

Term One - Thursday 6th February, 2020.



St A's News!!

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Welcome to the start of a brand new year! I hope everyone has had a relaxed and enjoyable break. On behalf of the St Augustine's School community, I extend a warm welcome to our new Foundation students and new families to the school. Despite the smooth start to the year, we are aware it still takes time and patience to establish routines and expectations. It also takes time for teachers to learn where children are academically, emotionally, socially and physically, and how to best support and meet each child's needs. Please aid us in the quest by communicating any questions, concerns and delights that you may have regarding your child, or the school as soon as issues arise. We look forward to a rewarding and challenging year ahead with you!

Parent/Teacher Meetings Term 1

Meetings will take place on TUESDAY 18th February and THURSDAY 20th February. This is an opportunity to have a chat with your child's teacher to inform them of any relevant information relating to issues that might affect your child's learning. Parents can book Meetings via PAM, everyone will receive an email within the next few days, with relevant information explaining how to book. If you do not receive an email or you have issues with booking, please contact Mandy: msimpson@sacreswick.catholic.edu.au at any time.

Centacare Counselling

We welcome back Sharalle Raven, who will be in our school every Thursday during school terms, to work with our students throughout 2020. This service is made possible through a federal grant and the focus of the support is in providing counselling for children and families during school hours. Parents that wish to access this service will find the necessary paperwork in the pigeon holes in the office foyer.

School Weebly

One of our major forms of communication between school and our community, is our school Weebly. We have a school calendar on this site to inform all of what is happening across the year. As you access the site, the calendar will be the first thing you see, it contains the dates for all happenings for the 4 terms as we know them at this time. Dates will be added throughout the year as they become known. The site can be accessed through this weblink: www.sacreswick.catholic.edu.au

Medical Information

Please keep the office advised on any changes to a medical condition that your child may have. Staff have been provided with background information on children who may have a serious medical alert concern. Please ensure emergency medication has been updated, and children with severe allergies or asthma, must have a current plan signed by your G.P. Note further details in this newsletter, with regards to completion of the annual Medical Forms.

** Designated Staff Areas ONLY **

We ask all parents/visitors to our school, to please seek permission before entering either the staff room or the meeting room, due to personal and private information stored in these areas. Regardless of what you may need, please seek permission from a staff member before entering. THANK YOU!!

From the Principal's Desk contd....

Ash Wednesday Mass

Fr. Gary will celebrate Mass on Ash Wednesday (26th February) at St. Augustine's Church at 10am. All students will be going, parents, carers and families are most welcome to join us.

When Your Child is Unwell/Absentees

School attendance is critical to student success, but we do ask that sick children are kept at home. We know when we don't feel well it is hard to concentrate, so we are best off resting to recover quickly. If children are unwell at school, we will contact you to collect your child.

A reminder it is a requirement that parents notify the school of all instances when children may be absent for all, or part of any school day. We ask you to please ensure you make contact with us, as soon as possible to advise us when your child will be absent. Note it is a school requirement that the school contacts parents, if we have not been previously notified regarding your child's absence. Please phone at any time, early or late as voice messages can be left 5345 2106, or email Mandy: msimpson@sacreswick.catholic.edu.au or classroom teachers - thank you.

Communication Procedures

The first port of call regarding students, should always be with your child's class teacher. If this requires exploration, then an appointment can be made with a relevant leader of the school, including myself. Staff are available for communication via email or phone. Please remember that staff have teaching duties as well as personal lives, so do not expect an immediate response. We will however, reply ASAP.

School Uniform

We expect all students to wear the correct school uniform. This means some accessories such as wrist bands, multi-coloured hair bands, etc. should not be worn. I ask parents to ensure labels are on all items of clothing. School shoes must be worn every school day except on their PE day. Please support the staff and your children, by insisting that they wear the correct uniform to school each day. If there is a problem, please inform your child's classroom teacher.

Testing Days

Thank you for supporting our student Testing Days. The teachers are excited to have one on one time with children to determine their exact entry point of learning in literacy. The assessment will enable us to know where your child is at and where to from here.

