

# INFANT JESUS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

As you are aware, this year Infant Jesus has embraced the application Seesaw across all year levels. We are using this to transform our learning journey from the classroom and into our individual households. Seesaw is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what's happening in the classroom. Seesaw gives students a place to document their learning, be creative and learn how to use technology. Each student gets their own journal and will add things to it, including photos, videos, drawings, or notes.

Seesaw is an application where you can interactively participate in your child's learning journey on a daily basis. Your children are independent thinkers and are often very busy making and designing pieces of work to showcase their learning. Sometimes the work pieces included will/will not be edited and not all errors will be amended by the classroom teacher. We want to share your child's learning with you, based on their ability to publish pieces of work to the best of their ability. Teachers and students will be able to annotate pieces of work with suggestions, feedback and comments. Your child will still use an individual school assessment portfolio which will be a celebration of your child's academic progress clearly showing links to the Australian curriculum via a well articulated rubric or assessment structure.

The purpose of Seesaw is to share authentic pieces of learning with parents and the community (using the blog). It is important to note that parents will only have access to work samples provided and created by their child. In the instance where shared learning has occurred, your child's work will be shared into any other children's journal as well. All classes have a 'blog' which can be accessed by all teachers, students and parents. The blog is a useful collaborative space to share any class news with one another. It is critical that as parents, we remember our appropriate digital citizenship responsibility posting online as parents. We remind ourselves of our digital citizenship knowledge when posting online and ensure that we have regular discussions with our students about the safe and appropriate use of online communications.

Allowing parent access makes Seesaw such a powerful tool for positive reinforcement of your child's individual progress and effective communication between the home and the school. This is not a social media tool and all comments shared by parents of students are to be specifically focused on the learning which has taken place and focus on how we as a school #ExpectGreatThings. When there are new Seesaw posts, families can be notified via app notification, email or SMS. Parents are only notified about their own child's work, and all data is safe and secure.

A parent workshop has been scheduled for the 16 March at 3:30pm-4:00pm and then repeated from 6:30-7:00pm. Please register your attendance via the link provided in the newsletter.

Thank you for your support.

Infant Jesus Staff

