



OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

Primary School Brunswick East

Exceptional Education

Commencement News,

Term 1, 2025

Thursday 23rd January



Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Primary School

Enlivened by the life of Jesus with the love and compassion of Our Lady, we are a community of faith and learning; valuing diversity and respect for all.

*To live justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God.
(Micah 6:8)*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the 2025 school year! I am excited about the opportunities and experiences this year will bring and look forward to working together to support your child's educational journey at Our Lady Help of Christians. This message contains important information to help you prepare as your child/ren begin the new school year. **A full calendar**

of key dates for 2025 will be shared in Newsletter 1.1 which will be distributed on Friday 31st January.

Timetable 2025

8.30 a.m.	Gates Open
8.45 a.m.	FIRST BELL – Gather for Morning Assembly/Birthdays
9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.	Morning Session - Learning Time
11.00 a.m - 11.30 a. m.	Recess
11.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.	Middle Session- Learning Time
1.30 p.m. - 1.40 p.m.	Supervised Lunch Eating Time
1.40 p.m.- 2.25 p.m.	Lunch
2.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.	Afternoon Session- Learning Time
3.30 p.m.	Dismissal

Specialist Timetable 2025

Please note our specialist classes in full will commence in Week 2 - Tuesday 4th of February. **All students are to wear their school uniform for the first week of Term 1 2025.**

Prep E Emilie Owen
Tues PE/STEM/Visual Arts
Thurs Italian

Prep M Megan Holmes
Tues STEM/PE
Thurs Italian/Visual Arts

1B Renee Bouvier
Wed STEM/PE
Thurs Italian/Visual Arts

1D/K Dani Criscione/Karina De Giusti

Tues STEM

Wed Italian/Visual Arts

Thurs PE

2C Brigitte Callery/Andrea Wals

Tues Visual Arts/PE

Wed Italian/STEM

2D Grace Dalla Zuanna

Tues Italian

Wed PE/Visual Arts

Thurs STEM

3J Julie Tran

Wed Italian/Visual Arts

Thurs PE/STEM

3K Lara Keating

Wed Visual Arts/Italian

Thurs STEM/PE

4S Lisa Stella

Tues Italian

Wed PE/STEM

Thurs Visual Arts

4W Michele Witchell

Tues Italian/Visual Arts

Wed STEM/PE

5B Lana Brockenshire

Tues STEM/PE

Thurs Italian/Visual Arts

5H Brody Hill

Tues STEM/PE

Thurs Italian/Visual Arts

6C Nyree Clyne/Damien Murray

Tues Italian/Visual Arts

Thurs STEM/PE

6P Mary Papworth

Tues Italian/Visual Arts

Thurs STEM/PE

Reminder 2025 Dates

Please note the following school term dates and school closure dates for the 2025 school year. 2025 term one dates in detail are listed in the date section of this newsletter.

Term One

Tuesday 28/1/25 term one commences for staff.

Wednesday 29/1/25 term one commences for Years 1-6.

Thursday 30/1/25 term one commences for Prep.

Friday 7/3/25 School Closure -Staff Professional Learning, no students attend.

Monday 10/3/25 School Closure - Labour Day, no students attend.

Friday 4/4/25 term one concludes at 1.00 pm.

Term Two

Tuesday 22/4/25 term two commences for Years Prep - 6

Friday 25/4/25 School Closure Day - ANZAC Day, no students attend.

Friday 6/6/25 School Closure - Staff Professional Learning.

Monday 9/6/25 King's Birthday (Public Holiday), no students to attend.

Friday 4/7/25 term two concludes at 1.00 pm.

Term Three

Monday 21/7/25 term three commences for Years Prep - 6

Friday 19/9/25 term three concludes 1.00 pm.

Term Four

Monday 6/10/25 term four commences for Prep - 6

Monday 3/11/25 Student Free Day, Staff Professional Practice Day.

Tuesday 4/11/25 School Closure, Melbourne Cup Public Holiday, no students to attend.

Friday 5/12/25 Staff Planning Day for 2026, no students to attend.

Tuesday 16/12/25 term four concludes 1.00 pm.

2025 Sacrament Dates

Confirmation - Saturday 29/3/25 at 1.00 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral - Jubilee Year

Penance (Reconciliation) - Tuesday 20/5/25 at 6.00 pm.

First Eucharist - Saturday 26/7/25 at 5.00 pm.



Student

Requirements for 2025

Please see the list below for student requirements for the 2025 school year. We ask your child to bring these items on their

first day of school. These items will be used throughout the school year and will allow for a successful transition.

2025 Staff

Positions of Leadership

Principal - Maree McIntosh

Deputy Principal/Learning and Teaching - Jackie McGrath

Deputy Principal Religious Education Leader - Damien Murray

Literacy/Numeracy Leader P-2 - Karina De Giusti

Literacy/Numeracy Leader 3-6 - Damien Murray

Learning Diversity Leader- Andrea Wals

Student Mental Health/Wellbeing Leader - Maegan Howden

Class Teachers

Prep E Emilie Owen

Prep M Megan Holmes

1DK Karina De Giusti (Mon, Tues) Dani Criscione (Wed, Thurs, Fri)

1B Renee Bouvier

2C Brigitte Callery (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs) Andrea Wals (Fri)

2D Grace Dalla Zuanna

3J Julie Tran

3K Lara Keating

4W Michele Witchell (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Angela De Francesco (Fri)