Correspondence

At the commencement of each school year, a large amount of information needs to go home and in some cases, be returned. This will take place over the next few weeks. Please ensure that you read through the information carefully and if necessary, respond quickly so our records can be updated.

Student Mobile Phones

If for any reason your child must have a mobile phone at school, please note the phones need to be given to the classroom teacher, who will lock them away until the end of the day. Thank you!

ANNUAL PRIVACY REMINDER

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions, or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Policy. Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website. For more information about privacy, please visit our website: www.sacreswick.catholic.edu.au and view under the 'Policies' tab: St Augustine's Parish Primary School Privacy Policy – Information for parents.

From the Principal's Desk contd....

Staffing Structure for 2020

Fr. Gary Jones	–	Canonical Administrator
Terry Brennan	–	Principal
Mandy Simpson	–	Office Administrator
Chris Schepis	–	Year 6 teacher
Celly Csorba	–	Year 5 teacher
Angelique Green	–	Year 4 teacher
Emma Paterson	–	Year 2/3 Teacher
Estelle McLean	–	Year 1/2 Teacher
Maria Grawich	–	Foundation Teacher
Sarah Prendergast	–	The Arts, Visual, Music and Drama Teacher
Staci Jones	–	Japanese Teacher
Louise Morris	–	Heath & Physical Education Teacher
Melissa Willey	–	Classroom Support Teacher
Carlie Daley	–	Classroom Support Teacher
Nicolle Miller	–	Classroom Support
Ginny Crilly	–	Classroom Support
Carlyn Hall	–	Junior Classroom Volunteer

You will notice Greg Morrison is no longer on staff, as he decided very late last year to seek full time employment at Lumen Christi Primary. We thank Greg for his service at St A's, his caring and nurturing manner has touched the lives of many of our students. We wish Greg well as he starts a new journey at Lumen.

Foundation 2020

I finish with a special welcome to our Foundation Class of 2020, we hope your time with us is rewarding, and we look forward to many varied and positive learning experiences throughout your time at St. A's!



Thank you, Terry Brennan.



2020 Leadership News!



We announce with much pride, the Year 6 Leadership positions for 2020.

The following students will each be responsible for taking on important roles!!



School Leaders

Mabel Barrett, Lily Bennett,
Mason Bullen & Ned Charleson

A NEW Leadership position:
Environmental (Enviro) Leaders
Mia Keating & Ashleigh Asha- Harrison.



Sport Leaders

Jade Dummelow, Angus
Fraser & Charles Jones



SRC Leader
Masyn Erdody



Arts Leaders

Daisy Donovan-Clancy
& Adelaide Oswin



ICT Leaders

Mitch Martin
& Luke Martin



Important Administration Information!

***** Forms Requiring your Immediate Attention *****

- ⇒ Media Release Consent Forms: this is an important form which must be completed/signed, giving consent for photography of students for submission in our newsletters, etc. Note that this form is completed once only - for the duration of students time at St A's, therefore, only Foundation and **new** students to the school, will be required to complete this form. NOTE that as this form was included in our enrolment form during 2019, Mandy will therefore, make contact with those families who may not have completed this form for their child as yet.
- ⇒ 2020 Student Medical Form: Medical forms are completed annually for all students, advising us of student medical details. This form also gives parental/guardian consent for local excursions, head lice checks, along with confirmation that Action Plans will be provided where relevant, and that parents will keep us informed should changes to students medical needs occur. NOTE that these forms will now be completed online further information will be emailed to all families. Please ensure you complete these promptly, upon receipt of the email, please call Mandy if you have any issues.
- ⇒ Student Absence Slips: this is an important form to be completed when students are absent from school - due to illness, holidays, medical appointments, etc. This form **MUST** be completed and signed upon students returning to school following an absence, and once completed can be dropped into the office, or given to classroom teachers. These forms are available from the office area throughout the year as needed.

We appreciate your prompt action regarding the above important documentation, thank you.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of trips, camps, sports and excursions.

