Parent Information Booklet 2017

Kindergarten

Joy In Learning

ST JOHN BOSCO COLLEGE
The curriculum at St John Bosco College from Kindergarten to Year 4 will be based on the Western Australian Curriculum and the Early Years Learning Framework “Belonging, Being and Becoming”. There will be a balance between tasks based on the children’s interests and explicit teaching of the curriculum, with a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy. Students will be provided with opportunities to develop their thinking skills by problem solving with real life situations using innovation, shared collaboration and digital technology.

The Early Childhood years are a significant and important period in a child’s development. They are the foundation from where we build a strong, resilient and positive member of the community. Every experience and every interaction acts as a base for future learning. In Kindergarten, we will endeavor to make sure learning is rich, enquiry based and developmentally appropriate.

### Image of the Child

We believe that supporting and nurturing a child’s distinct individuality is critical.

We believe that fostering a child’s self-esteem and ability to express themselves is essential.

We believe a sense of spirituality will be fostered through the use of ‘God Talk’ and every day actions showing how Jesus would have lived. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit Program will also be in place to connect the bible with our everyday actions toward each other.

### The Learning Process and Environment

We believe that the ‘whole child’ is to be developed at all times; creating interesting and self-directed tasks for the children will assist this.

We believe that a child’s language development is central to their social interactions and whole child development.

We believe above all else that to play is to learn. Through play children can achieve all of the above points and so many more!

### Partnerships

We believe a strong connection between home and school acts as a building block for future learning.

We believe that partnerships are built on trust, respect and honesty.

We believe that partnerships with families provide us with invaluable information relating to each child and their interests, needs and cultural backgrounds.

### Community

We believe in the importance of an inclusive community that embraces diversity.

We believe in supporting many cultures and creating an atmosphere of acceptance, which is important to our unique identity.

The children at St John Bosco College will be provided with a variety of materials to encourage rich learning experiences and interactions. The provision of such, in conjunction with the EYLF, will enable the child to excel and develop a high personal regard for their learning. In turn, these achievements will foster a sense of independence and individuality as the child’s learning highlights their unique abilities.

Kindergarten children are to be brought to and collected from the classrooms by an adult. Please inform the staff who
has permission to collect your child and if this changes on any given day.

College Day

Contact Days 2017: Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday
Studio opens: 8:45am
Start of school day: 9:00am
End of school day: 2:45pm

Morning Routines

Parents and children are asked to wait together outside the classroom door until the doors are open at 8.45am. At this time children are asked to bring in their own hat, lunch box and drink bottle. Parents are welcome to come in with their child for the first 15 mins. Hats will remain in pigeon holes throughout the term.

Please ensure that if activities have been set up outside prior to studios opening that the children remain with you along the verandahs.

Afternoon Routines

At the end of the day the teacher will dismiss each child. Please wait outside the classroom until your child is called. Kindy children will not be released to older siblings, an adult must collect them from the classroom.

Attendance

In the consideration and wellbeing of other children and staff, unwell children are to remain at home. If your child becomes ill at school we will contact you or the other nominated emergency contacts for your child. Please ensure that all school records and staff are kept up to date with any changes to your contact details.

Kindergarten is a non-compulsory year of schooling. However, notification is required if your child is not attending. Please inform the College via phone or email absentee@stjohnbosco.wa.edu.au. An SMS message to parents/guardians will be generated for all unexplained absences by 9.30am. We do require a written note or email either on return or prior to the day of absence.

Independence

Please encourage your child to develop independence and responsibility for themselves in Kindergarten by making sure that they:

• Carry their own school bag.
• Organise their belongings each day on their arrival into the classroom.

What to bring to Kindy

• College hat clearly marked with your child’s name. A generous size school back pack.
• A piece of fruit or healthy snack alternative for morning tea (clearly labeled) in a separate container from their lunch. A healthy lunch clearly labeled in a lunch box.
• A water bottle, clearly labeled. Please make sure it only contains WATER.
• A change of clothes and underwear in a plastic bag.

St John Bosco College encourages healthy eating and students should only bring water to Kindy. Please support us by sending your child to school with healthy, nutritious snacks and lunches. We discourage sweets, lollies and chips. And remind you that we are ‘An Allergy Aware’ College. No nut products or food containing nuts are to be brought to Kindy.

Children are to wear the St John Bosco Sport uniform as per the Uniform Policy.
We discourage children wearing jewellery for safety reasons.

