



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Thanks to everyone who attended the meeting last Tuesday afternoon (and for battling the crazy weather to do so!) It was great to see a mix of new and familiar faces. Our major activity for this Term will be our Easter Raffle for which we are currently seeking donations from families and local businesses. Please see the attached flyer for details. Raffle tickets will be going home shortly.



CLASS MASSES

Each Term, our students will attend mass as a level group. Last Friday, our Year 1/2 students attended morning mass together with Fr John, teachers, parents and parishioners. Both Fr John and the parishioners commented on how beautiful and reverent the students were during mass and enjoyed their responses and discussion with Fr John during the Homily. Please keep an eye on the Calendar for future mass dates.

NAPLAN - YEARS 3 & 5

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3 & 5 sit each year. NAPLAN assesses literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through their regular school curriculum. Students sit assessments in Writing, Reading, Conventions of Language (spelling, grammar & punctuation) and Numeracy.

This year, the NAPLAN assessment period will take place in Term 1 between **11th - 23rd March**. Teachers will prepare students during class time to help them feel confident and relaxed during this time. An information sheet was sent home to Year 3 & 5 families last week.

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LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY - MONDAY 9TH MARCH

Just a reminder that next Monday, 9th March is a public holiday for Labour Day. The school will be closed on this day.

OPEN EVENING & ENROLMENTS - 2027

OLW is holding an Open Evening and Guided Tours for prospective families on **Wednesday 18th March from 4 pm - 6 pm**. Our School Captains will be hosting the tours of the school whilst our staff will be available in their learning spaces.

Information will be distributed to the local Kinders over the next week, but please feel free to let other people know about the evening.

Parents please note: We have a limit of 25 places so if your child is in 4 year old kinder please complete and return an Enrolment Form as soon as possible. If you have other children enrolled at the school you will still need to complete an enrolment form for any new siblings.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos will be on **Thursday 12th March**. Children will be required to wear their full Summer School Uniform on the day. More information regarding photo day is elsewhere in this newsletter.

PARENT/TEACHER/STUDENT INTERVIEWS - MONDAY 30TH MARCH

Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews for all students in Years Prep - 6 are scheduled for Term 1 - Monday, 30th March. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and gain insights about the learning in each particular year level. We urge parents to come along with their child/ren to these sessions that will take place in your child's classroom and be hosted by your child's teacher.

Bookings will open this evening at 7pm. Bookings can be made via www.schoolinterviews.com.au using the booking code **fmhva**. Instructions are elsewhere in the Newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: This will be a school closure day for all students. TheirCare will be operating on this day if parents wish to utilise this service.

SCHOOL FEES & CSEF

If you would like to set up a payment plan or pay your fees please contact the school office in person or via email - accounts@olwkingsbury.catholic.edu.au. Parents who hold a current Health Care Card are eligible to apply for CSEF support. Please contact the school office for an application form. Please note that closure dates apply.

FORMS RETURNED

Parents were recently sent a copy of our Code of Conduct, our Wellbeing Policy and our Photo Permission form. If you could please return these as soon as possible it would be much appreciated.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS TEAM

Our team has now been selected from our Athletics Trials and training has commenced. Mrs Van Ballegooy will continue training each Friday up until the event on 25th March.



2026 SACRAMENTAL DATES

Our Sacramental Dates for 2026 have been set together with Fr John.

- **Sacrament of Confirmation (Year 6):** Sunday, 17th May at 1 pm (**Holy Name Church, Reservoir**).
- **Sacrament of First Eucharist (Year 3):** Sunday, 2nd August at 1 pm (OLW Church)
- **First Reconciliation (Year 2):** Tuesday, 27th October at 2 pm (OLW Church)



YEAR 3/4 & 5/6 EXCURSIONS - TUESDAY 3RD MARCH

Tomorrow (Tuesday, 3rd March) our Year 3/4 students will head off to Melbourne Museum and our Year 5/6 students will be visiting the Immigration Museum. Students will be required to wear their full summer school uniform and bring a small backpack with their recess, lunch, water bottle and school hat.

