

# HOLY CHILD PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Safe, happy and ready to learn*



## Welcome to this week's Newsletter!

Holy Child Primary School is the parish primary school of Dallas, which serves the suburbs of Coolaroo, Meadow Heights, Dallas, Upfield, Campbellfield and parts of Broadmeadows.

The Josephite Sisters established Holy Child Primary School, Dallas, in 1965 (Parish Reg). The Josephite ethos of pastoral care and community involvement are the hallmark of the Holy Child community.

St. Mary MacKillop, in full, Saint Mary Helen MacKillop, also called Saint Mary of the Cross, (born 15 January 1842, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia - died 8 August 1909, North Sydney, New South Wales, Australia and canonized 17 October 2010. St Mary MacKillops Feast Day is 8 August.

We are proud that Holy Child Primary was the first in Australia to start a children's Mary MacKillop group!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAY

**Sunday 18 May at 11:00am**

Reconciliation Commitment Mass

**Wednesday 21 May at 6:30pm**

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Church)

**Wednesday 21 May**

Grade 3/4 Excursion to the NGV

**Thursday 22 May**

Parents Session: Online Safety (5:30 - 7 in 5 6 area)

**Friday 23 May**

Student Free Day

**Tuesday 27 May**

Prep Excursion to Werribee Zoo

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## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Families,

As we continue to navigate through the school year, it's important to reflect on the values that make our community strong values like love, kindness, and unity. These are not just words but actions that we live out each day, whether in the classroom, on the playground, or at home.

In **John 13:31-35**, we hear Jesus' command to His disciples to love one another. He says, **"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."**

This passage reminds us that love is the foundation of everything. It's not always easy, especially when we encounter differences or face challenges, but love is the most powerful force that can bring us together and create a positive environment for everyone.

For our community, this message is especially significant. Some in our community are learning a new language, adapting to a new culture, and making new friends which can be overwhelming. However, love and kindness create a safe space for all! It's through love that we find understanding and the courage to keep going, even when things are difficult. In our school, we are committed to creating an atmosphere where everyone feels accepted and supported, no matter where they come from or what language they speak. At Holy Child Primary School not only accept each other's differences, we must embrace each other's differences to really show love to each other.

As we support each other in our learning journey, let us remember Jesus' words and the power of love. When we show kindness, respect, and love to those around us, we reflect the love that Jesus has for all of us. This is how we can create a welcoming and caring community, where everyone can grow and thrive.

### Prayer

Let us pray:

**"Dear God, thank You for the gift of love. Help us to love one another as You have loved us. May our hearts be open to kindness, understanding, and support, and may we always reflect Your love in all that we do. Guide us in our learning and help us to build a community where everyone feels valued and cared for. Amen."**

