



Salvado
Catholic College
PEACE. JUSTICE. COMPASSION

Kindergarten Parent Information



2018

WELCOME TO KINDERGARTEN @ SALVADO CATHOLIC COLLEGE

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all Kindergarten families. 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.

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.

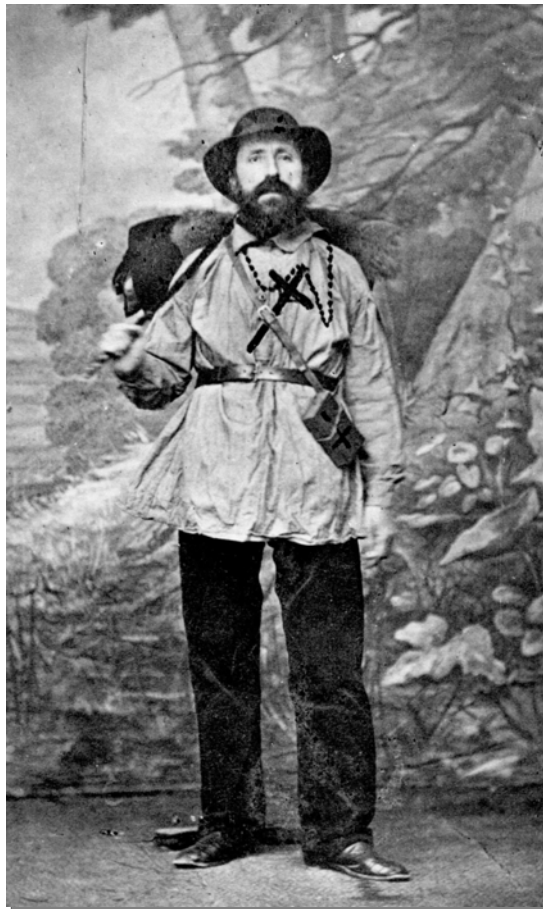
May we use our talents to enrich the lives of others.

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



KINDERGARTEN STAFF

Class

Teachers: Mrs Kerry Browne (Kindy Grey) Kerry.Brown@cewa.edu.au
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Specialist

Teacher: Mrs Marissa Munro (Music & Science)

Education

Assistants: Mrs Kate Hendriks (Kindy Grey)
Mrs Joanna Vinci (Kindy Grey)
Miss Renae Lanternier (Kindy Red)
Mrs Roslyn Hutchinson (Kindy Red)

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 Kindergarten, Religious Education is integrated across the curriculum. Religious awareness is fostered through God-talk, engaging in roleplay 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 IN KINDERGARTEN

The Kindergarten programme 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 Kindergarten programme 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.

Kindergarten @ Salvado Catholic College takes place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:45am to 2:45pm

Doors open at 8:45am

Please remain with your child until the Kindy staff open the gate.

Parents/Carers are invited to share a book, puzzle or table top activity with their child for 10 minutes or until the bell rings.

When Assembly, Mass and other College calendar events take place, Kindy Doors will open at 8:35am.

Pick up is at 2:45pm

It is important that children are collected promptly as the Kindergarten staff use this time to prepare for the next day and as such we appreciate your co-operation. If not collecting older siblings, please endeavour to leave car park by 2:55pm. This will also assist with car park management.

Please note:

Both drop off and pick up will take place through the Kindergarten nature playground gate which will be opened by a staff member. We ask that parents are vigilant in ensuring that children (including siblings) refrain from playing on the equipment both before and after these times.

What to Wear

Kindergarten students wear the full College uniform, including College hat and socks. Please refer to the Parent Information Handbook in relation to guidelines for appropriate jewellery and hairstyles. We ask that ALL items of your child's uniform be clearly labelled, including socks and shoes, in order to minimise loss or misplacement. You may also wish to hang an identifying object (eg. keyring) on your child's school bag.

What to Bring

- Fresh fruit and/or vegetables
- A healthy lunch in a container that can be easily opened by your child.

Please note Salvado Catholic College is an 'Allergy Aware' school. Please refrain from sending in Nutella or peanut butter sandwiches and whole nuts or foods containing nuts.

