



Salvado

Catholic College

PEACE. JUSTICE. COMPASSION

Pre-Primary Parent Information



2021

WELCOME TO PRE-PRIMARY @ SALVADO CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Welcome to Pre-Primary at Salvado Catholic College. We hope that this will be a happy and rewarding beginning for you and your child joining our College.

General Information:

Teachers:

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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.

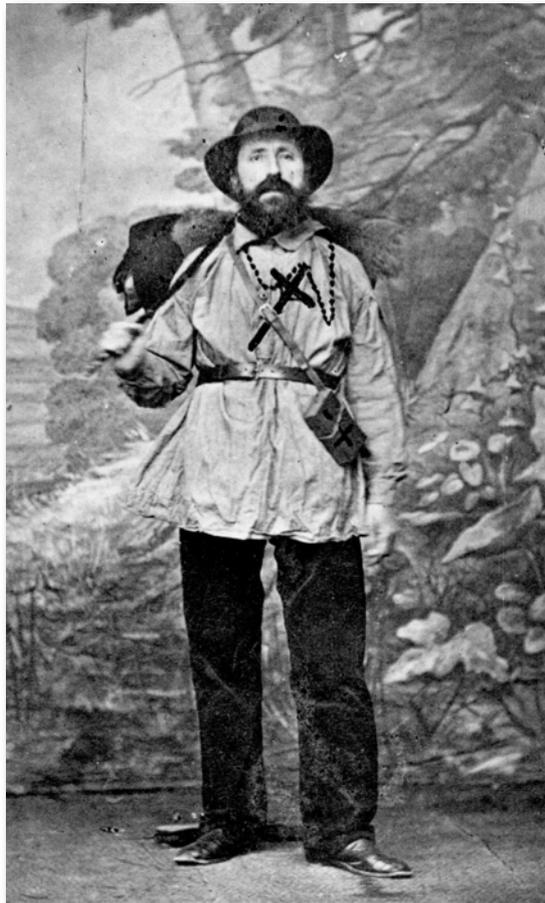
May we use our talents to enrich the lives of others.

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



ATTENDANCE TIMES

The Pre-Primary doors will open at 8:30am before the bell at 8:40am.
The school day finishes at 3:00pm.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH LIFE

Religious Education is a key learning area in the Catholic school curriculum. Religious Education units will be covered throughout the year. The Religious Education programs assist with creating an environment which enables children to develop a sense of wonder about God. The children will be led by the example of Jesus and the sharing of Gospel values. The values of peace, justice and compassion will be shared and modeled with the children.

AIMS OF THE PRE-PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAM

In Pre-Primary, our aim is to:

- Provide children with an environment in which they feel safe, valued and respected.
- Provide children with the skills to encourage and develop life long learning.
- Deliver a play-based curriculum. Play is a crucial part of early childhood development. Play enhances language development, social competence, creativity, imagination and thinking skills.
- Promote collaborative learning as it is an important learning tool which allows children to learn from each other and develop social skills.
- Develop strong relationship between home and the College. We will respect and value families and foster an effective and positive relationship between home and the College. It is essential for parents/carers to be involved and considered as partners in their child's learning.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

HOMEWORK

Homework will commence in Term 2 and will consist of:

- Term 2: Diana Rigg comprehension packs and a daily guide for parents (1 per week).
- Terms 3 and 4: Sight words and levelled readers which will be sent home weekly (at the discretion of the teacher discretion).

ENGLISH

Literacy skills are vital to ensuring every child has the best chance to succeed in their schooling and life. Our English program will focus on recognising letter names and sounds, learning to read, experimenting with words and learning to form letters correctly.

MATHEMATICS

We will have a focus on using hands-on activities and manipulatives in order to make the learning experiences real and exciting for the children. The program will incorporate a range of mathematics skills that build on the proficiency strands of understanding, fluency, problem-solving and reasoning.

SPECIALIST LESSONS

The following specialist lessons occur once a week with all Pre-Primary students:

- Music – Mrs Tamara Ellenbroek
- Culture – Mrs Hailey Weaire
- Science – Mrs Hailey Weaire
- Physical Education – Mrs Tamara Ellenbroek

ABC READING EGGS

ABC Reading Eggs makes learning to read interesting and engaging for children via online reading activities and games. The program is designed to motivate and excite children about learning to read and enables 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 portable devices such as an iPad or tablet.

ABSENCES

If a child is absent from school, parents/carers are required to contact Administration (via phone or email) and inform them of the child's absence for that day by 9:00am.

When a child is absent from the College for any period of time, it is a legal requirement for our records for parents/carers to either send an email to Administration or send in a signed note to their child's Learning Space teacher on their return to school with the following information: date of absence and reason for absence/s.

If your child is ill please keep them at home to recover. This will minimise the risk of infection to other children and teachers. If your child becomes ill at school we will contact you or other emergency contacts that you have nominated.

ALLERGY AWARE

Anaphylaxis is a severe, rapidly progressive allergic reaction that is potentially life threatening. The school has a number of students with allergies to various foods. For this reason, the school is promoting being 'Allergy Aware' and implementing a range of practical prevention strategies to minimise exposure to various foods.

- Peer support and understanding is important and we encourage all parents to discuss with their children a few simple but key messages that will be reinforced at school.
- Children are **not to share food with anyone** and should wash their hands before and after eating.
- It is important the school community understand how to provide a safe and supportive environment for all students, including students with severe allergies. Information is available at www.health.wa.gov.au/anaphylaxis or www.allergyfacts.org.au.

Your support with this important issue is greatly appreciated. Do not hesitate to contact the college if you have any queries.

