



Newsletter

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Reflection



As we gather at the start of this new school year, we take a moment to pause, reflect, and invite God into our hearts and our work. The beginning of a new year is a time of hope and possibility. Let us open ourselves to the presence of God, who walks with us as we embark on this journey together.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 5:14-16)

Jesus said to his disciples: "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." The Gospel of the Lord.

Take a moment to reflect on the words of the Gospel and how they relate to our role in our school community:

1. What does it mean for us to "let our light shine" as members of our school community?
2. How can we support one another in being a light for one another?
3. As we begin this new year, what new opportunities might God be inviting us to embrace?



"During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind." Pope Francis

What is Jubilee 2025?

Every 25 years since 1300, the Catholic Church holds a special celebration called the Jubilee Year. This is a time of reset, where the land and the people rest and we focus on our relationships with others and with God.

The Jubilee 2025 logo

The most striking part of the logo for this jubilee is the cross: bending towards humanity and forming an anchor, it depicts the cross as something to cling to, especially in rough seas. It is a contemporary 'riff' on an old biblical image. The letter to the Hebrews describes the hope we have in Jesus as 'an anchor of the soul, as sure as it is firm' (6:19). The cross is not a dead symbol from the past. It is a living sign of God's unfathomable love, and one that carries us together in pilgrimage towards heaven.

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Principal's Message

Welcome back to the start of the 2025 school year. A special welcome to all our new families who have joined the school community this year.

The Prep children have done a great job of starting their schooling over the past 2 days. They are adapting to their new learning environment well as they begin to become familiar with the routines of the school. It has also been terrific to see the children in all the other year levels returning to school on either Wednesday or Thursday for their testing. We look forward to seeing all the children at school together for the first time tomorrow.

Apart from the important learning which the children will be involved in throughout the year there are also a number of events which the school will keep you informed throughout the term and the year. Some of the events coming up this term include the Opening of the School Year Mass, Prep & Year 6 Picnic, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Year 3), Year 3 Family Mass, Swimming Carnival, Gala Sports Day, Year 6 Camp, Photo Day, Stations of the Cross and Learning Conferences.

THEME

This year Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for the Church. As part of the celebration of the Jubilee Pope Francis has identified the importance of hope in resolving some of the challenges the world faces today. Hope is so important for the health and wellbeing of everyone, especially the children, and our challenge as a community is to ignite this hope through our actions and words. We also want the children to strive for excellence and part of everyone's role is to inspire them and each other to do this. Therefore, our theme for this year is Igniting Hope, Inspiring Excellence. We look forward to exploring the theme throughout the year.

PREP & YEAR 6 FAMILY PICNIC

On Tuesday, February 25, we invite all Prep and Year 6 families to a picnic in the Senior Yard. This is an opportunity to welcome the Prep children to the school and for the Year 6 and Prep families to meet their buddy's family. The picnic begins at 6:00pm and finishes at 8:00pm. The Parents Association will be providing sausages with salad/coleslaw for parents and children. It is a BYO event for everything else including drinks and picnic rugs/chairs.

We look forward to seeing all our Prep and Year 6 families attend this event which will be held in the Senior Yard.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR MASS

Next Thursday, February 6, the school will celebrate the beginning of the school year with mass at 10:00am. Our SRC children and other leaders will be presented with their badges at the mass.

BABY NEWS

During the holiday break Emma Butcher had her second child on January 8. Her name is Isla Summer Butcher and according to Emma she is perfect.

Laura Buggy also had her second child on January 6. Her name is Eloise Josie Buggy. We wish both Emma and Laura all the happiness that a new baby brings into their lives.

LEARNING CONFERENCES

This year the learning conferences will be held on April 1 and will be an opportunity for parents to receive feedback on their children's progress. Children are expected to attend the learning conferences with their parent(s). The school will be closed on this day with the learning conferences beginning at 11:00am and concluding at 6:00pm. More details on how to book for the conferences will be made available in the coming weeks.