TO BE ELIGIBLE for a Primary School Student: On the first day of Term 1 (28th Jan 2020) OR the first day of Term 2 (14th April 2020), a parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- Be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards: Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- **OR** they must be a temporary Foster Parent
- **AND** the parent/legal guardian must submit an application form by the due date

Parents who receive a Carers Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF, unless they also comply with the above. Eligibility will be determined when the parent's concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of Term 1 or Term 2. If the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not to their siblings.

For the purpose of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian Registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between 5 & 18 years. CSEF is not payable to students attending Kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

Important Administration Information!

CSEF Applications for 2020 are now open. Payment amounts are: \$125 per year for eligible primary school students, payments are made to the school and are tied to the student. NOTE that if you applied for CSEF last year, you do not need to complete an application form for 2020, unless there has been a change in your family circumstances. You only need to complete a new application form, if any of the following changes have occurred:

- * **New Student Enrolment** - commenced school in 2020, changed schools in 2020 or you did not apply in 2019; or
- * **Changed family circumstances** - change of name, change of custody, concession card number or new siblings commencing in 2020.

If you are eligible, please see Mandy in the office for an Application form, and ensure you bring your card with you for proof of eligibility. Note that Application forms need to be completed and lodged ASAP as payments are made early in March. Schools will be able to accept and process applications up until the end of Term 2.

Family Fee Assistance Scheme

The 'Family Fee Assistance Scheme' continues in 2020 across all Ballarat Diocesan Catholic Primary Schools. This Scheme offers a tuition fee concession to **families who hold a Health Care Card or Pension Card**. Families who qualify for this Scheme will receive a reduction in school fees with proof of eligibility. The discounted fee covers **tuition and capital fees only**. It does not cover additional charges such as camps, book hire, subject levies, etc. Please speak to Mandy in the Office to complete an Application letter, or for further information about the Family Fee Assistance Scheme. Please bring your card for proof of eligibility.

Conveyance Allowance

Conveyance Allowance is available to eligible families to assist with the cost of transporting students to school. **Distance is measured by the shortest practicable route between the student's place of residence and their school.** Please see Mandy for Application Forms. To be eligible, student/s must:

- ◆ Attend the closest school of the chosen denominational group;
- ◆ Be of school age (5 to 18 years old at the time of application) and reside in Victoria;
- ◆ Live 4.8kms or more from the school measured by the **shortest practical route**;
- ◆ The residential address should be based on the Rural Road Numbering System. Mailbox & PO Box addresses cannot be used;
- ◆ Must attend an eligible school within the conveyance area;

Families applying for the Conveyance Allowance for 2020 PLEASE NOTE:

- ◆ Parents who successfully applied and received the Conveyance Allowance in 2019 are not required to complete a new application **unless** their details have changed.
- ◆ All Applications **MUST** be returned no later than **Monday 2nd March, 2020**.
- ◆ **Parents/Guardians are responsible** for notifying us with **any** change to the information noted on previous School Conveyance Allowance Application Forms within **7 days of changed circumstances!**
- ◆ Four payments for 2020 Claims will be made towards the end of each school term. Please note that due to Gov. guidelines, no claim is allowed to be paid without the appropriate documentation.
- ◆ The Conveyance Allowance guidelines can be viewed at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/management/schooloperations/studenttransport.htm>

Important Information/Dates!

Term 1 Dates to Note:

FEB	Tuesday 11th	-	Opening School Mass at 10am (<i>everyone welcome to attend</i>)
	Tuesday 11th	-	Parent Meeting for ALL Sacraments at 4pm (<i>Fr Gary present</i>)
	Friday 14th	-	Join us for the Year 6 Class Assembly in the hall *** NOTE special starting time of 2:50pm!
	Tuesday 18th	-	Foundation class photo (Courier) at 9:30am
	Tuesday 18th	-	Parent/Teacher Interviews - <i>booking details to be emailed soon!</i>
	Thursday 20th	-	Parent/Teacher Interviews - <i>booking details to be emailed soon!</i>
	Wednesday 26th	-	Ash Wednesday Mass at 10am - <i>all welcome!</i>
	Friday 28th	-	Join us for the Year 4 Class Assembly, 3pm in the hall
MAR	Monday 9th	-	PUBLIC HOLIDAY
	Tuesday 10th	-	<u>Foundation students commence 5 days per week</u>
	Wednesday 11th	-	Year 2 Sleepover at school
	Thurs 12th & Fri 13th	-	Year 3 Camp
	Friday 13th	-	Foundation & Year 1 'Fun Day'
	Friday 20th	-	Join us for the Year 2/3 Class Assembly, 3pm in the hall
	Tuesday 24th	-	Sacrament of Reconciliation at 9:30am, followed by Mass at 10am
	Thurs 26th & Fri 27th	-	Year 5 Camp (<i>Sovereign Hill</i>)
	Friday 27th	-	LAST Day of term 1 - students finish at 1:45pm
APR	Tuesday 14th	-	Term 2 commences

