



# PREP 2022 NEWS

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Dear Prep 2022 Parents & Families,

As you would be aware, COVID restrictions and the Victorian Roadmap is having an effect on our planned Term 4 Transition activities. Previously we had planned for:

- *Parent Information Night on Wednesday October 6*
- *School Orientation Sessions on Tuesday October 26, Tuesday November 9 and Tuesday November 23 from 9.30am – 11.00am*
- *Phys Ed / Story Time / Art Time Sessions on Friday November 5 and Friday November 19 from 9.30am – 11.00am.*
- *Orientation Day on Tuesday December 7 from 9.30 – 11.00 a.m.*

Unfortunately, we have now placed all these activities on hold as current restrictions do not allow for any Transition activities to take place. We are hoping that after November 5 this may alter and we may be permitted to run some form of a transition program. Last year we were able to run 2 smaller sessions on each day, so we will be happy to work around the guidelines in order to be able to have the students onsite at some point in Term 4.

If it becomes apparent that onsite transition activities will not be able to occur after November 5, then we will be offering some online Google Meet Transition sessions for the students. These sessions will align with the dates previously set for School Orientation Sessions and the Phys. Ed /Story Time /Art Time Sessions, commencing from November 9. However, the session times may be slightly shorter as we may need to run two or three groups separately on those days. We will let you know as soon as possible so that you can

register your child for your preferred session time on those days if we need to use this model for Transition.

Our Parent Information Handbook with general school information and dates is now available from our school website at: <https://www.olwkingsbury.catholic.edu.au/enrolment-information/enrolment-information/> I would encourage all families to read through the information so that you are familiar with term dates, school bell times and some general operating procedures.

This week I have spoken to Buxwear, our Uniform Supplier, as we are aware that orders for uniform should usually have been placed by the end of September to ensure that they are available in December. Under COVID restrictions, they are only able to offer a 'Click & Collect' service.

Buxwear is now open for phone orders on 9464 7555 each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9.00am – 1.00pm and orders can be collected during those times. Orders can also be placed online at [shop.buxwear.com.au](http://shop.buxwear.com.au). Buxwear hopes to be open for sales in some capacity after November 5 for those who would prefer to try and have their child fitted for uniform. If an item of uniform doesn't arrive in time for the start of next year don't panic, we understand the difficulties families are facing.

I have included instructions overleaf on how to download our school app. It would be great if all new families could download the app so that they can also stay in touch with all that is happening at OLW. Current and new families will need to select Prep 2022 from the 'Groups' section to receive information specific to Prep 2022. We will be posting all future information to our app.

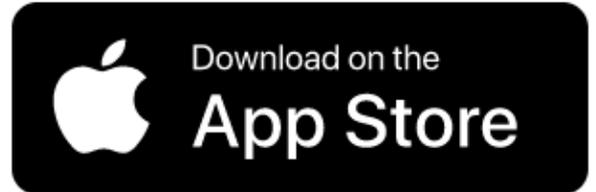
Stay safe, and we hope to see everyone onsite for Transition in the near future!

*Kevin Burke*

# How to Install SkoolBag

Instructions for parents installing the SkoolBag app.

The SkoolBag school app is the best way for parents to stay up-to-date with the school calendar, last minute forms, newsletters and all school communications. Get started with SkoolBag in only a few minutes. Just follow these simple steps:



## Download the SkoolBag App

Open the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and search for and install 'SkoolBag'. Alternatively, click on the Google Play or Apple App Store Store icons above and download the SkoolBag App.



## Create an account

Open the SkoolBag app and Click 'Sign Up'. Enter your email address, create a password and click on 'Sign Up'



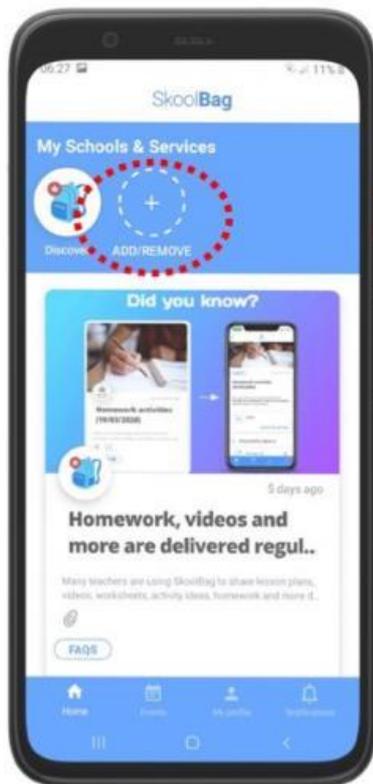
Open the confirmation email sent to your mail inbox and confirm your account



## Add your school

Open the app, and Click 'Add/Remove'

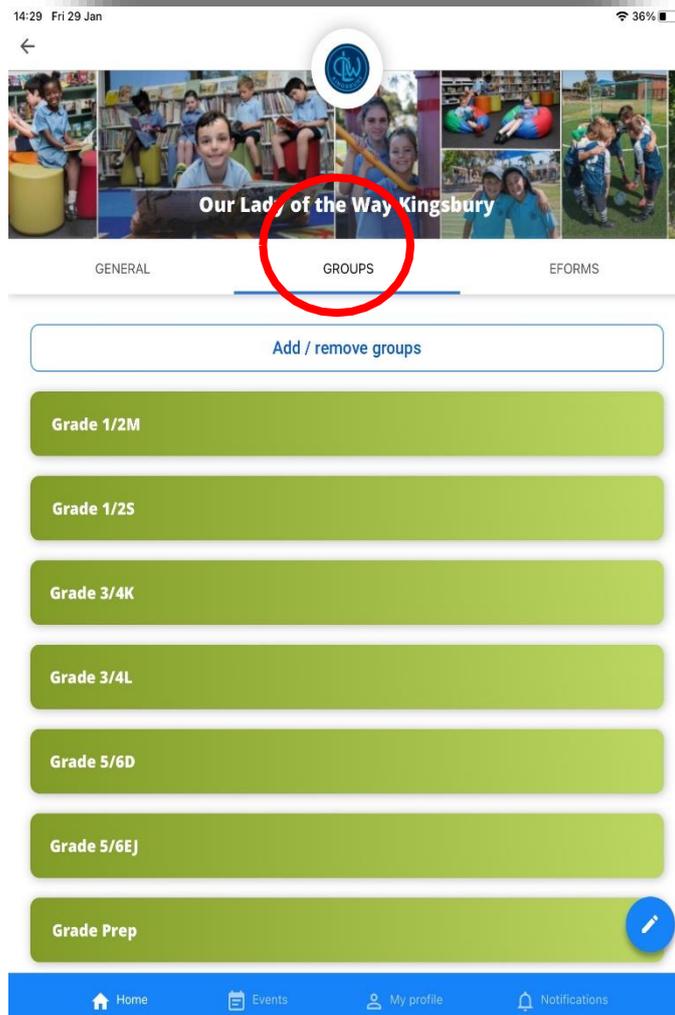
Click '+' to add your school, now you can see your school, under My Schools & Services



Click on **'Groups'** to Add the groups that you or your child/ren wish to receive notifications for.

Click on **'General'** to see School Newsletters and announcements.

Click on **'Eforms'** to submit Absentee Forms.



You are now connected to OLW to receive all our latest news and information.

If your notifications are switched off, please make sure that you manually check the app regularly to ensure you have the latest information for events, school or parish news.