FAMILY SUPPORT

The Family Support Group is one of the organisations within our school community that support families within the school who may be experiencing a change in circumstances which creates challenges for a family. The group provides meals to families to help alleviate the need to organise dinners whilst maintaining the privacy of such families.

Kryssi Ruth has been the coordinator for this group for a number of years and has done a terrific job of fulfilling this role. She has been instrumental in contacting those people who have volunteered to help provide meals and arranged for the meals to get to the families. Kryssi's daughter has moved onto secondary school so we are looking for someone who would be prepared to take on this role. If you are interested in taking on this role please contact me and I can answer any questions you may have. Once a coordinator has been confirmed we will ask for volunteers to help provide meals when required.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

At last year's Annual General Meeting Gemma Bugryn resigned from her role as president. Gemma is pregnant and is also studying her Masters in Education this year. As president Gemma has done an outstanding job of leading the Parents Association in the social and fundraising activities that saw the PA raise over \$71 000. A total of \$47 000 was raised at the fete. This is an enormous achievement and reflects the commitment of Gemma, our PA Executive and all the parent reps and the support of our community. The money raised has been used to fund the new adventure playground in the Senior Yard which will be completed in the coming weeks.

Rosa Savage was also instrumental in the operations of the PA and with her daughter moving schools, Rosa also resigned her position.

We are grateful for the work of both Gemma and Rosa.

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Principal's Message cont.....

This year we have 2 new co-presidents. Adrienne Bates and Geoff Azzopardi have accepted the roles. Margarite Kheir has also accepted the role as Vice-President. Both Yvonne Karniej (Secretary) and Jodie Jinnette (Treasurer) will continue in their roles. We look forward to all of these people sharing their talents with the community.

SUMMER UNIFORM

BOYS

- Grey Shorts
- Short Sleeve Shirt (Sky)
- Wool School Jumper
- Grey Stripe Anklet Socks
- Black Leather Shoes
- Floppy Brim Hat

GIRLS

- School Summer Dress
- Navy Tailored Shorts
- Peter Pan Collar Short Sleeve Shirt (Sky)
- Wool School Jumper
- Navy Anklet Socks
- Black Leather Shoes
- Floppy Brim Hat

SPORTS UNIFORM

BOYS

- Rugby Top
- Short Sleeve Polo Top
- Navy Sport Shorts
- White Anklet Socks
- Runners

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- Rugby Top
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- Navy Netball Skirt
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Shane Byrne
PRINCIPAL

St Vincent de Paul Staff List 2025

| | |
|---|--|
| PRINCIPAL | Shane Byrne |
| DEPUTY PRINCIPAL | Laura Petrie |
| PREP BLUE | Joanne Gurrisi |
| PREP GOLD | Melanie Harrop |
| PREP GREEN | Alannah Moon |
| ONE BLUE | Stephanie Alessandrini |
| ONE GOLD | Simone D'Cruz |
| | Cathy Manos (Tues) |
| TWO BLUE | Ashley La Porta |
| TWO GOLD | Sarah Nevill |
| THREE BLUE | Rachel Lewis |
| THREE GOLD | Laura Rahill (Mon-Wed) & Holly Caven (Thurs-Fri) |
| THREE GREEN | Virginia Spiller |
| FOUR BLUE | Nathan Zuccarelli |
| FOUR GOLD | Melissa Pannell |
| FOUR GREEN | Giulia Costanzo |
| FIVE BLUE | Sonia Di Cosmo |
| FIVE GOLD | Grace Harrington |
| FIVE GREEN | Meg Monaghan |
| | Emily Grindrod (Tues) |
| SIX BLUE | Gabrielle Ciampa |
| SIX GOLD | Will Kingston |
| <u>SPECIALIST ROLES</u> | |
| Religious Education Leader | Laura Petrie |
| Digital Technologies Leader | Stephanie Serrano |
| Integrated Inquiry Leader | Stephanie Serrano |
| Literacy Leader | Deann Keane |
| Mathematics Leader | Nicole Kaso |
| Learning Diversity / Wellbeing Leader | Rebecca Glenton |
| Annual Action Plan Leader | Meg Monaghan |
| Annual Action Plan Leader | Simone D'Cruz |
| Team Leader Support | Emily Grindrod & Cathy Manos |
| Performing Arts | Holly Caven & Emily Grindrod |
| Visual Arts | Stephanie Veltre |
| | Ellie Henderson (Term 1) |
| Sports / PE Co-ordinator | Daniel Igoe |
| Languages (Italian) | Tania Barbati |
| Literacy Intervention | Jessica McLeod |
| Mathematics Intervention | Nicole Kaso |
| Maths Extension | Daniel Igoe |
| <u>SCHOOL SUPPORT STAFF</u> | |
| Learning Support Officers | |
| Tanya Bonavia, Nicole Calleja, Meredith Catena, Tina Chadraoui, Zina D'Argenio, Nicole Dionisio, Bernadette Eastham, Tara Failla, Anna Fedele, Deb Hodges, Caterina Hollibone, Shariss Perisa, Christian Scerri, Salome Schembri, Kate Sourial, Hayley Thompson and Eve Zikos | |
| Administration Officers | |
| Liz Piccione, Maria Kuret, Trish Hengel and Fiona McIlldowney | |