COMMUNICATION

- It is essential that clear lines of communication between the College and the home are established and maintained.
- Appointments with teachers can be made through direct contact with the teacher concerned.
- Meetings are best made outside of class hours, that is, before 8:30am or after 3:00pm when staff are not in the act of teaching.
- Please allow 24-48 hours turn around for responses to emails.
- For matters of high importance or urgency please phone the College Administration and leave a message.

CRUNCH 'N' SIP

Crunch & Sip is a whole school approach that promotes healthy eating and drinking. Students are asked to bring in a container of **fruit or vegetables, separate** to recess and lunch and a water bottle. Crunch and Sip gives students the opportunity to refuel, assisting physical and mental performance and concentration during class. Water bottles are to be placed in a designated area on arrival to use throughout the day.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP OF CHILDREN

Pre-Primary students can be dropped off at the drive through where they will be supervised by staff on duty. If dropping your child at the gate, once the gates to the Pre-Primary Learning Spaces open at 8:30am each morning, please say a happy and quick goodbye to your child so they can independently enter their Learning Space and prepare for the day. At 3:00pm, please wait patiently on the steps of the Covered Assembly Space as the Pre-Primary staff escort the children through the gate. Children need to remain in their class line until a parent has come to collect them directly from their teacher. Remaining students will be supervised by staff at the drive through for parents to collect from their vehicles.

EARLY YEARS PLAYGROUND

We are very fortunate to have a nature playground for the children to play in and on. The nature playground is out of bounds both before and after school to all children, including siblings. This is a duty of care issue, as staff are not able to supervise this area at these times.

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.

LIBRARY

Students are required to bring their Library bag each week to borrow a book. Books are on loan for 1 week. Books must be returned to Library if the student wishes to renew their book/s.

Parents/carers will be emailed a reminder for all books that are not returned on time. Should a student damage or lose a Library book, parents/carers will be invoiced the replacement cost.

MATHSEEDS

ABC Mathseeds teaches children core Maths and problem solving skills with fun, highly interactive and rewarding lessons. ABC Mathseeds combines highly structured lessons with fun motivational elements that keep children engaged and keen to learn. You will receive a login and password to access Mathseeds at home. It can be accessed on a computer or portable devices such as an iPad or tablet.

MORNING TEA AND LUNCH

Children need to bring their own morning tea and lunch to school in a lunch box. In Pre-Primary we promote a healthy, nutritious approach to food. Please support us by providing fruits or vegetables for morning tea and only sending water to school. Please send an appropriate amount of food according to your child's appetite in easy to open containers. We are unable to heat lunches for students or keep

children's lunches in the fridge. We are an 'Allergy Aware' school, so please do not pack anything with nuts or nut products in your child's lunchbox. Students are encouraged to participate in Waste Free Wednesday. This is done by bringing a lunch box to school that has no packaging waste.

PARENT/CARER INVOLVEMENT

Parent/Carer involvement in the Learning Space is always appreciated. There will be opportunities for parents/carers to provide support in a variety of ways throughout the year, pending ongoing restrictions. Further information regarding parent/carers involvement in Pre-Primary will be shared in due course.

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.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PLAN & BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

At Salvado Catholic College the individual person is celebrated and accepted for the gifts they bring to our College community. Everyone is given the opportunity to succeed in a respectful and safe environment, that promotes effective teaching and learning. As part of our College Positive Behaviour Support Plan & Behaviour Management Guidelines, students will be explicitly taught the social skills and expectations to make them effective participants in our College environment.

With Christ as our model at Salvado Catholic College we show **respect** for ourselves and others, we relate to others in a **compassionate** way and promote peace and justice in all that we say and do. We work together to create a **safe** environment for all by taking ownership of our choices and behaviours. In our Learning Spaces, we promote and encourage positive behaviour through verbal praise, levelled behaviour systems and a focus on intrinsic motivation.

PRE-PRIMARY ASSESSMENT

An On-Entry Assessment will be conducted at the beginning of Term One. This assessment is done to provide information about the knowledge your child is bringing to Pre-Primary and allows us to effectively plan to suit the learning needs of your child. Further information about On-Entry testing will be shared with parents/carers in the coming weeks.

In Pre-Primary we administer ongoing assessment as part of our Teaching and Learning to ensure we cater for individual needs.

REPORTING

Parent/Teacher interviews will be conducted at the end of Term 1. These discussions allow us to discuss your child's progress as well as set goals.

A portfolio displaying your child's work samples and learning journey will be available to view at our College Open Night and sent home at the end of Term 4.

A formal report is issued at the end of Term 2 and Term 4. This report includes evaluations of your child's achievements and development throughout the year.

Parent/Teacher interviews may be made via appointment if necessary throughout the year.

SEESAW APP

Seesaw 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 as they learn how to use technology. Each child will get their own journal and will add work to share what they are doing at school. Seesaw is safe to use, only you can access your child's folder. The folder may include pictures, videos, drawings and voice recordings. Seesaw can be accessed through a downloadable app on a phone or tablet, or through a web browser on a computer.

TOYS

Children are discouraged from bringing their own toys to Pre-Primary with the exception of the rostered weekly news topic. Bringing toys to school can create disagreements, and the accidental damage or loss of a toy can be very upsetting for a child

UNIFORM

Students are expected to wear their sports uniform every day. Please refer to the Uniform Policy in regards to the correct College uniform. If your child is not wearing the correct uniform, a uniform notice will be sent home via email explaining the issue to be addressed. Please also pack a spare change of underwear in your child's bag in case of toileting accidents. Please remember to label **all** items of clothing.

We look forward to your involvement throughout the year and we hope that this will be a happy, rewarding and exciting year for both you and your child at Salvado Catholic College.