



St. John Vianney's

Primary School, Parkdale

24th January, 2025

Welcome Foundation (Prep) – Year 6 Parents & Term 1, 2025 Arrangements

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope the holidays have provided you with an opportunity to rest, relax and enjoy the company of family, friends and the season of Summer!

I would like to wish a warm welcome to all our current and new families, especially our Foundation (Prep) families to the 2025 school year at St John Vianney's Primary School.

Term 1, 2025 will commence for all students on Wednesday the 29th of January. The gates will be opened at 8.30am with the students moving to their line up areas. The bell will ring at 8.45am and the students will move into their classrooms.

Punctuality

It is expected that all students are to be at school by no later than 8.45am and not any time up to 9am. From 8.45am to 9am is crucial for students to get themselves organised, start the day with prayer, take the roll and ready to commence their day promptly. Formal lessons begin at 9am. Any child who arrives at or after 9am is to be signed in at the office by a parent/guardian. This year we are also introducing Christian Meditation at the beginning of each day between 8.50–8.55am. More information will be shared with all parents early next week regarding Christian Meditation. I ask all parents to make sure that you adhere to these times.

Year One to Year Six Parents

Parents from Year One to Year Six are invited to come into the classrooms with their child/children when the bell rings at 8.45am until 9am. I ask that parents leave at 9am as classroom teachers need to begin formal activities then. The students will be dismissed at the normal time of 3.30pm.

Foundation (Prep) Parents

Parents from Prep can assemble near the gate for a memorable family photo. You are then invited to come to the Prep room to share in the first day at school experience when we walk in together at 8:45am. At 9.00am we will begin our day. All visitors are welcome to stay in the Prep classroom until 9.15am to see your child settle in and assist them with an activity of choice. I ask that parents leave at 9.15am as the classroom teachers need to begin formal activities. The Preps will be dismissed from the playground at 3.30pm. They will stay with their teacher until they see the adult collecting them.

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I encourage all parents, guardians and carers to discuss the arrangements with their child(ren), including that school staff will help guide students to their new classroom locations, prior to the commencement of the school day to assist with a positive transition into Foundation (Prep).

I also encourage contact be made with me directly if you wish to discuss any additional needs your child may require to assist with facilitating their transition to school at the start of the school year, if you have not already done so via email principal@sjvparkdale.catholic.edu.au.

We look forward to welcoming our new and existing students into the classroom and working with you in supporting student learning and development in a healthy and safe working and learning environment during the 2025 school year.

Please also keep Thursday 6th of February free if possible as we have our opening year school Mass in the Church time at 9.15am. Student leaders and staff will be presented to the community.

The Year level Term 1 Parent letters will be shared with everyone on Tuesday the 28th January. In these letters, teachers have outlined when students have their Specialist lessons and when to wear their sports uniform.

There will be no school assembly in the first week and will no longer be on Tuesdays. School Assemblies will now run fortnightly on Fridays with the first one for the term taking place on Friday the 7th of February at 3pm.

A newsletter will also be shared with more information to all families this Thursday the 30th of January.

I look forward to welcoming your child back to St John Vianney's for the 2025 academic year, particularly our Prep students and those students new to SJV in other year levels. I hope you and your child have a wonderful start to 2025 and I thank you for your continued support in your child's education.

I look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday.

Regards

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