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Learning Diversity & Student Wellbeing

Welcome to a Fresh Start: Prioritising Wellbeing in the New School Year

A new school year brings fresh opportunities, exciting challenges, and the chance to set positive habits that will support wellbeing throughout the months ahead. As we embark on this journey together, let's take a moment to reflect on the importance of self-care, balance, and a supportive school community.

Establishing Healthy Routines: The foundation of a successful school year begins with strong routines. Prioritising sleep, eating nutritious meals, and setting aside time for relaxation and hobbies can make a significant difference in energy levels and focus. Try setting a consistent bedtime, planning healthy lunches, and organising study schedules to reduce stress and create balance.

Tips for Children:

- Pack your school bag the night before to avoid morning rush.
- Take short breaks while studying to stay refreshed.
- Get involved in activities you enjoy to keep school fun and engaging.

Tips for Parents:

- Encourage open communication with your child about their school day.
- Create a structured yet flexible homework routine.
- Model healthy habits like reading, exercising, and stress management.

Building a Positive Mindset: A positive outlook can transform challenges into opportunities for growth. Encourage students to embrace a growth mindset by viewing mistakes as learning experiences and celebrating progress rather than just results. Practicing gratitude, mindfulness, and self-compassion can help create a resilient and optimistic mindset.

Staying Connected: Social connections are vital for emotional and mental wellbeing. Whether it's joining a club, reaching out to a friend, or engaging in class discussions, fostering positive relationships can enhance a sense of belonging. Teachers and staff are also here to provide support - never hesitate to seek guidance or share concerns.

Managing Stress and Seeking Support: Stress is a natural part of life, but managing it effectively is key to wellbeing. Encourage students to take breaks, engage in physical activity, and explore relaxation techniques such as deep breathing or journaling. If challenges become overwhelming, remind students that seeking help - whether from a teacher, counselor, or trusted adult - is a sign of strength, not weakness.

A Community of Wellbeing: Our school is committed to creating a supportive and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued. By looking out for one another, practicing kindness, and promoting open conversations about mental health, we can ensure that this year is fulfilling and uplifting for all. Let's make this year one of positivity, growth, and wellbeing. Here's to a fantastic school year ahead!