YEAR 1 /2 EXCURSION - MONDAY 16TH MARCH

Last week a Compass notification was sent out to our Year 1/ 2 families seeking permission for their child/ren to attend Bundoora Park's Heritage Village to build on their understanding of their Inquiry unit 'Now and Then'. Their excursion is set for Monday 16th March. Students will be required to wear their sports uniform and bring a small backpack with their recess, lunch, water bottle and school hat.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2026

Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector. This year's theme celebrates the significance of Saint Patrick : **Christ beside me: Walking in the footsteps of Saint Patrick**. Catholic Education Week will run from Sunday 15th March to Sunday 22nd March.

10 of our Year 6 leaders will be attending the St Patrick's Day Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral and Concert, along with the other 300 MACS schools. The Creative Arts Exhibition will be held from Sunday 15th March to Saturday 21st March. I am very pleased and proud to announce that four OLW students have had their 2025 artwork selected to be shown and a whole school piece has been entered and selected too! We will share the names of our nominees and their incredible artwork in our next newsletter. A big thank you must go to Mrs H for supporting the students of OLW on their Art journey.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

Can I ask families to be extra vigilant when entering and exiting our car park. I have noticed quite a few parents driving rather quickly through the car park. Please slow down and keep your speed to 5km/h. It is for the safety and wellbeing of all members in our community.



2026 SRC & F.I.R.E Carrier Leaders



3/4L SRC Leaders:
Arianna H & Ezra M

3/4BZ SRC Leaders:
Sailor C & Archer D



5/6MO SRC Leaders:
Kayla W & Demetri P

5/6T SRC Leaders:
Melicia B & Adam R



Fire Carriers: Sebastian S, Knox R, Toby N, Ava S, Sienna M and Scarlett M (absent).





Here at OLW we have recently revised our School Rules and expectations.

Each classroom follows the same 6 rules to ensure consistency of practice and understanding.

Rules are stated positively, taught explicitly and reiterated regularly. Posters are displayed in each classroom throughout the school, reinforcing positive social and learning behaviours.

Some procedures that teachers may apply to promote positive behaviours include:

- Class awards, class points or other class incentive schemes
- Stickers, free time or a special activity
- Verbal praise or recognition
- Award at Assembly or a Nomination
- A note or phone call to parents

I have included a copy of our School Rules below.

SCHOOL RULES

1. I will follow directions.
2. I will keep my hands, feet and objects to myself.
3. I will listen to the speaker without interrupting.
4. I will speak appropriately and use my manners.
5. I will move safely.
6. I will treat all property with care.

PLAYGROUND EXPECTATIONS

- I will play within the designated areas.
- I will remain on the deck if I have no hat. (Terms 1 & 4)
- I will respect others and their rights to play freely.
- I will respect the property of others, e.g. other people's things.
- I will return to class when the music begins.
- I will look after school sports equipment and return it to the classroom at the end of break.

Have a fantastic fortnight!

Grace Lucic



Living Lent at Home

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent – a sacred season in the Catholic Church that invites us into prayer, fasting and almsgiving as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

Given the many challenges facing families today, now is the perfect time – and home is the perfect place – to truly experience Lent. After all, home is where we rush and rest, where we hope and worry, where we love and forgive. It is at home that we most often encounter the everyday grace of God. Lenten experiences can take place in nearly every room of the house.

Here are some simple ideas to enrich your family’s celebration of Lent:

Lenten Family Mealtimes

In addition to “Friday fish,” consider designating one evening each week to prepare a meal together. Assign each family member a different dish or task. Before you begin, talk about how each person is giving to the others – offering time, effort and care to nourish the whole family so you can go out and do God’s will. Begin the meal with a prayer of thanksgiving and petition.

Family Kindness and Sharing

Write simple acts of kindness on slips of paper – for example: give someone a compliment, reconnect with an old friend, help carry someone’s heavy load. As each family member leaves in the morning, invite them to choose a slip and complete the act quietly, without seeking recognition. Later, share what happened and pray together that your kindness may ripple outward throughout Lent and beyond.

Giving to Those in Need

Encourage each family member to select three to five high-quality, useful items that could bless someone less fortunate. Donate these to a local charity or parish outreach. Take a moment to pray together for the people who will receive them, asking God to bring hope and comfort into their lives.