2020 Office Hours

Monday	8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday	8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am to 4:00 pm

School Daily Timetable

School Begins:	9:00 am
First Break:	11:00 am to 11:45 am
Second Break:	1:45 pm to 2:15 pm
School Finishes:	3:15 pm

St Augustine's 2020 Sacramental Program

TERM 1

Tuesday 11th February:	Parent meeting for ALL Sacraments at 4pm (<i>Fr Gary present</i>)
Tuesday 24th March:	Sacrament of Reconciliation at 9:30am, followed by Mass at 10am

TERM 4

Tuesday 13th October:	Parent meeting for Confirmation at 4pm
Sunday 25th October:	Dismissal Sunday at St A's Church, 8:45am Mass
Sunday 1st November:	Dismissal Sunday at St A's Church, 8:45am Mass
Sunday 8th November:	Dismissal Sunday at St A's Church, 8:45am Mass
Sunday 22nd November:	Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at St A's Church, 8:45am
Tuesday 24th November:	Year 6 Reconciliation at 9:15am, followed by Mass at 10am

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

The safety and care of your children is paramount to me, and our school community.

I am writing to you following new advice from the Australian and Victorian governments regarding the novel coronavirus.

All children who have travelled to Hubei Province of China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China. This applies to any and all students even if they do not show any symptoms of the virus.

Children who are well and have travelled to other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

If you think your child is showing any relevant symptoms of the novel corona virus, please call the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to discuss further actions on 1300 651 160.

This advice is also being provided to teachers and other school staff, to ensure we mitigate any risks associated with the spread of the virus.

Attached is a factsheet provided by the Victorian Government providing advice and information about the novel coronavirus, including what actions to take if your child is feeling unwell following travel to the Hubei province, and practical steps to avoid the spread of the virus.

You can also access further information and updates from the following websites:

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/westernpacific/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

In circumstances like these, there can understandably be a lot of concern and uncertainty about the safety of your child. Please know that I am available to discuss your concerns with you, and will provide any revised advice to you as soon as it becomes available.

Regards,

Mr Terry Brennan
- Principal.

Factsheet re Coronavirus

Novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

Factsheet for school students and children

Last updated 29 January 2020

An outbreak of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) was detected in Wuhan, China in late December 2019. Cases have been reported predominantly in the city of Wuhan, in the Hubei province of China, as well as some other Chinese cities and countries, including two confirmed cases in Victoria, Australia.

What is this virus?

Coronaviruses can make humans and animals sick. Some coronaviruses can cause illness similar to the common cold and others can cause more serious diseases, including Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS).

The virus seen in Hubei Province, China is called 'novel' because it is new. It has not been detected before this outbreak. Most people infected live in, or travelled to, Hubei Province, China. There have been cases of 2019-nCoV reported in other Chinese provinces and other countries. It is likely that the virus originally came from an animal, and there is now evidence that it can spread from person-to-person.

What are the symptoms?

Symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath. Symptoms can take up to 14 days to develop.

What if my child is well, and returning to school after being in Hubei province, China or other countries with cases in the last 14 days?

All students and staff members who have travelled to Hubei Province, China, are advised to stay at home and avoid public settings, including attendance at schools and early learning centres, until 14 days after last being in Hubei province, China.

Children and staff who are well and have travelled to other provinces in China, or any other areas where there have been reported cases, are NOT recommended to be excluded from schools and child care services unless the following applies:

- The person is a confirmed case of novel coronavirus
- The person is a close contact with a confirmed case of novel coronavirus in the past 14 days

What if my child feels sick now or within 14 days of being in Hubei Province, China or another part of China?