With blessings,

Guy Toomey

Deputy Principal/Religious Education Leader

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Prep EC	<p><b>Aavyanah KC</b> for displaying a great attitude to your learning and always showing you are ready to learn. Congratulations on your hard work and dedication.</p> <p><b>John Marqoos</b> for showing resilience when faced with challenging tasks. You are trying very hard to sound out new words when reading and being persistent with your high frequency words! Well done, John!</p>
Prep AM	<p><b>Vincent Nguyen</b> for his fantastic attitude towards his learning and always showing care for other children in our classroom. Keep up the amazing work Vincent!</p>
1KA	<p><b>Alessandro Dawood</b> for always listening and trying his best in all learning areas. Keep up the great work.</p>
1KF	<p><b>Marius Benyamen</b> for consistently putting in his best effort in all areas of learning and approaches every task with a positive attitude and determination. His dedication to doing his very best, even when things are challenging, is truly inspiring. Marius sets a wonderful example for his peers through his hard work, resilience, and enthusiasm for learning. Keep up the amazing work!</p>
2BD	<p><b>Ian Nguyen</b> for trying his best in writing and doing a fantastic job at being independent.</p> <p><b>Lexie Marino</b> for having a great attitude towards her writing this week.</p>
2B	<p><b>Queen McGregor</b> for trying her best in all her learning especially in maths!</p>
3/4 CM	<p><b>Brael Esho</b> for being an adaptable learner and writing his own book report independently. Your writing has improved, and you should be proud of yourself. Keep up the good work!</p> <p><b>Khai Nguyen</b> for being an adaptable learner and writing his own book report independently. Your writing has improved, and you should be proud of yourself. Keep up the good work!</p> <p><b>Jezabella Rofael</b> for being a persistent learner and working well in Maths learning her fractions. You have shown such growth in your learning; you should be proud of yourself. Keep up the good work!</p>
3/4 JC	<p><b>Christian Hanna</b> for developing his understanding of fractions. Christian, you have come in each day with a can-do attitude and that has been reaffirmed by the leadership skills you are showing in our classroom. Keep up the amazing work!!</p> <p><b>Chanel Elyas:</b> Chanel, you have shown that with continuous persistence and a growth mindset we can develop on the skills we like to see in all of our students. Keep up the amazing work!!</p> <p><b>Adryana Albazi</b> for your continuous growth in all learning areas. You have become an adaptable and curious learner. Keep up the amazing work!!</p>
3/4 SM	<p><b>Bella Nguyen:</b> Bella, you love learning and teaching others. Your persistence and commitment to accurately and consistently doing better is exemplary. You inspire us! Congratulations</p> <p><b>George Oshana:</b> Congratulations George on self-managing your work. You are focused on the task at hand and capably with curiosity complete your assignments. Well Done!</p>
5/6 JR	<p><b>Skye Nasan</b> for showing great persistence when learning how to locate mixed and improper fractions on a number line. Keep up the great work Skye!</p> <p><b>Marvin Goirges</b> for being a persistent learner and always giving his best effort! Keep up the great work Marvin!</p>
5/6 MM	<p><b>Isabella Kayssr</b> for being a creative learner, especially in writing lessons, and for producing an excellent recount of the 5/6 2025 school camp. Well done, Isabella!</p> <p><b>Ashley ISHO</b> for being so proud of herself during the Students Led Learning Conference and confidently sharing her achievements with her family and teachers. Well done, Ashley!</p>
5/6 SW	<p><b>Maria Al-Sheikh</b> for demonstrating respect towards the adults and always following instructions the first time.</p>
LOTE	<p><b>Shariel Esho</b> for your excellent contribution in class when learning about the colours. Bravo Shariel!</p>



# ONLINE SAFETY



## Family Information Session for: **Online Safety**

Are you concerned about your child's online safety? or  
Do you want to learn how to protect them in the online world?

### What You'll Learn:

- Understanding the online world and the risks involved
- Practical tips for monitoring and guiding your child's online activities
- How to set up parental controls and privacy settings
- Encouraging healthy online habits

### Why Attend?

- Equip yourself with the knowledge to keep your children safe online
- Get expert advice from leading cybersafety professionals
- Connect with other parents and share experiences



Melbourne Archdiocese  
Catholic Schools



## All family members encouraged to attend the session

**Where:** Holy Child PS in grade 5/6 Area

**Time:** 5:30 PM - 7 PM

**Day:** Thursday 22nd May

### FOOD PROVIDED



Don't miss this opportunity to ensure your child's online safety!

## AUSTRALIA'S BEST TEACHER

Please nominate [here](#)



**Nominate a teacher who inspires:  
Australia's Best Teacher Campaign**

MACS is proud to be an official partner for the third year in a row, celebrating exceptional teachers across our community.

Nominations are now open for MACS parents, students and community members to nominate the teachers who inspire our students to flourish in their learning.

An expert judging panel will shortlist nominations for entry into Australia's Top 50 Best Teachers list, to be announced on Saturday 21 June.

Nominate your 'best teacher' today by visiting [www.AustraliasBestTeacher.com.au](http://www.AustraliasBestTeacher.com.au) and stay tuned to read some wonderful stories featuring teachers from across the MACS schools.

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## Outside School Hours Care



Dear Parents / Guardians / Carers,

We're pleased to let you know that we will be offering **Outside School Hours Care** on **Friday 23 May 2025**, at Holy Child Primary School Dallas

If you need care for your child on this day, bookings are now open. Our team has planned a fun and engaging day, and we look forward to welcoming the children for a great experience.

**Date:** Friday 23 May 2025

**Hours:** 6:45 AM – 6: 00 PM

**Bookings:** Contact your service coordinator or Customer Service:

Phone: 1300 501 029

Email: [enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au)

Spaces are limited, so we encourage you to secure your child's place as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

We look forward to seeing your child there!

Warm regards,

Krishna

Coordinator

MACSEYE

# Outside School Hours Care Newsletter



## Holy Child Dallas OSHC, Dallas

May 2025

### A message from the team

Autumn is here with its crisp mornings, colourful leaves, and cosy vibes at the start of Term 2 we want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful experiences we've shared and give you a glimpse of what's exciting we have in coming weeks.