Rebecca Glenton

Learning Diversity and Student Wellbeing Leader

2025 Term Dates

TERM 1

Wednesday 29th January (Prep)
Friday 31st January (Yr 1–Yr 6) – Friday 4th April
(Note: Easter 18th - 21st April)

TERM 2

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 4th July

TERM 3

Monday 21st July – Friday 19th September

TERM 4

Monday 6th October – Tuesday 16th December

2025 School Closure Days

- ❖ Monday 3rd March
- ❖ Tuesday 1st April (Learning Conferences)
- ❖ Wednesday 21st May
- ❖ Thursday 31st July
- ❖ Wednesday 17th September (Learning Conferences)
- ❖ Monday 3rd November
- ❖ Thursday 4th December

2025 Sacramental Dates

Year 3 Reconciliation

- Parent Information Evening:
 - 7:00pm Thursday 20th February
- Year 3 Family Mass:
 - 6:00pm Saturday 22nd February
- Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 - 3:45pm - 5:00pm Tuesday 4th March
 - 3:45pm - 5:00pm Thursday 6th March



Year 6 Confirmation

- Parent Information Evening:
 - 7:00pm Thursday 15th May
- Year 6 and Prep Family Mass:
 - Date to be confirmed
- Sacrament of Confirmation Masses:
 - 10:00am and 12:00noon Saturday 28th June

Year 4 First Holy Communion

- Parent Information Evening:
 - 7:00pm Thursday 21st August
- Year 4 and Year 1 Family Mass:
 - 6:00pm Saturday 23rd August
- Sacrament of First Holy Communion Masses:
 - 6:00pm Saturday 11th October
 - 9:30am Sunday 12th October
 - 6:00pm Saturday 18th October
 - 9:30am Sunday 19th October

Audiri - Update your Group for 2025

The Audiri app is one of the main methods of communication from the school to parents. Could all parents please ensure that they have selected their child's **new year level group for 2025** on the Audiri app. Just go to the 'Resources' tab located on the bottom right hand side of the app and then select 'Groups' then add or remove the relevant year level/s.

Install the App in 4 easy steps!



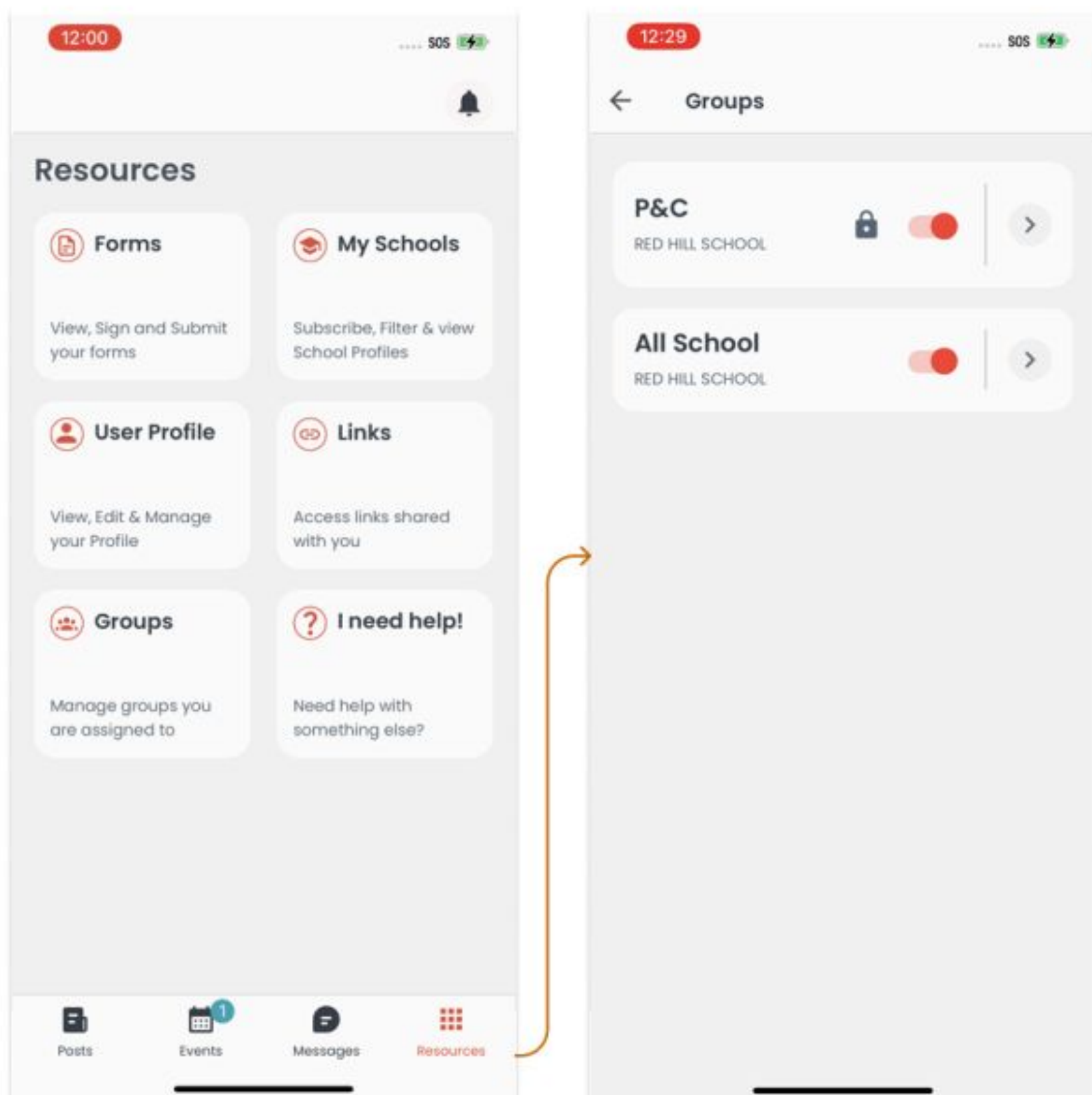
The free Audiri school app offers parents a convenient way to stay up-to-date with the school calendar, last-minute forms, newsletters, all school communications, and even make cashless payments. With Audiri, you can get started in just a few minutes by following these simple steps:

