



A SNAPSHOT OF ST. PATRICK'S AND WHAT WE CAN OFFER OUR STUDENTS

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT?

- Two campuses - Infants and Primary
- 1/3 of our students come from background other than English and we provide extra support to these students
- Weekly Italian language lesson
- Choir: Years 3 - 6
- School band - Central Coast Conservatorium of Music
- School discos
- Combined Parish and school celebrations
- Strong Parish connections e.g. Years 5 & 6 - Paddies Youth Group
- Air conditioned classrooms
- Refurbished Year 4 - 6 classrooms
- School diary
- Three Aspect Satellite classes - students on the Autism Spectrum through Aspect Australia
- Before & After School Care and Vacation Care on premises

EXTRA CURRICULAR

- Premiers Reading Challenge
- Book Fair
- Debating
- Public Speaking
- Before & After School Care and Vacation Care
- Guitar, keyboard & band tutors
- Lunch Time Clubs – gardening, craft, drama, dance, games
- Tournament of Minds
- Playgroups for pre-school aged children

LEARNING SPACES

- Recently renovated classrooms designed to empower learning choices with 21st century learning spaces
- Modern technology
- Flexible seating & break-out areas
- Close to local parks (Hylton Moore & Elizabeth Ross)

ACADEMIC

- Very good student academic, NAPLAN & sporting achievements
- Weekly Music lessons
- Transition sessions for students starting Kindergarten
- Public Speaking for Kindergarten to Year 6
- Debating
- School bank of iPads
- Laptops for Primary students
- Google Classrooms for learning and homework
- Weekly Library lessons

CURRICULUM

- English
- Maths
- Religious Education – Mass, Reconciliation, Adoration, The Sacraments
- PDHPE
- Creative Arts
- Science
- HSIE - History/Geography
- Maths Olympiad
- Language - Italian

GIFTED & LEARNING SUPPORT

- Inclusive education for all students at all levels
- Individualised program for students with learning needs/G&T
- Extending Mathematical Understanding (EMU) for Years 1 & 2
- Aboriginal Education Worker (AEW)

EXCURSION PROGRAM

- Year 6 excursion to Canberra
- Year 5 Leadership Camp
- Excursion and incursions from Years 1-6, linked to content in KLAS

If you would like a tour of our school or any further information, please call the office on 4325 1159.



WELL BEING

- School based counsellor support available
- Year 6 Kindergarten Buddy Program
- Recognition and celebration of Indigenous culture
- PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)
- Student Awards e.g. PBL, Principal, Academic
- Wellbeing Week activities several times a year
- A safe and nurturing environment for your child
- Student wellbeing program
- Pastoral care program

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

- Year 6 transition days to St Edward's and St Joseph's
- Year 6 and Kinder buddy program
- Leadership: Year 6 school leaders
- Peer Support - Year 6 leaders
- Year 5 Leadership Camp
- Years 3-6: SRC
- Year 2: leaders of Infants
- Mini Vinnies

PARENT ENGAGEMENT

- Parents & Friends Group
- Canteen
- Governance – Parent Advisory Team
- Volunteering in the classroom, carnivals & gala days
- Fundraising Events – Trivia/Bingo and Student Discos
- Family care group
- Liturgies – each term and special occasions – Mother's & Father's Day, St Patrick's Day, Grandparents Day, Feast Days

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do you have to be of the Catholic faith? No, we accept all families, we only ask that you support us in our teaching of the Catholic faith.

Are the school fees expensive? We have school fees but they are not as expensive as you may think. Every family is supported financially and are encouraged to apply. Over the year school fees can be less than sending your child to childcare.

How are playground issues handled? Embedded in our school rules is the Positive Behaviour for Learning. This is a whole school program, where every child is accountable for their own behaviour. In the classroom we teach social and emotional intelligence and a growth mindset.

SPORT

- Gala Days Years 3 – 6: soccer, netball, touch, cricket
- Surf Safety Days Years 3-6
- Intensive swimming program in Years 1 & 2
- Weekly PE lessons
- Concert – Dance
- Gymnastics/Tennis
- School Athletics, Cross Country & Swimming Carnivals
- Progression to representative sports in Polding (State), Diocesan and Central Coast sports carnivals
- Broken Bay Team Sports (soccer, hockey, cricket, league, union, AFL, baseball, netball)

MISSION

- Student St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
- St Vincent de Paul Christmas Hamper Appeal
- Participation in Remembrance Day, ANZAC Day & NAIDOC week
- Class Liturgies
- Project Compassion (fundraising)
- Liturgies and Masses throughout the year including;
 - Opening & End of School Mass
 - Ash Wednesday
 - St Patrick's Day
 - Holy Week
 - Saint Mary MacKillop
 - Feast of the Assumption
 - All Saints Day
 - Advent prayers
 - Year 6 Graduation