It's been a fantastic term filled with growth, learning, and fun! Thank you for being a part of our community!

Our dedicated homework help sessions are back! This week, we will be available to assist students with their homework and assignments. We encourage students to bring their tasks along so they can make the most of this support

Coming up activities:

- Leaf rubbing
- Autumn wreaths
- Pumpkin painting
- Mini Apple Crumbles



Krishna – Coordinator; Chandrika -Educator; Aiman - Educator

### Check out the fun!



### Important Dates

- Friday May 9 Mother's Day
- Friday May 23 Pupil Free day
- Tuesday May 27  
National Reconciliation Week  
Starts

### Projects we are working on

- Autumn Art Wall
- Mini Market Garden
- Mother's Day Gift  
Station

### Term Dates

Monday 24 April –  
Friday 4 July 2025

### Make a booking!

Experience the fun of MACSEYE's OSHC program at Holy Child Primary School, Dallas today!

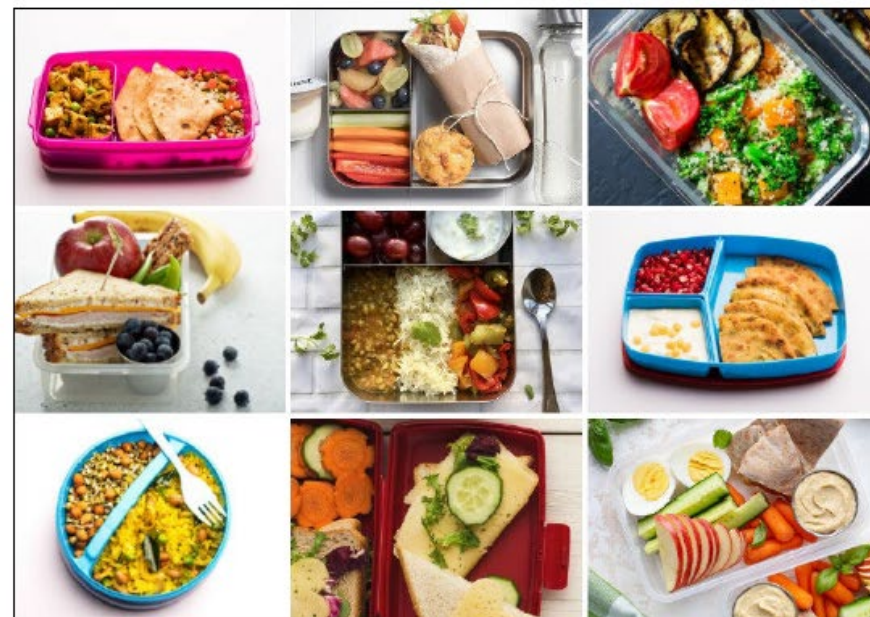
Call our friendly team: 0493 950 972 or 1300 501 029

Visit us: 227, Blair St, Dallas Victoria -3047 6:45 AM- 8:45 AM and 3:20 PM – 6:00 PM

Email: [enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@macseye.vic.edu.au) | Website: [www.macseye.vic.edu.au](http://www.macseye.vic.edu.au)



# HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES



**CREATE A FUN LUNCHBOX EVERY DAY - CHOOSE SOMETHING FROM EACH FOOD GROUP**

Fruits	Vegetables	Dairy and Alternatives	Water
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apple</li> <li>Banana</li> <li>Mandarin</li> <li>Fig</li> <li>Berries</li> <li>Fruit salad</li> <li>Tinned fruit in juice, not syrup</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Soups and lentil curry (pre heat in flask to keep it warm for lunch)</li> <li>Raw or lightly steamed vegetable sticks (carrot, capsicum, cucumber)</li> <li>Steamed or grilled corn cobs</li> <li>Salad with a creamy dressing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Milk</li> <li>No-added sugar yogurt (frozen overnight)</li> <li>Cheese cubes</li> <li>Tabiki dip</li> <li>Cottage cheese</li> <li>Calcium fortified soy milk</li> </ul>	<p>Take a water bottle (for refilling throughout the day).</p> <p>Tips: Freeze overnight to keep foods cool in lunchboxes.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Flat bread and naan</li> <li>Pasta dishes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noodles</li> <li>Rice, quinoa or couscous</li> <li>Fruit loaf</li> <li>Homemade pizza</li> <li>Wholemeal (brown) bread</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meat and Protein Alternatives</li> <li>Grilled meats with the extra fat removed (eg. beef, chicken)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tinned tuna or salmon</li> <li>Lentil or veggie burgers (falafel)</li> <li>Boiled eggs</li> <li>Hummus dip</li> <li>Tofu</li> </ul>

Curries, soup and stews mix many of the above food groups, they are healthy lunchbox options.