- A change of underwear and clothing in case of a toileting accident.
- A College hat labelled with your child's name.
- Clearly labelled drink bottle containing only water.
- Please ensure that you apply sunscreen to your child before bringing them to Kindy each day. (You may also send a labeled roll-on sunscreen for your child to keep in their pigeon hole in the classroom so they can re-apply at lunch time). Sunscreen will also be available in the Learning Spaces.

Please note Kindy Library Day is Tuesday. Students will need their Salvado Library Bag in order to borrow books.

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. At the commencement of the school year we create our 'Kindy Promises' with the children, with a focus on 'Respect, Compassion and Safety'. These key areas form the values base of the College Positive Behaviour Support Plan.

In times where a child's behaviour is not in accordance with the 'Kindy Promises' we engage the child in a conversation and lead them to reflect on how they could make better choices in the future. At times, this may involve a quiet space for thinking. In the event of serious or repeated behaviours that impact the safety of themselves or others we may seek the support of the College Principal in accordance with the College Positive Behaviour Support Plan and parents will be notified by the child's teacher of any such instances.

KEEPING SAFE: CHILD PROTECTION CURRICULUM

At Salvado Catholic College, all students participate in *Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum* lessons. *Keeping Safe* is an evidence based, highly regarded, best practice curriculum which has been developed collaboratively with child protection specialists, teachers, educational leaders and other professionals. *Keeping Safe* covers a range of topics including new material on current issues such as bullying and cyber safety.

The *Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum* is divided into 5 documents specific to the year level/s of the students. The curriculum across each of the year levels addresses the same main themes and focus areas appropriate to the developmental level of the children.

The 2 main themes are:

- **We all have the right to be safe**
- **We can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust**

The 4 focus areas are:

- **The right to be safe**
- **Relationships**
- **Recognising and reporting abuse**
- **Protective strategies**

Further information about the implementation of the *Keeping Safe: Child Protection Curriculum* at Salvado Catholic College will be shared with parents/carers through the year.

ATTENDANCE

We encourage all children to attend Kindergarten regularly. Should your child be absent from school for any reason, please notify the office via phone or email. We also require a signed and dated note that states the reason for the absence. This is a legal requirement for our records and is to be handed to the child's teacher on their return to school.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please ensure that the information on Admission and Medical forms is kept up to date. Please inform us immediately if your child has allergies, asthma or any ongoing medical issues.

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 roster will commence in Term Two providing parents with an opportunity to assist in the Kindergarten Learning Space. As this is a precious time for you to spend with your Kindergarten child we ask that you make alternative arrangements for the care of younger siblings.

ABC READING EGGS

ABC Reading Eggs makes learning to read interesting and engaging for children with online reading activities and games. The program is designed to motivate and excite children about reading and lets them complete activities at their own pace. The Reading Eggs lessons are designed to build skills in the five key areas required to become a good reader: phonemic awareness and phonics, sight words, vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. You will receive a login and password to access Reading Eggs from home. It can be accessed on a computer or on portable devices such as iPads.

SEE SAW

See Saw is an app we will be using to share what your child is learning at school. Seesaw gives your child a safe space to document their learning and learn how to use technology. Each child will get their own journal and will add work to share what they are doing at school. See Saw is safe to use as you can only access your child's folder. The folder may be made up of pictures, videos, drawings and voice recordings. See Saw can be accessed through a downloadable app on a phone or tablet, or through a web browser on a computer. Information regarding how to access SeeSaw will be sent home later in the term.

PERSONAL TOYS

Personal toys are discouraged at Kindergarten as loss or accidental damage and sharing amongst other children can be upsetting for everyone. We appreciate your support in this matter.

USEFUL ITEMS

Kindergarten 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).

SPEECH AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

At Salvado Catholic College, Kindergarten students participate in Speech and OT Screening conducted by KZ Speech. This screening is carried out in Week Seven of Term One. Students receive a comprehensive report of their achievements. The results of the screening are used to inform our planning for individual student needs.

Parents of children identified as requiring support, will meet with the class teacher to discuss the appropriate course of action.

Assessments are scheduled for Week Seven of Term One.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Compulsory Parent/Teacher interviews are held at the end of Term One. A Timetable will be displayed on the sliding door outside each Kindy Learning Space for you to place your name down. Parent/Teacher interviews may also be made via appointment throughout the year.