Please ensure that ALL of your child’s items are clearly labeled, including their college uniform.

**Personal Toys**

Personal toys are not encouraged at Kindergarten, as loss or accidental damage and sharing amongst the other children can be upsetting for everyone.

**Hats**

We encourage hats be kept at the College within your child’s pigeon hole. We will send your child’s hat home once during the term for washing. If you wish to take it home to be cleaned, then please ensure your child’s hat is returned the next Kindy day. Clearly label all uniforms with your child’s name. Hats will not be shared. Hats must be worn during all outside activities. During the summer months, please apply sunscreen to your child’s arms, legs and face before school. We are a Sun Smart College and have a ‘No hat, play in the shade’ policy.

**Washing**

Your children will bring home the washing as per a roster. Which will include aprons and towels. Please wash and return the laundry on the next Kindy day.

**Parent Rosters**

Parent Roster will bring in Term 2 as we consider Term one an important settling time for the children. More information on parent roster will be provided closer to Term 2. Confidentiality is of utmost importance while on parent help.

**Notice Board**

Outside each classroom there will be a notice board. Please check it each morning and afternoon for important notices.

**Birthdays**

Parents are advised not to send in any treats or party favours on their child’s birthday. Rest assured we will certainly celebrate them and their special day in the classroom. In this way, families are released of the cost of providing items for the whole class which can be an unnecessary cost and not affordable for all families.

**Communication**

Communication between parents/guardians and the College staff is vital for our educational program at St John Bosco College. There will be many opportunities through the year for communication and reporting your child’s learning journey.

Please note that each day your child will bring a note folder home. It may be empty often, however, as a College, we ask that all children bring their folder each day in case of notes to be given or taken home. Please ensure you check these folders after each school day.

Teachers can be contacted via school email address:
- Kindy Purple: crane.angela@cathednet.wa.edu.au
- Kindy Teal: tonkin.sara@cathednet.wa.edu.au

Please understand that teachers have time constraints during the school day and that issues or concerns are best dealt with when uninterrupted time and attention can be given to them. Therefore parents and guardians should allow time for a reply to any communication.

**Seesaw**

This year we will be integrating the Seesaw app into our Kindergarten classes. This program empowers students to independently document their learning by uploading photos, videos, drawings, text, PDFs, and links. It also gives families an immediate and personalised window into their child’s learning each day. Parents are notified when content is uploaded to their child’s profile making it easy to observe their progress and growth throughout the College year. More information will be provided to you on this program closer to the commencement of term one.
Donations

As the saying goes, ‘one mans trash is another mans treasure’. At Kindy you might be surprised at what items we would love to use and you may have many useful items that you no longer need. We have attached a list of everyday recyclable items that would be helpful to us in the Kindergarten.

Student Management

Positive Classroom Environment

The teacher will foster a positive class environment, which will encourage children’s learning in the following ways:
1. Building positive relationships with children and amongst children.
3. Listening effectively.
4. Responding in ways that enhance positive feelings of self worth in the children.
5. Establishing classroom responsibilities with the children.

Managing Student Behaviour

In the event that a child’s behaviour is disruptive and needs correcting, the following steps will be taken by the teacher:
1. Redirect the child, reminding the child, in positive terms, the expected behaviour.
2. A “cooling off” period may be needed so the child can calm down.
3. Contact with the parent may be made if necessary.

Incursions

Throughout the year the children will be exposed to extra curricula activities that will enhance the learning already taking place in the Kindergarten. You will be notified prior to any incursions taking place.
Useful Items List

Below is a list of resources that would be helpful to us in the Kindergarten. We would be grateful if you could provide any items of the list below.

- braids
- buttons
- crepe paper
- greeting cards
- gum-nuts
- old clocks
- old jewellery
- paper plates
- ribbons
- round dowelling
- sand paper
- sequins
- sheep wool
- shells
- shirt boxes
- sponge
- straws
- string
- string bags
- tissue paper
- twigs
- washers
- wood shavings
- fabrics (remnants, sheets, pillow slips)
- tubes from paper towels (not toilet rolls)
- wall paper pattern books
- polythene containers (empty yoghurt, ice-cream etc.)
- plastic tops (from pressure pack sprays)
- soft plastic covered wire
- cartons (not cigarette boxes, egg cartons, match boxes, prescription or pet food boxes)

- Please check the ingredients list on food packages and ensure they are ‘Nut Free’.
- Please make sure items are clean and dry.

We look forward to a very happy and rewarding year.