



St. Bernard's

Catholic Primary School, East Coburg

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Dear Families,

It is with great excitement that I write to you as the new Principal of St Bernard's. Stepping into this role in a new school community is both exciting and humbling, and I am grateful for the warm welcome I have already received by each of you. I strongly believe that for me teaching is a vocation and I am committed to continuing my educational journey at St Bernard's.

Many people assume I am of Italian heritage, due to my 'Di Noto' surname, however I am proudly Maltese, with both my parents being born in Malta. I am a football and soccer fan, supporting both Collingwood and Melbourne City and enjoy spending time with my two children, husband and cockatiel bird named Coco.

I was drawn to St Bernard's school vision – *'Where you are known as a follower of Jesus Christ, a responsible and respectful citizen, a learner and community member.'* I am looking forward to getting to know each student and family. I am particularly excited to learn the 'Bernardo' traditions and enrich and build upon some of these practices that make St Bernard's special.



At the heart of my educational philosophy is the belief that parents are the first educators of their children, and that schools walk alongside families as true partners. When families and schools work together in trust and collaboration, we create a rich learning environment where children feel safe, engaged, supported, and inspired to let their light shine. It is an honour and a privilege that families have placed their trust in St Bernard's School to care for and educate their child. Together, we will guide them to become confident, faith-filled learners who are inspired to make a difference in the world. I look forward to working closely with you to gain the best outcomes for our children and ensure all in the St Bernard's community flourish.

Student Wellbeing is a key priority for me. Making sure students feel safe and comfortable at school, fosters effective learning. Evidence based data driven practices must be at the heart of all we do at St Bernard's, continually strengthening teaching and learning practices. All students must have the opportunity to succeed and grow as learners. I believe communication is critical and welcome opportunities with families to share joyful moments as well as raise questions and concerns. I look forward to walking this journey with you, building on the strengths of this wonderful community, and continuing to nurture the faith and learning of every child in our care.

Blessings,

Julie Di Noto
Principal