- If your child has a cough, sore throat or shortness of breath, they must be excluded from school and be reviewed by a doctor.
- Seek medical attention but first place a mask on the student if you have one and call the doctor or hospital before you attend. Tell them your child has been in Hubei province, China, or the location of travel within China.
- When you get to the hospital or doctor's clinic, tell them where your child has travelled in China and whether this included Hubei Province. Ensure a mask is placed on your child before or as soon as you arrive at the medical facility.

If your child has severe symptoms, such as shortness of breath:

- Call 000 and request an ambulance, and
- Inform the paramedics where your child has been in China.

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How can I help prevent the spread of 2019-nCoV?

Practising good hand and sneeze/cough hygiene is the best defence. The most important actions are:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cough and sneeze into your elbow

Where can I get more information?

For Victorian updates to the current incident, go to: <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/novelcoronavirus>

For national updates: <https://www.health.gov.au/news/latest-information-about-novel-coronavirus>

For international updates: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/novel-coronavirus>

WHO resources <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>

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NEW School Uniform Suppliers



Price List @ 6/2/2020
St Augustines Primary School, Creswick



STYLE	GARMENT	COLOUR	LOGO	SIZE	PRICE \$
GENERAL					
1100105	S/S Pique Plain Polo Shirt	Maroon	EMB	4 - 14/XS 16/S -18/M	\$28.50 \$31.50
1100155	L/S Polo Shirt	Maroon	EMB	4 - 14/XS 16/S -18/M	\$30.50 \$33.50
1105050	Wool Blend Jumper - 50/50	Navy	EMB	4 - 14/XS 16/S -18/M	\$77.95 \$83.95
1100271	Rugby Jumper	Navy / Maroon / Gold	EMB	4 - 14/XS 16/S -18/M	\$41.95 \$45.95
1100950	Soft Shell Polyester Jacket - Unisex	Ink	EMB	4 - 18/M	\$72.00
1100330	Rugby Shorts - Drawstring	Navy		4 - 14/XS 16/S -18/M	\$20.95 \$23.95
1110355	Gaberdine Zip - Pocket Shorts	Ink		4 - 14/XS 16/S -18/M	\$23.95 \$26.95
1110400	Elastic Waist Pants - Yoke Back	Ink		4 - 14/XS 16/S -18/M	\$33.95 \$37.95
1110415	Trackpants - Double Knee - Straight Leg	Navy		4 - 14/XS 16/S -18/M	\$29.95 \$33.95
1110423	Trackpants - Double Knee - Rib Cuff	Navy		4 - 14/XS 16/S -18/M	\$29.95 \$33.95
FEMALE					
1108016	Summer Dress	Sky / Navy / White Check 8074		4G - 18G/12L	\$63.95
1100315	Culottes	Ink		4G - 14G/8L 16G/10L - 18G/12L	\$26.95 \$29.95
1118089	Junior Girl's Tailored Pant	Ink		4G - 16G/10L SPL	\$39.95 \$58.42
1100615	Winter Tunic	Maroon / Navy / Royal / Yellow Check 9066		4G - 16G/10L	\$54.95
ACCESSORIES					
1100514	Safety Slouch Hat	Navy	EMB	S - XL	\$18.95
1100520	Acrylic Beanie	Navy		ALL	\$8.95
1100525	Bucket Hat - Poly Cotton	Navy	EMB	S -XL	\$15.95
1100380	Artsmock w/Print	Navy	Screen	ALL	\$19.95
8300396	Primary Pete Bookbag	Navy	Screen	ALL	\$13.95
8302200	Explorer Bag with Laptop Insert	Navy	EMB	ALL	\$49.95
SOCKS					
2511000	Turnover Ankle Socks - 3 Pack	Navy		9 - 12 2 - 8	\$15.95
2512000	Turnover Knee Hi Socks - 3 Pack	White		9 - 12 2 - 8	\$18.95
2513000	Girls Tights	Navy		4 - 6 11 - 14	\$12.95

Other Information

Hello from the Uniform Shop!