For more healthy eating information call 1300 234 263 to make an appointment with a DPV Health Dietitian or visit <https://www.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes> for lunchbox ideas.

**Tips for Planning a Healthy Lunch Box**

- Prepare school lunches the night before;** it gives you time to talk about the foods you're including and makes the morning routine quicker. Give it a go!
- Plan family dinners for the entire week** and do one big grocery shop at the start of the week; it's cheaper than going to the supermarket every night to buy ingredients for dinner.
- Freeze tubs of yogurt or water bottles to help keep food cool until lunch time on warm days.** Make sure children can open their lunch box and containers by themselves. This will ensure they have enough time to eat their snacks and lunch and do not have to wait for help from others.
- Water is the best drink for your child.** Encourage your child to drink a whole bottle during the day. They need to stay hydrated so they can focus and learn in class.
- Look after the environment;** pack sandwiches and other items in reusable containers. This requires less packaging and creates less rubbish.
- Try and buy fresh fruit and vegetables in season;** they will be better quality and cheaper than out-of-season produce.
- Remember to involve your children.** Take them shopping and let them help choose fruits and vegetables for their lunchbox. Let them help prepare and pack their own school lunchbox.

**DPV Health**

DPV Health offers a range of services for the health and wellbeing of your child and your whole family. To access our services or for more information, call us or visit our website.

1300 234 263  
dpvhealth.org.au



## صناديق الغذاء الصحية











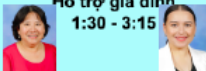
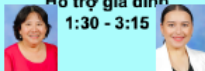




