

3 Year Old Education Program Parent Information



2017

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 2017. We look forward to an enjoyable year as we work in collaboration with you to facilitate and support your child's learning journey.

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.

COLLEGE PRAYER

God, our Father

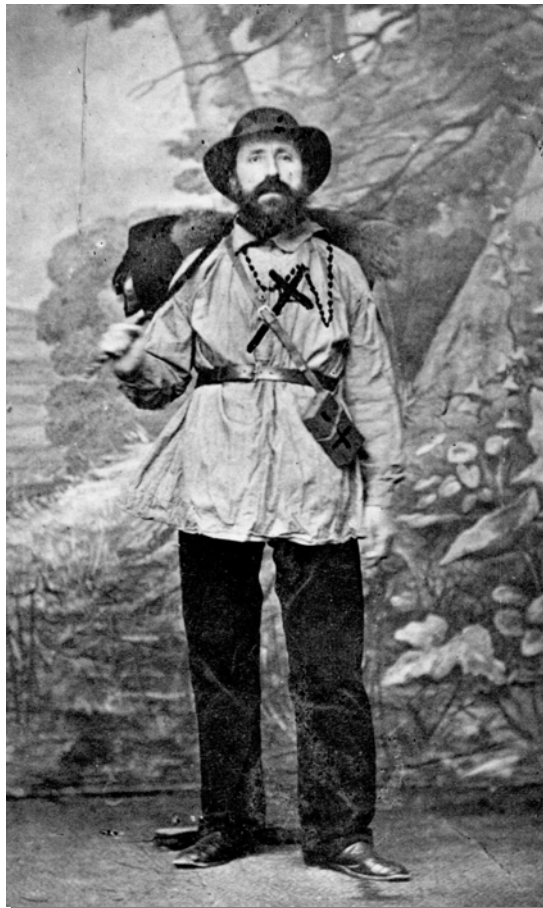
We thank you for the life of Bishop Salvado the missionary.
As a teacher, explorer, author, musician, farmer and builder,
he is an inspiration to all.

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 is integrated across the curriculum. Religious awareness is fostered through God-talk, engaging in role play and exploring God's creation. Children are led to develop a growing awareness of and relationship with Jesus Christ in a loving, Catholic community.

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 provides 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. Responsive learning relationships are strengthened as educators and children learn together and share decisions, respect and trust.

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, their piece of fruit in the basket and their lunchbox, hat and pillow 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.

What to Bring

- A **piece of fruit** or **vegetables** for shared fruit.
- A **healthy lunch** in a container that can be easily opened by your child.
Please note: * **Whole nuts, nut spreads and nut bars are not permitted as these are potential allergens for some children**
 * **Sweet treats such as biscuits and cakes are discouraged**
- 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** (approx. 20cm x 20cm) marked with your child's name 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.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PLAN

In an Early Childhood setting we encourage the children 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. In times where a child's behaviour is not in accordance with this we would engage the child in a conversation and lead them to reflect on how they could make better choices.

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.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

At Salvado Catholic College we recognise the important role parents play as the first educators of their child. As such, we welcome and greatly appreciate parent involvement. A parent help roster will commence in Week 4, providing parents with an opportunity to assist in the 3 Year Old Education Program learning space. As this is a precious time for you to spend with your child, we ask that you make alternative arrangements for the care of younger siblings.

Parent help times are **9:00am – 10:00am** and **1:45pm – 2:45pm**. 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.

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. We readily require household items for collage and craft and would appreciate your support in sending in recyclables such as cardboard boxes, egg cartons, glad wrap rolls and clean meat trays (Please note: for hygiene reasons we are unable to accept empty toilet rolls).