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop has had a busy start to the year, with many items sold already. I have a few people waiting for size 6 school jumpers & size 8 summer dresses, so if there is anyone who has these items at home and wishes to sell them, please drop them into Mandy or to the next Uniform Shop open day!

All items of uniform submitted to the 2nd Hand Uniform shop should be clean and in good condition. Please ensure that you complete a Uniform slip, in full, for each item. These slips are available in the office.

A reminder the 2nd Hand Uniform Shop is a voluntary run service. All proceeds from sales of uniform are passed on to families or the P&F as a donation. The uniform shop does not make any money from the sales, so no float is kept to provide change to those purchasing items. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

If you are looking for a 2nd hand item, please text me on 0429 130 672. Please include details of what you are looking for (including size). I ask that you don't phone me, as I work most days and am unable to take your call while I am working. I will respond to your text as soon as I can.

I will aim to open once per fortnight during Term 1, and I will try to vary the opening times so that those who have work and other commitments are able to come. *Thanks, Narelle Barrett.*

School Banking 2020.

2020 Treetop Savers Rewards

We're excited to share that the new School Banking theme for 2020 is Treetop Savers. We've developed a new range of rewards designed to appeal to all ages. In response to your feedback in the Customer Experience Surveys, we've made this year's rewards more eco-friendly and sustainable. All rewards are reusable and packaged using sustainably sourced paper.

- Terry Denton's Activity Book – Term 1
- Mini Soccer Ball – Term 1
- Treetop Stationery Set – Term 2
- Treetop Handball – Term 2
- Tomato Seed Kit – Term 3
- Magic Mist Drink Bottle – Term 3
- Emoji Wallet – Term 4
- Snakes & Ladders Game – Term 4

Please see Mandy in the office, if you wish to see these items before ordering.



2020 Treetop Savers rewards items



Issue No. 1 2020 Scholastic Book Club forms are now available in the office area!

Orders can be placed online or dropped off to the office. Items ordered are handed to students on arrival. Orders for Issue No. 1 are due no later than Wednesday 19th Feb. Please contact Mandy with any queries.

DAMASCUS IN TOUCH

TERM 1 - FEBRUARY 2020



Bright Futures Scholarship for 2021 commencement (Grade 6 in 2020)

A gentle reminder to Primary School Principals and communities, that applications for the 2021 Bright Futures scholarship closes on 14 February 2020.

This scholarship supports students and families with a Year 7 student in 2021, who are experiencing financial or personal disadvantage, and who demonstrate a strong commitment to social justice and their community, but may not otherwise be able to afford a Catholic education.

This scholarship is awarded to one incoming Year 7 student for 50% tuition relief, and is awarded for the duration of a student's enrolment at Damascus (6 years).

Primary School Principals must endorse one Grade 6 student for 2021 commencement, to be considered for this scholarship.

We encourage Grade 6 2020 families to speak to their Primary School Principal about this scholarship opportunity.

Applications close on 14 February 2020, for 2021 commencement.

Further info can be found at:

<https://www.damascus.vic.edu.au/prospective-scholarships>

Open Mornings

ATTENTION GRADE 6 2020 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Thinking of attending Damascus College in 2021?

Please note that Open Mornings for 2021 commencement are taking place in February 2020. These events provide an opportunity for prospective families to take a guided tour of the College led by current students, and is an opportunity to experience Damascus during school hours.

Families can arrive at any time between 9am and 10.30am to participate in a school tour. Tours depart every 15-20 minutes.

Thursday 6 February 2020 9am to 10.30am
Wednesday 12 February 2020 9am to 10.30am

This opportunity to interact with current students gives you a unique insight in to what it is like to be a Damascus student, and the good news is that you can ask them as many questions as you like.

Enrolment applications for 2021 commencement close on Friday 14 February 2020.

REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE NOW AT
damascus.vic.edu.au



The best start for a **bright future**

damascus.vic.edu.au


DAMASCUS COLLEGE (VIC) A.C.N. 403545719

Tuck Shop Information!