# HUB



## HUB CLASSES

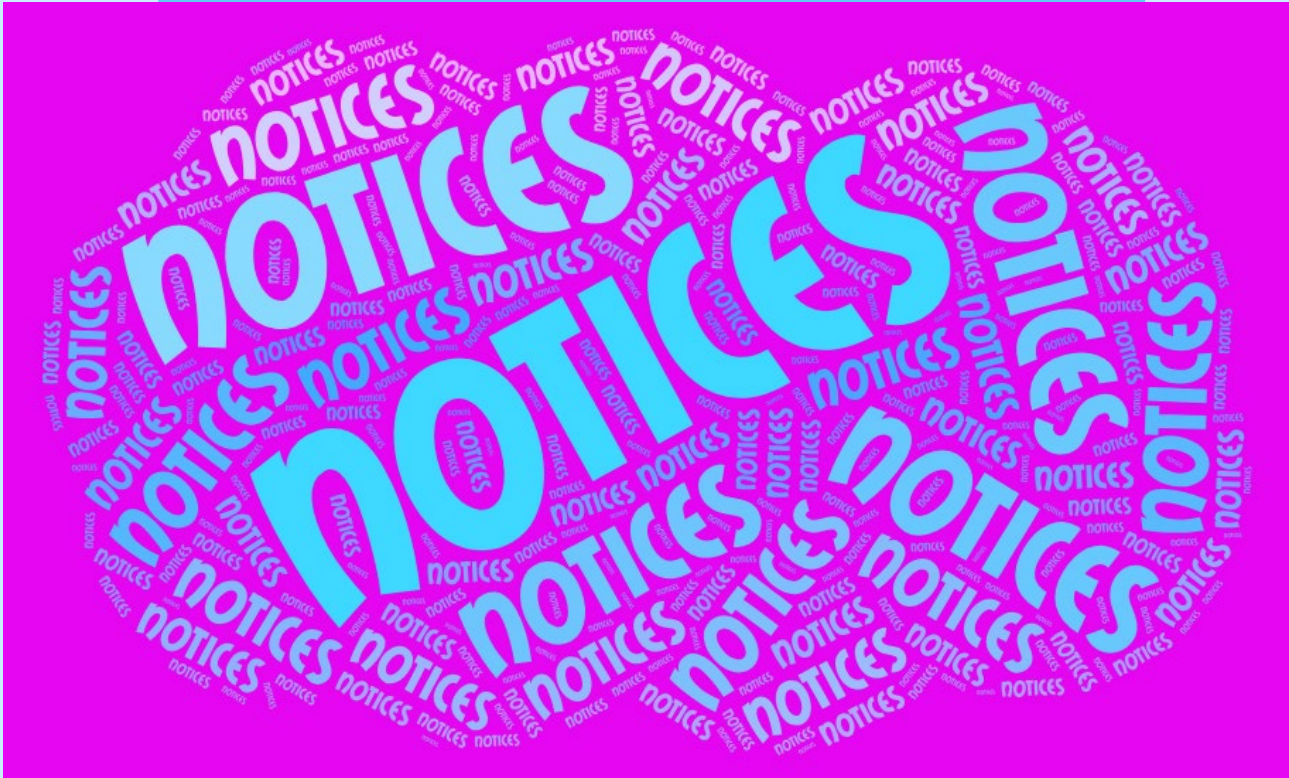


All hub classes are free and all people are welcome  
كل البرامج التي يقدمها المركز الاجتماعي مجانية كل الناس مرحب بهم  
Tất cả các lớp học đều miễn phí và chào đón mọi người

DAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	EVENTS
LEADER	-	Van and Melissa	Melissa	Van and Melissa	Melissa	EVENTS
9 AM	Quiet Space 9 am - 11:30 am 	Playgroup 0-5 مجموعه اللعب Chơi nhóm 9:30 - 11:30 	Everyday Computer Skills مهارات اللغة الإنجليزية والكمبيوتر اليومية Tiếng Anh hàng ngày và kỹ năng máy tính 9:15 - 12:15 	Supported Playgroup 0-5 مجموعه اللعب Nhóm chơi được hỗ trợ 9:30 - 11:30 	English Conversation Class دروس الأنكليزي Lớp tiếng Anh 9:15-11:15 	Mother's Day Celebration Thursday, 8th May 9:30 am - 12 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Morning tea</li><li>Zumba</li><li>Student presentations</li></ul> <div>NEW!</div>
10 AM	NEW!			Cooking Class دروس تعلم الطبخ Lớp học nấu ăn 9:15 - 12:15 	Volunteer Today المساعدة من خلال العمل التطوعي tình nguyện giúp đỡ  <u>Help Others and Learn New Skills</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Classroom Helper</li><li>Help Teachers On Excursions</li><li>Raise Money</li><li>School Events</li></ul> Appointment made at the office	Envisage Parent Support Group 9:30 AM - 11 AM <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Supporting parents who care for a child</li></ul> <div>NEW!</div>
11 AM						
12 AM	Helping Hand With Olivia and Chelsea 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Documents</li><li>Computer</li><li>Finding answers</li><li>Forms</li></ul> 	NEW! 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm Sewing خياطة May vâm 	Family Support With Van and Melissa دعم الأسره وانخفاض الخدمات Hỗ trợ gia đình 1:30 - 3:15 	Family Support With Van and Melissa دعم الأسره وانخفاض الخدمات Hỗ trợ gia đình 1:30 - 3:15 	Walk To School Assembly المشي إلى تجمع المدرسة معنا Cùng nhau đi tới hội trường 2:25 Every 3 weeks 	Invitation to Parents Online Safety Thursday 22nd May 5:30 pm - 7 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>In % area</li></ul> 
1 PM						
2 PM	NEW!					Foundation House Early Years Research Project with HC Hub Playgroup <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Research to make kindergartens more accessible</li></ul> <div>NEW!</div>
3 PM						
	Parents Chat & Coffee يتحدث الآباء ويتناولون القهوة Cha mẹ Trò chuyện và cà phê 2:30 - 3:30 					Wellbeing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Healthy Aging at all stages</li></ul> 

**COMING SOON**







**GATES OPEN 8:30AM**  
**GATES CLOSE 3:40PM**



**School begins** 8:45am sharp



**Lunch** 10:50am to 11:40am



**Recess** 1:40pm to 2:15pm



**School ends** 3:20pm

Children playing outside the school grounds, before and after school, are not supervised until 8.30am before school and up to 3.40pm after school. Many children are going to the Jack Culpin Car Park\Reserve and Gibbs Reserve, before and after school, to wait for their parents' drop-off and pick-up. We are not able to supervise your children in these areas.

Please ensure that your children are collected from the School Grounds in Area 1. If your child is not collected by 3.40pm they are to be collected from the Reception Foyer.

## SUNSMART

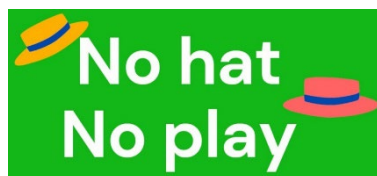
Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world.