You can find more activities you can do at home using the following links:

<https://www.catholicicing.com/lenten-activities-for-children/>

<https://faithandfabricdesign.com/2014/03/activity-lent-promise-card-for-families.html>

Simple Lenten Prayer

Loving God,

*As we begin this season of Lent,
help our family to grow closer to You and to one another.*

*Teach us to pray with open hearts,
to give generously to those in need,
and to make small sacrifices with love.*

When we are impatient, help us choose kindness.

When we are busy, help us make time for You.

When we fall short, remind us of Your mercy.

Bless our home during this holy season.

May our words and actions reflect Your love each day.

*We ask this through **Jesus Christ**,
who walks with us always.*

Amen.

Lisa Micomonaco

Religious Education Leader



PREVIOUS FORTNIGHT

Congratulations to all of those who learnt that, **'turn over a new leaf'** means: 'making a fresh start by making positive choices.'

'Turn over a new leaf'

THIS FORTNIGHT

Our word for this fortnight is **'repentance'**.

repentance

Find out its meaning and see if you can add this to your vocabulary over the next fortnight!





Project Compassion

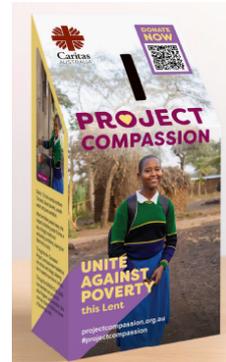
It was wonderful to see everyone in the whole school and parish community at our Ash Wednesday Mass, as we begin the season of Lent.

The school is supporting Project Compassion this year and donations help Caritas Australia work alongside vulnerable communities around the world.

The Year 1/2s attended their first class Mass of the year last week.
-Hanaka B & Oceana G

CARITAS AUSTRALIA
**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Unite Against Poverty this Lent



School Captain Year Level News



Vincent M

What's happening in Prep?

The Preps have been practising counting to 10 in maths. They have been reading the book, "Grandpa and Thomas", been learning how to chunk syllables and naming people in their families! They have been busy.



Natalie F

What's happening in 1/2?

In the 1/2 classrooms the children have been putting hands on analogue clocks, as well as practising some addition and talking about nouns and pronouns. They are enjoying their, "Now and Then," inquiry lessons.



Charlie D

What's happening in 3/4?

The children have been using number lines in Numeracy and exploring John Batman in their, "Colony to Suburbia," inquiry unit.



Remy C

What's happening in 5/6?

In Maths we are learning about the Gold Rush and what life was like at that time.

In Maths we're learning lots of different ways to subtract.

Why did the M & M go to school?
Because he wanted to be a smartie!



CHARLIE'S JOKE OF THE FORTNIGHT

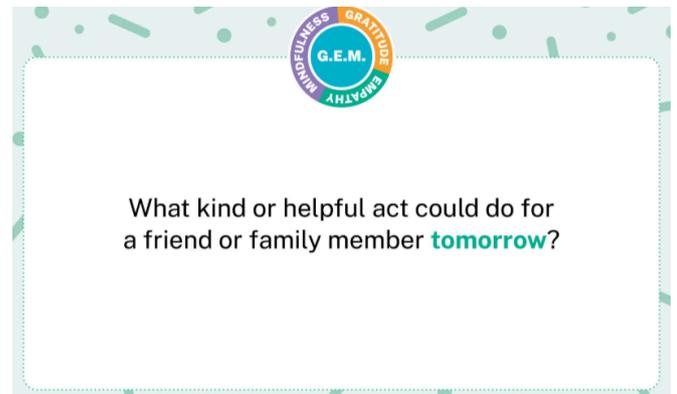
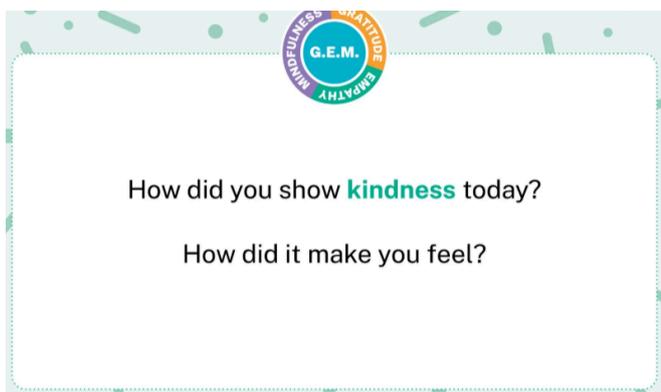