1. Open the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and search for 'Audiri'. Install the app.
2. Create an account and follow the prompts. Click 'Sign up'. Enter your email address, create a password and click on 'Sign up'. A confirmation email will be sent to confirm your account. Open the confirmation email and confirm your account.
3. Open the app, and click 'Add/Remove'. Type your school's name and press enter.
4. Tap the + icon to add. Now you can see your school, under My Schools & Services.



How do I subscribe or unsubscribe from a Group?

- To subscribe or unsubscribe from a Group, navigate to your Groups list from the Resources screen.
- From there, you can scroll through the list of available Groups and toggle each Group on or off as required.



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Chess for Schools - Term 1, 2025



TERM 1, 2025 - REGISTER NOW @
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'I am thrilled with the tremendous success of the chess program run by Chess for Schools. The students' adoration for the program is evident as they eagerly anticipate lunchtime on Tuesdays, bursting with excitement. The instructors' dedication, patience and attentiveness foster an engaging and nurturing learning environment, igniting the children's passion for chess as their skills flourish.'

Jessica Ward, Teacher - Loreto Toorak.

HOW CAN CHESS BENEFIT YOUR CHILD?

- Educational:** Improved IQ, critical thinking, concentration, analytical skills, memory.
- Social:** Develop new friendships, social interaction skills, sportsmanship.
- Emotional:** Confidence, self-esteem, resilience through winning and losing games.

CLASS STRUCTURE:

Different lessons are taught each week from a structured syllabus ranging from tactics, strategies, master openings, traps & special moves. After the lesson children are paired up in a fun tournament play off. Prizes are awarded to the top 3 players at end of term.

BOOK HERE CHESSFORSCHOOLS.COM.AU

| CLASS DETAILS - ST VINCENT DE PAUL PRIMARY | | | | |
|--|-----------------|----------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| DAY | TIME | LOCATION | DATES | COST |
| Mondays | 1:40pm - 2:20pm | Library | 03 February to 24 March | \$145 per child per term |

2025 Concessional School Fee Policy

Please continue reading to understand if you are eligible for discounted school fees under the 2025 Concessional School Fee Policy (including Health Care Card holders).

