Year Olds Parent Information*



# 2018

## WELCOME TO THE 3 YEAR OLD EDUCATION PROGRAM @ SALVADO CATHOLIC COLLEGE

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all students and families to the community of Salvado Catholic College in 2018. We look forward to an enjoyable year as we work in collaboration with you to facilitate and support your child's learning journey and provide them with the opportunity to learn, grow and flourish within our safe and nurturing environment.

## OUR VISION

Our vision for Salvado Catholic College is to promote a welcoming Catholic community where students come to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

We strive to promote excellence and develop confident, creative and successful learners who are active and informed citizens in the world in which we live.

We nourish the learning journey of each individual child in a safe environment to help them reach their full potential as engaged learners, developing the skills to work collaboratively and be life long learners.

At Salvado Catholic College we show respect for ourselves and respect for others.

We relate to others in a compassionate way and promote peace and justice in all that we say and do each day.

God, our Father

We thank you for the life of Bishop Salvado the missionary.

As a teacher, explorer, author, musician, farmer and builder,

he is an inspiration to all.

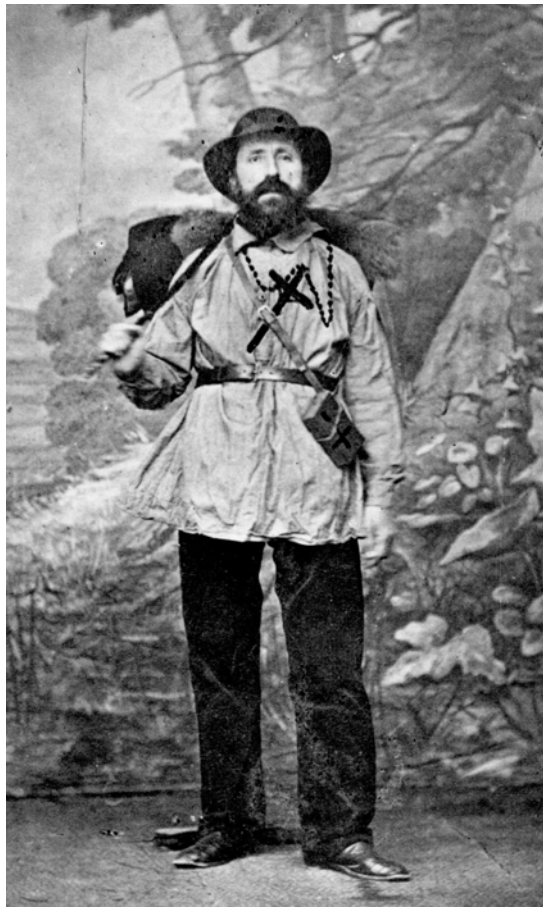
May we use our talents to enrich the lives of others.

Teach us to respect all cultures as he did.

Help us to care for our land,

live in peace, act justly and show compassion in all that we say and do.

Amen



## 3 YEAR OLD EDUCATION PROGRAM STAFF

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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH LIFE

As children participate in early years learning at Salvado Catholic College, they will experience a growing sense of belonging and community. In the 3-Year-Old Education Program, Religious Education aims to help the children know of God's great love and presence. An environment is created in which 'God Talk' is a natural part of everyday. The children listen to Bible stories, sing songs, participate in prayers and reflections as they develop their relationship with God and wonder about the world around them. Children are also led to develop a growing awareness of and relationship with Jesus Christ.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

The 3-Year-Old Education Program is based on the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) which provides educators with a framework to assist them in providing opportunities for young children to maximise their potential and develop a foundation for future learning success.

The Early Years Learning Framework has five main outcomes:

1. Children have a strong sense of identity.
2. Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
3. Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
4. Children are confident and involved learners.
5. Children are effective communicators.

The 3-Year-Old Education Program at Salvado Catholic College is play-based and student-centred. We recognise that it is through play that young children learn in a social context. Play opportunities based around the children's interests, provide the children with opportunities to explore, discover, imagine and engage in purposeful and meaningful experiences whilst interacting with their peers. Educators make use of spontaneous 'teachable moments' to scaffold children's learning, knowing that children are competent and capable learners.

Embedded into our learning experiences is Nature Play. Central to this is our belief that Nature Play allows children to:

- Test their physical and emotional boundaries by engaging in riskful learning within a safe and secure environment
- Bring nature into the classroom and make links between the natural world and their learning
- Develop a sense of wonder and awe about the natural world around them

**The 3-Year-Old Education Program at Salvado Catholic College  
takes place on Thursdays.**

**Doors open at 9:00am**

Please remain under the verandah with your child until the staff open the doors. When you enter the learning space please assist your child to place their drink bottle on the grey trolley, and their lunchbox, hat and rest item (see below) in their pigeon hole.

**Pick up is at 2:45pm**

Please ensure that you arrive promptly at the end of the session in order to limit distress for your child. In the event of a delay please call the College Administration on 9526 4500.

**Please note:**

**We ask that you are vigilant in ensuring that children (including siblings) refrain from playing on the equipment both before and after these times. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.**

**What to Bring Each Day**

- A **healthy morning tea and lunch** in a container that can be easily opened by your child.  
(All children need to bring their own food for the day, as we will not have shared fruit)  
***Please note: Whole nuts, nut spreads and nut bars are not permitted as these are potential allergens for some children.***
- A **change of underwear/clothes** in case of a toileting accident.
- A **wide-brimmed hat** labelled with your child's name.
- A clearly labelled **drink bottle** containing only water.
- A **small pillow (20x20), blanket or teddy** for rest time.
- Please ensure that you apply sunscreen to your child before bringing them each day.

**What to Wear**

Children should come dressed in comfortable, casual clothes that enable them to participate fully in both indoor and outdoor activities with relative ease and safety. Clothes should also enable children to use the bathroom independently throughout the day.

Please ensure your child wears shoes they can easily manage such as slip-ons or those with velcro straps.

**Communication**

Each week, a class newsletter will be sent home with details of the learning and play experiences that we participated in that week.

## **Parents as Partners**

We value a strong partnership with families and encourage you to share the first ten minutes of each day reading a story to your child or completing a mat or table activity. This can become a relaxing time for both of you, as your child eases into the school day and routine.

We also welcome and greatly appreciate parent help within our Learning Space. Our Parent Roster will commence in Week 5. Parent help time will be **9:00am – 10:00am**. When writing your name on the roster to assist with the 3-Year-Old Education Program, please be considerate of others and ensure there are plenty of opportunities for all those wishing to assist to be able to do so.

## **Attendance**

We encourage all children to attend the 3-Year-Old Education Program regularly. Please notify the College Administration on 9526 4500 if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

## **Personal Toys**

Personal toys are strongly discouraged as loss or accidental damage and sharing amongst other children can be upsetting for everyone.

## **Useful Items**

The 3-Year-Old Education Program is a very busy place and the children are always making and creating. At times, we will request certain loose parts and household items such as cardboard boxes, gladwrap rolls and plastic containers to come into school. We will let you know when we require these.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PLAN

In an Early Childhood setting, we encourage and support the children as they learn to self-regulate. This means we are explicit in our expectations of their behaviour and we encourage them to be responsible for their choices and actions. Through our program, we assist the children in developing strategies to recognise and explain their feelings and emotions and how they can express them in appropriate ways.