THE RESILIENCE PROJECT™

GEM+EL Chats

GEM Chats are questions and prompts designed to start a conversation or encourage students and families to reflect on their GEM+EL habits. They provide a great opportunity to build connections between members of the school community or home and can be facilitated by any staff member or parent.

This week's GEM chat focus is on Empathy



Parent Carer Hub Access

As we continue to build our students' understanding of resilience, support their learning and application of strategies, foster positive wellbeing and regularly practise **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**, we are providing access to our **2026 Parent Carer Hub**.

The Inspire Parent Carer Hub content is designed to keep families engaged in the program. It includes information about the key principles of **Gratitude**, **Empathy**, **Mindfulness** and **Emotional Literacy**, along with the benefits of regularly practising these. Additionally, it offers activities that families can practise at home to support their wellbeing.

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/family-hub-3/>





Hi Families,

This week in our Empathy lesson, we discussed how to show empathy towards others facing challenges. We learned about the acronym ACT: 'acknowledge' the challenge, 'be a companion' by listening attentively, and 'talk' with them. These strategies help us support and empathise with others during difficult times.

Developing empathy helps us to identify, understand and feel what another person is feeling. When we practise empathy by doing something kind for someone else, our brain releases oxytocin. This results in an increase in our self-esteem, confidence, energy levels, positivity and overall happiness.

TRY IT AT HOME FAMILY ACTIVITY: **EMPATHY SUPERHERO**

YOU WILL NEED:

- Time together as a family.
- Blank piece of paper or poster paper.
- Pencils and textas.

WHAT TO DO:

- Gather together as a family and have a discussion about what it means to be empathetic. Some discussion may be:
 - » Identifying others' feelings and emotions.
 - » Identifying our own feelings and emotions when we observe how another person is feeling.
 - » Acts of empathy/kindness (a time when you have shown empathy or kindness).
- After this discussion, talk about what characteristics or character strengths you need to be empathetic.
- As a family, design an 'empathy superhero'. Label your superhero with the different characteristics it needs to be empathetic.
- Don't forget to create a name and a motto for your superhero!

We would love to see what OLW families are doing at home!
Please share a photo with us, tell us what you have enjoyed via email

(principal@olwkingsbury.catholic.edu.au)
and we can share it in the next newsletter!





MARCH

Date	Week 6
Monday 2/3	3 pm - Assembly in the Hall (all welcome!) 2nd Hand Uniform Stall following Assembly
Tuesday 3/3	3/4 Excursion to Melbourne Museum 5/6 Excursion to Immigration Museum
Wednesday 4/3	No Preps today (rest day) Test Day 4 (final) After school Sports Session 2 of 5 (3.30 - 4.45 pm)
Friday 6/3	Fr John visiting the 3/4 and 5/6 Classrooms
Date	Week 7
Monday 9/3	Labour Day Public Holiday
Wednesday 11/3	Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN begins Year 3 & 5 Writing Assessment Preps first Wednesday After school Sports Session 3 of 5 (3.30 - 4.45 pm)
Thursday 12/3	School Photos- Full Summer Uniform
Friday 13/3	Prep & 5/6 Class Mass Fr John visiting 1/2's & Preps classrooms





MARCH

Date	Week 8
Monday 16/3	<p><i>Catholic Education Week</i> 1/2 Excursion to Bundoora Park Year 3 & 5 Reading Naplan Assessment 3 pm - Assembly in the Hall (all welcome!)</p>
Tuesday 17/3	<p><i>St Patrick's Day- Students may wear a touch of green</i> Year 3 Conventions of Language NAPLAN Assessment</p>
Wednesday 18/3	<p>Year 5 Conventions of Language NAPLAN Assessment <i>OLW Open Evening for prospective parents (4 - 6 pm)</i></p>
Thursday 19/3	<p>Year 3 & 5 Numeracy NAPLAN Assessment</p>
Friday 20/3	<p>Year 6 Leaders to attend St Patrick's Day Catholic Education Week Mass & Concert</p>





Book School Interviews Online

Dear Parents,

Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on **Monday, 30th March** from 10 am until 7 pm. This day will be a Closure Day for students however they are required to attend the interview with their parents. Bookings can be made via www.schoolinterviews.com.au using the School Event code shown below.