Welcome to the 2020 Tuck Shop! As notified last year, lunch orders are placed via the Qkr App and **MUST** be placed no later than 9am each Wednesday - cash orders need to be handed either into the office or classrooms by 8:55am. **NEW families** please refer to the instructions below, to register with Qkr. Lunches will be provided to students in brown paper bags, during their first break at 11:30am on Friday's. Only cash orders need to use the blue/black lunch order bags - please speak to Mandy if you require a bag. NOTE: should a student be unwell and absent from school on a Friday after ordering lunch via the App, a credit note will be issued. Tuck Shop will commence next Friday, 14th February.

We thank the Clunes Bakery (O'Kelly Family) for assisting us to ensure the smooth running of orders and timeliness for all!! Also, a big thank you to our volunteers for their assistance as the Tuck Shop would not run without your help!! Please view the next page for the Tuck Shop Roster and Menu/prices. If you have any queries regarding the Tuck Shop, or you would like to assist, please contact Amelia Singline on 0459 126 895.

Thank you, Amelia Singline.




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Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10km's of the school, or search for our school by name.

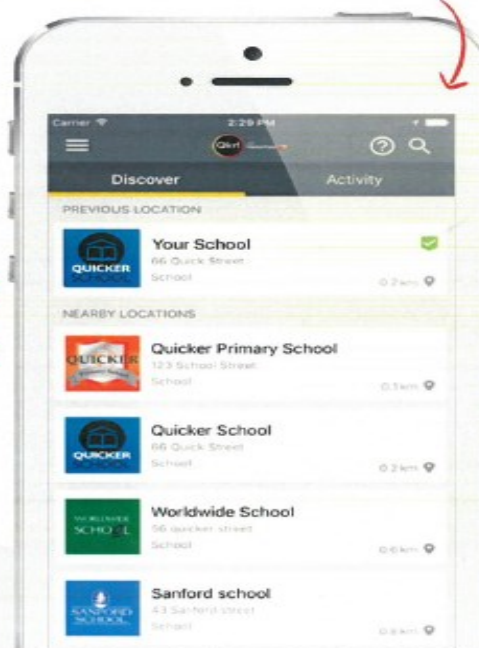
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'

Search for our school name



Tuck Shop & Community News

Term 1 Menu:

LUNCH	COST
Chicken Salad Roll (Fillings: lettuce/tomato/cheese)	\$4.00
Ham & Salad Roll (Fillings: lettuce/tomato/cheese)	\$4.00
Salad Roll (Fillings: lettuce/tomato/cheese)	\$4.00
Chicken Burger	\$4.50
Chicken Nuggets	\$2.00
Mini Pizza (Bacon & cheese)	\$2.50
Mini Pizza (ham, cheese & pineapple)	\$2.50
Party Pie	\$1.50
Pie	\$3.50
Vegetarian Pasties	\$3.50
Party Sausage Roll	\$1.50
Sausage Roll	\$2.50
Hot Dog	\$2.50
Dim Sim	\$1.00

DRINKS	COST
Fruit Juice: Flavours: Apple, Apple & Blackcurrant & Orange	\$1.70
Flavoured Milk: Flavours: Chocolate & Strawberry	\$1.00

SNACKS	COST
Frozen Yogurt: Flavours: Mango, Raspberry & Strawberry	\$2.00
Iced Donut	\$2.50
Caramel Slice	\$2.50
Gingerbread Man	\$2.50



Term 1 Roster:

14th February	Kristina Clohesy
21st February	Linda Penhall
28th February	Melissa McCarthy
6th March	Leanne Burns
13th March	Fiona Trounce
20th March	Thea Elsworth
27th March	Emma Grant

Sunday 1 March, 2020

Register today to secure your spot

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Less than 4 weeks to go



A Prayer For Our Students

Lord, thank you for the unique gifts of every child
as they transition into a new school year.

Fill each student with fresh enthusiasm and
a heart that is excited to learn and grow.

Cover them with your enduring love, give them
confidence and grace, and equip them with the
ability to persevere through trials.

Bless their teachers with wisdom, understanding,
and a heart to serve, as they embark on this
journey together!

AMEN