4S Lisa Stella

5B Lana Brokenshire

5H Brody Hill

6 C Nyree Clyne (Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs) Damien Murray (Fri)

6P Mary Papworth

Additional Support Team - Literacy and Numeracy Intervention

Karina De Giusti P-2

Damien Murray 3-6

Specialist Teachers

STEM - Joanna Hanson

Italian - Angela De Francesco

Physical Education - Dave Witchell

Visual Arts - Maegan Howden

Education Support Officers

Genevieve Allison

Maria Azzi

Ella Donhardt

Prue Theofilopoulos

Sena Janiszewski

Sharon Murphy

Administration Officers

Debbie Ceravolo

Cathy Windsor

2025 Term 1 Dates

Tuesday 28/1/25 Staff return

Wednesday 29/1/25 Years 1-6 students commence

Thursday 30/1/25 Prep First Day 9:00am -12:30pm

Monday 3/2/25 School Captains and Year 6 Leadership positions announced at morning assembly - 8:45am

Tuesday 4/2/25 PA meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 6/2/25 Prep Parent Welcome Night 7.00pm-8.00pm

Friday 7/2/25 Beginning School Mass 10.00am

Monday 10/2/25 SRC and Social Justice positions for Semester One announced at morning assembly 8:45am

Thursday 13/2/25 Meet the Teacher/Learning Conversations 1.30pm - 8.30pm **school concludes at 1.00pm**

Monday 17/2/25 Year 3/4 Inform and Empower Cyber Safety Session

Tuesday 18/2/25 Year 1/2 Inform and Empower Cyber Safety Session

Tuesday 18/2/25 SAC Meeting at 7.00pm-8.00pm

Wednesday 19/2/25 Year 5/6 Inform and Empower Cybersafety Session and PA meeting

7.30pm

Wednesday 19/2/25 **1DK** Assembly at 2.45pm

Monday 24/2/25 Prep students commence full time

Wednesday 26/2/25 **2C** Assembly at 2.45pm

Friday 21/2/25 Welcome Picnic Fri
4.30pm-7.30pm

Tuesday 4/3/25 Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 5/3/25 Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 5/3/25 **3J** Assembly at 2.45pm

Thursday 6/3/25 Prep Inform and Empower Cyber Safety Session

Friday 7/3/25 School Closure, no students to attend Staff Professional Learning - Simply Maths

Monday 10/3/25 Labour Day - no students attend

Tuesday 11/3/25 Confirmation Family Night at 6.30pm

Wednesday 12/3/25 NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5

Wednesday 12/3/25 **4S** Assembly at 2.45pm

Thursday 13/3/25 NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5

Friday 14/3/25 NAPLAN Year 3 and Year 5

Sunday - 16/3/25 - Sunday 22/3/25 Catholic Education Week

Wednesday 19/3/25 **5B** Assembly at 2.45pm

Thursday 20/3/25 Whole School Photos

Friday 21/3/25 St Patrick's Day Mass for school Captain and Vice Captains

Wednesday 26/3/25 Special Lunch Day

Wednesday 26/3/25 **6P** Assembly at 2.45pm

Saturday 29/3/25 March - Confirmation Mass

1.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral - Special Celebration Jubilee Year

Wednesday 2/4/25 **1B** Assembly at 2.45pm

Friday 4/4/25 Term 1 concludes at 1.00pm

I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Kind regards,

Ms Maree McIntosh
PRINCIPAL





Student Requirements 2025

Please see the list below for student requirements for the 2024 school year. We ask your child to bring these items on their first day of school.

These items will be used throughout the school year and will allow for a successful transition.

We appreciate your support and generosity.

Prep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 art smock • 1 library bag • 2 boxes of tissues • Change of underwear/socks in a plastic bag labelled with the child's name. • A set of headphones for computer use stored in a zip lock sandwich bag with the student's name and grade on the front of the bag.
Year One	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 art smock • 1 library bag • 2 boxes of tissues • Change of underwear/socks in a plastic bag labelled with the child's name. • A set of headphones for computer use stored in a zip lock sandwich bag with the student's name and grade on the front of the bag. • Pencil case - optional (children can bring their own coloured pencils and textas if they like)
Year Two	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 boxes of tissues • 1 art smock • 1 library bag • 1 pencil case containing pencils and textas. • A set of headphones for computer use stored in a zip lock sandwich bag with the student's name and grade on the front of the bag. • Change of underwear/socks in a plastic bag labelled with the child's name.
Year Three	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 boxes of tissues • 1 art smock • 1 library bag • 1 pencil case containing pencils and textas. • A set of headphones for computer use stored in a zip lock sandwich bag with the student's name and grade on the front of the bag.

Year Four	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 boxes of tissues ● 1 art smock ● 1 library bag ● 1 pencil case containing pencils and textas. ● A set of headphones for computer use stored in a zip lock sandwich bag with the student's name and grade on the front of the bag.
Year Five	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 boxes of tissues ● 1 library bag ● 1 art smock ● 1 small pencil case with pencils and textas. ● A set of headphones for computer use stored in a zip lock sandwich bag with the student's name and grade on the front of the bag.
Year Six	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 boxes of tissues ● 1 library bag ● 1 art smock ● 1 small pencil case with pencils and textas. ● 5 grey lead pencils ● A set of headphones for computer use stored in a zip lock sandwich bag with the student's name and grade on the front of the bag.