BOOKINGS CLOSE Thursday 26th MARCH at 5 pm

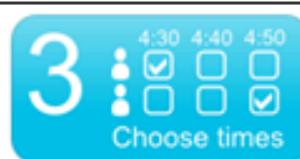
Bookings will open on **Monday, 2nd March** at 7 pm. Please read the information below on how to make a booking.



Go to:

<https://www.schoolinterviews.com.au/code/fmhva>

Or scan the QR Code:



When you click *finish*, your interview timetable will be emailed to you automatically - **check your junk mail folder** if you do not receive your email immediately.

You can return to www.schoolinterviews.com.au at any time, and change your interviews - until bookings close.

All interviews are onsite at OLW and they are **strictly 15 minutes**. If you require more time, please contact your teacher directly to make alternative arrangements.

Parents can change their interview bookings, any time prior to the closing date, by re-visiting the www.schoolinterviews.com.au website, and using the event code. Remember to use the same name and email address, you used when you made your original booking.

Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date, should contact the school directly on 9460 6684.

Students are required to attend the Interview along with their parents





Our Lady of the Way Primary School

School Tours & Open Evening

Wednesday 18th March 2026
4.00 - 6.00 PM

- ✓ Meet our friendly staff
- ✓ Meet our student leaders
- ✓ Tour the school and view all Classrooms, Specialist Areas and our school grounds
- ✓ Collect an Enrolment Pack



*Everyone is most welcome!
Guided tours with our student
leaders are available
throughout the evening.*



Principal: Mrs. Grace Lucic
Phone: (03) 9460 6684
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Parents & Friends Association
OLW

EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2026!

WE ARE REQUESTING DONATIONS OF EASTER-
THEMED ITEMS, INCLUDING:

- 🐰 CHOCOLATE EGGS
- 🧸 SMALL FIDGETS/PLUSHIES
- 🍬 WRAPPED CANDY (TO FIT IN THE EGGS)
- 🥚 PLASTIC EGGS (PRE-FILLED OR EMPTY)
- 🌟 STICKERS, TRINKETS & CRAFT ITEMS
- 🌿 ALLERGY-FRIENDLY TREATS WELCOME!

RAFFLE

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE IN THE
COMING WEEKS, WITH RAFFLE
DRAWN ON 2/4 AT 12:30PM

ANY LEFTOVER DONATIONS WILL BE GRACIOUSLY PASSED ON
TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TO SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED. THANK
YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!





KINGSBURY THEIRCARE

WEEKLY WRAP UP
TERM 1 - WEEK 5

IMPORTANT REMINDER

WE CANNOT STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF **BOOKING EARLY, AND COMMUNICATING WITH OUR STAFF.**

WE UNDERSTAND THAT PLANS CHANGE, AND IT CAN HAPPEN LAST MINUTE, BUT **COMMUNICATION IS KEY** SO PLEASE REMEMBER TO GIVE US A CALL TO ALERT US OF ANY LAST MINUTE CHANGES, SO THAT WE CAN STAFF APPROPRIATELY AND SUPPORT YOU AS BEST WE CAN.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE **BOOKING AS EARLY AS YOU CAN, AS BOOKING IN ADVANCE SUPPORTS US TO STAFF THE PROGRAM ADEQUATELY IN LINE WITH OUR LEGAL 1:15 RATIO.**

Monday

Learn to Draw

As it was Pokemon week, we learnt to draw our favourite pokemon characters! We followed along and learnt to draw pikachu which was so much fun! We had some very adorable pikachu's drawn by some amazing little artists we have here!

