

St Benedict's Catholic School

Parent Information Getting Started at St Benedict's



School Leadership Team

Principal -	Mrs Penny Collins
Assistant Principal Religious Education -	Mr Nick Christie
Inclusive Education Coordinator -	Mrs Bernadette Herron
Learning and Teaching Advisor (Curriculum) -	Mrs Aleesha Rockemer

Term Dates 2021

Term 1	Tuesday 27 January - Thursday 1 April (10 week term)
Term 2	Monday 19 April - Friday 25 June (10 week term)
Term 3	Monday 12 July - Friday 17 September (10 week term)
Term 4	Tuesday 5 October - Friday 3 December (12.00pm) (9 week term)

Student free day- Friday 3 September

School Daily Timetable

8.00am -	Teacher supervision- Students may arrive at school from this time and wait in the Hall with access to quiet activities or they can participate in Run Club
8.25am -	Students gather into their class lines for short morning messages and our School Prayer
8.30am -	School begins in classrooms
9.30am -	Brain break- students are encouraged to have a small fruit or vegetable snack during class time
10.40am -	First break- 15 minutes playtime then 15 minutes eating time (Prep & Year 1 students are in reverse)
11.10am -	Classes resume
1.10pm -	Second break- 25 minutes playtime then 15 minutes eating time
1.50pm -	Classes resume
3.00pm -	School finishes (Parents are encouraged to wait in the Hall until close to finish time to avoid distracting students, though welcome at the classroom at pick up time)

School Uniforms

St Benedict's School Uniforms are available from The School Locker, located at the Domain Centre, off Dalrymple Rd, Garbutt. Prep students wear the sports uniform only each day and students from Years 1 - 6 wear the Sports Uniform twice per week (Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday depending when they have PE and then on Friday). Students in Years 1 - 6 wear formal uniforms the other three days.

All students are expected to wear the uniform as supplied, including the school hat daily and all black shoes/runners (velcro preferred for Prep students over laces unless particularly confident with laces).

School Lunches

Students are encouraged to bring their lunch each day in a lunch box they can manage. Most students prefer the small blue cooler eskies for their lunch as it prevents their lunch from getting squashed and allows it to stay cool. We do not provide fridges for student lunches. All students are encouraged to aim for a litter free lunchbox (using reusable containers as opposed to excessive packaging). Students are also encouraged to choose healthy lunch options to support their learning and well-being.

Tuckshop is available on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. You can order online by setting up a Flexischools account.

School Resources

Everything your child needs for school other than their uniform is provided as part of your school fees, therefore there is no booklist for you to fulfill. Ipads and chromebooks are provided in classrooms. Throughout the year a number of performances (Nexus Arts), excursions, external educational lessons (Life Ed, swimming etc.) are all included in your school fees. The main additional cost will be for school camps from Year 4 and above.

Year 4/ 5 / 6 camp- Apex, Magnetic Island

Car Parking, Pick Up and Drop Off

Please note that car parking at St Benedict's is limited as it is in most schools. Peak times are from 8.15am - 8.30am and 2.50pm - 3.10pm. Unfortunately there is no parking permitted along Bishop Putney Drive so when the car park is already full, you will need to use the dirt area at the end of Bishop Putney Avenue or the dirt area off Dalrymple Rd behind the Kindergarten (along the school fence line).

Families are encouraged to use the Pick Up and Drop Off areas if and when suitable for their children as these are the most efficient and effective options.

At all times, please follow the road rules and be as patient as possible as this contributes to building our community in a positive way. Please expect the beginning of each new year to be especially busy as new families join us and establish their own routines with their children.

Supervision is provided each morning from 8.00am and in the afternoons until 3.20pm each day.

Homework

At St Benedict's, we believe in providing an environment where students can be engaged in learning and can work to the best of their ability throughout the day. We believe that our students' 'work day' is complete at the conclusion of the school day and therefore, we do not assign formal or regular homework. We encourage our students to engage in after school activities that bring them joy, inspire their curiosity and or meet their artistic or physical interests. We also encourage our students to enjoy their family time and assist in being a proactive member of the household. Students are also encouraged to read or be read to. Appropriate reading resources are provided to assist with this.

Communication

Effective communication is key to building any partnership. Please ensure you communicate in a timely manner with the most appropriate person for your concerns or questions. Your class teacher will contact at the beginning of each year to let you know about routines specific to your child's class and will provide you with communication options.

School contact details

Office -	44132400 email - enquiries@stbenedicts.catholic.edu.au
Tuckshop -	4413 2477
Website -	www.stbenedicts.catholic.edu.au
Facebook -	https://www.facebook.com/stbenedictscatholicschool/

Please note that OSHC (Outside School Hours Care) and our Kindergarten are managed by Mary MacKillop North Qld, not by St Benedict's Catholic School. Their contact details are:

OSHC -	shawoshc@mmcnq.catholic.edu.au
	Co-Ordinator - 0429 405 238
Kindergarten -	4726 3299 or 4413 2333

Compass

St Benedict's Catholic School, Shaw uses the Compass School Manager software and an important component of this software is the Compass Parent Portal. Each parent is issued with an individual login name and password for the Parent Portal.

The Parent Portal allows you to:

- view your child's timetable and the school calendar
- view up-to-date attendance information for your child
- enter details of upcoming absences or explain past absences or late arrivals for your son or daughter
- access your child's Semester Reports
- make bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews
- view a news feed of school announcements, alerts and updates
- communicate by email with your child's teachers
- update your contact details (email and mobile phone number)

The Parent Portal is a web-based system that can be accessed by going to

<https://stbenedicts-qld.compass.education/>

An app called Compass School Manager is also available for both iPhones/iPads (via the App Store) and Android phones/tablets (via the Google Play Store).

The browser version of the Parent Portal contains more features than the app. Also, if you are experiencing problems with the app please try the web-based system before contacting the office.