In Victoria, from September through to the end of April, average UV levels are 3 and above, which is when UV radiation can damage skin and eyes and lead to skin cancer. When the UV Index is 3 and above:

- **Slip** on sun-protective clothing.
- **Slop** on SPF30+, broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen; put it on 20 minutes before you go outdoors and every two hours afterwards.
- **Slap** on a hat that protects your face, head, neck, and ears.
- **Seek** shade.
- **Slide** on some sunglasses - make sure they meet Australian Standards.

Holy Child is a SunSmart School, and we enforce **NO HAT NO PLAY**.

Children must wear the school hat during the break times at school.



## FOOD AND DRINK

### During warmer weather, DRINK MORE WATER

As the weather warms up it is important that our children drink regularly.

Children will need a clearly named and refillable drink bottle.

Please do not send food that needs re-heating.

Due to health and safety, we are unable to heat children's food at school.

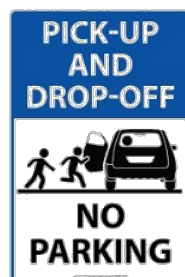
### During cooler weather

As the weather cools, ensure children are appropriately dressed for cold rainy days and if they are wearing a beanie or gloves that they are navy blue or black.

Beanies are available for purchase at the school.

## Parent Parking

- This is a reminder for all parents that the parking at the front of the school is to be used for drop off and pick up only.
- No cars should be parking there for more than 10 minutes allowing enough time to pick up or drop off your children.
- You should **not** be parking in the disabled parking bay, nor should you be parking in front of the gate. The gate needs to be clear at all times for emergency access.



Holy Child Primary School  
is a Smoke-Free Zone



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## Picking up children early



Dear Parents / Guardians / Carers,

Due to staff shortages, we strongly discourage you from collecting your children during these break times:

- first break, which is between 11am until 11.40am
- second break, which is between 1.40 pm until 2.20pm
- after 3:00 pm, unless it is an emergency.

Please note that if you do show up during break times, you will need to wait until children return to their classrooms.

Please understand that staff will be unable to help you until the children have returned to their classrooms.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Alan Smith,  
Principal



## OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Holy Child Primary School, Dallas

Register Now by scanning the code



Program	Times	Permanent (Full Fee)	Subsidy Rebate 90%	Casual (Full Fee)	Subsidy Rebate 90%
Before School	6:45AM - 8:45AM	\$24.20	\$2.40	\$29.20	\$2.90
After School	3:30PM - 6:30PM	\$33.20	\$3.30	\$38.20	\$3.80



KOLBE CATHOLIC COLLEGE



# Year 7 2027

## Applications Now Open for Greenvale and Mickleham campuses!

Attention Parents/Guardians,

Kolbe Catholic College has quickly become the top choice for families in the area! Secure your child's place for Year 7 in 2027 by submitting your application before the final deadline.

**Why Apply Early?** Offers follow the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) Enrolment Policy, based on selection criteria and date of application.

**Don't wait - get your application in today!**

**Final Deadline:** 15 August 2025



ENROL NOW



VISIT US





## Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL)

SEAL provides personalised teaching and learning through a program, across Years 7-9, that meets the needs of gifted and talented learners. The program provides stimulating learning experiences that challenge, extend and develop the gifts and talents of students by offering acceleration and enrichment. The SEAL program at Pascoe Vale Girls College offers a faster paced curriculum with the opportunity to study concepts in greater depth. There is an emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills. SEAL students are expected be part of the school's instrumental music program including the orchestra in Years 7&8. In Year 10, SEAL students have the opportunity to accelerate their studies further by completing two VCE subjects earlier than their peers, which allows them to maximise their ATAR for tertiary entry.



### How to apply?

- Visit the school website [www.pvgc.vic.edu.au](http://www.pvgc.vic.edu.au), click on the Learning tab and then on SEAL. Students who wish to be considered for this program are required to sit an entrance test administered by Edutest (a fee applies). Registrations can be made through the link on the website.
- 2026 applications close on Monday 18th August and testing will be conducted at PVGC on Saturday 23rd August, 2025. Information about the location, time and conditions of the test will be emailed closer to the date.



For more information about the SEAL program at PVGC please contact  
Dani Bedohazy, Assistant Principal, on 9306 2544 or [bedapvgc.vic.edu.au](mailto:bedapvgc.vic.edu.au)