Tuesday

Pokemon Tag (Dodgeball)

This afternoon we played a game we haven't done in a while, Dodgeball! They love this game so much it's always a bit of a special activity we do. We made it pokemon related by using our imagination and pretending the balls were pokemon balls and we were catching pokemon! They showed great sportsmanship.

EMAIL: kingsbury@theircare.com.au PH: 0417333851

KINGSBURY THEIRCARE

WEEKLY WRAP UP
TERM 1 - WEEK 5

Wednesday

DIY Stressballs

This is something different we thought we could try, we made stressballs using balloons and filling them with rice. We chose the colour balloon of our favourite pokemon character, filled it with rice then drew a funny, cute or silly face on the balloon to make them pokemon stress balls!

Thursday

Scavenger Hunt

We went on a little adventure around the sandpit and playground outside, playing some real life pokemon go! They had to go find pokemon balls outside, once they found one they had to answer a quiz question related to pokemon, if they got the question right they had successfully caught a pokemon, they loved this so much!

Friday

Pokemon Chalk drawing

To end the fun week we've had we went outside and did some chalk drawing on the concrete, we had some pokemon related things drawn like pikachu, pokemon balls and we also just did some beautiful rainbows, hopscotch and sunsets which was so fun to see them get creative!

Reflections

SUCCESSES:

- Engaging activities & participation in activities from children and leaders
- Showing kindness and respect to ourselves and others
- Our new routine of cleaning up / mini leaders is well and truly set in stone now!
- Writing more observations

CHALLENGES

- Having to adapt and change around the afternoon due to extreme weather/ weather changes

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RED DOOR CAFE LUNCH ORDERS

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday

PH: 9078 9725

TOASTIES

Cheese: \$7.00

Cheese & Ham: \$7.50

Cheese & Tomato : \$7.50

Cheese, Ham & Tomato: \$8.50

WRAPS

Chicken Schnitzel: \$11.90

Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo \$11.90

Ham: \$8.90

HOT FOOD

5 Nuggets & Chips: \$9.90

Pizza(Magarita): \$7.50

Lasagne: \$12.90

Penne Bolognese: \$10.90

1/2 Sausage Roll:\$ 6.00

Whole Sausage Roll: \$10.90

Chips:\$6.00



School Photo Information

Are you ready for 2026 school photos?

Our Lady of the Way Primary School

Thursday 12th March 2026

**There's no need to do anything
before photo day.**

**Further details will be provided when
portrait and group images are ready.**



**Student access codes and order details will be provided to you
when images are ready to view and purchase online.**

Arthur Reed Photos Pty. Ltd.

A.B.N 48 528 494 590

Telephone: (03) 5243 4390

Enquiries: customerservice@arphotos.com.au



15TH, 22TH OF FEB, 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22RD, AND
29TH OF MARCH OF 2026
AT 2-3PM \$105 FOR 7 SESSIONS

周日篮球班 2026年第一期: 2月15日、22日; 3月1日、
8日、15日、22日、29日 七次 周日下午2点-3点。
15元/节/小时 七次合计 105 元

**2026 TERM 1 SUNDAY BASKETBALL
TRAINING CAMP 篮球周日班**

**LATROBE UNIVERSITY NEW BASKETBALL
STADIUM COURT FOUR BUNDOORA 4号场**



**FIRST 30 MINUTES FREE
TRYOUT 30分钟免费试训
适合年龄 5-15 岁**



Now open for registration!
Welcome to join our WeChat group or
Message to Jane 欢迎扫码入群接龙报名

JANE : 0468747898







SANTA MARIA COLLEGE
A CATHOLIC SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

OPEN DAY | 19 MARCH 2026
2PM-6.30PM

Discover the Santa Spirit at Santa Maria College

Explore our:

- **IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)** the only Catholic all-girls school in the North providing this global curriculum framework.
- **Award-winning Duke of Edinburgh Program** shaping young women through leadership, service & adventure.
- **Holistic wellbeing** through our **Three Villages, One Community** model.
- **New Year 9 & 10 Village** inspiring bold thinking, big dreams and strong, compassionate leaders.

An all-girls education empowers young women to step into the world ready to lead and succeed.



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NOW OPEN

Applications for Year 7 2028 Now Open

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