CONCESSIONAL SCHOOL FEE POLICY – 2025

1 child family \$780 per annum

2 child family \$1,196 per annum

3+ child family \$1,560 per annum

(Excluding any camp charges)

The following families are encouraged to apply for concessional school fees as outlined in the newly introduced MACS Concessional School Fee Policy contained on our website under: Concessional Fee Policy.

- Any family holding a Health Care Card and eligible for Camps, Sports and Excursions (CSEF)
 - Any family of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
 - Any family experiencing **severe** financial hardship
 - Any family holding a DVA Gold Card
 - Any family identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard
- Families who meet one of the above criteria are required to return the below documentation to the office:
- Concessional Fee Application Form
 - A completed direct debit request service agreement
 - A copy of the government concession card (if applicable)
 - A completed Camps, Sports and Excursions (CSEF) application form (if applicable)

2025 Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camp and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested **CONCESSION CARD** or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions and sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
\$150 per primary school student (please note the amount is still to be confirmed by the Department of Education).

We would encourage all parents who do have a concession card to apply for this benefit as, apart from receiving the CSEF payment, it also impacts on the school student funding.

For more information you can visit the CSEF website:

[CSEF Information](#)

If you have applied, or would like to apply, please advise the school office (info@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au).

2025 School Fees

SCHEDULE OF SCHOOL FEES AND LEVIES FOR 2025

\$3630 PER Annum FAMILY FEE

(Billed over 3 Terms)

| | |
|------------------|-------|
| Term 1 | \$890 |
| Term 2 | \$890 |
| Term 3 | \$890 |
| Maintenance Levy | \$210 |
| Capital Levy | \$750 |

This equates to an increase of \$1.95 per school day **per family** over the year.

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT LEVY

(Covers classroom requisites and excursions)

| | |
|------------|-------|
| Prep | \$570 |
| Year One | \$570 |
| Year Two | \$570 |
| Year Three | \$570 |
| Year Four | \$570 |
| Year Five | \$570 |
| Year Six | \$620 |

If you have any concerns about your financial situation and are experiencing hardship, please contact Mr Shane Byrne (principal@svstrathmore.catholic.edu.au), so that a confidential financial arrangement can be discussed.

Absences and Late Arrivals

A reminder that if your child is Absent, please fill in the Audiri App Absentee Form **before** 9AM. This will avoid you receiving text messages from the school unnecessarily.

If your child is going to be late to school, please notify us via the Audiri App. The procedure is the same as an absence, Simply select 'Late' under Away for Full Day.

Instructions for downloading and using the Audiri App can be found in this Newsletter.

In addition, when dropping off your child after the bell has gone at 8:50am, the child must be signed in by their parent/guardian at the front office and they will be given a Late Pass to give to their teacher. If you are picking up your child from school early you must sign your child out at the front office.

Term 1, 2025 - PE, Classroom Sport and Library Timetable

| <u>CLASS</u> | <u>PE Lesson</u> | <u>Classroom Sport</u> | <u>Library</u> |
|--------------|------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Prep Gold | Thursday | Wednesday | Monday |
| Prep Blue | Thursday | Wednesday | Monday |
| Prep Green | Thursday | Wednesday | Monday |
| One Gold | Wednesday | Friday | Friday |
| One Blue | Wednesday | Friday | Friday |
| Two Gold | Tuesday | Thursday | Thursday |
| Two Blue | Tuesday | Thursday | Thursday |
| Three Gold | Friday | Monday | Thursday |
| Three Blue | Tuesday | Monday | Thursday |
| Three Green | Wednesday | Monday | Thursday |
| Four Gold | Tuesday | Friday | Tuesday |
| Four Blue | Monday | Friday | Tuesday |
| Four Green | Monday | Friday | Tuesday |
| Five Gold | Monday | Tuesday | Friday |
| Five Blue | Friday | Tuesday | Friday |
| Five Green | Thursday | Tuesday | Friday |
| Six Gold | Wednesday | Friday | Monday |
| Six Blue | Thursday | Friday | Monday |

Vic Soccer Summer Clinics 2025

vic SOCCER **STUNNING SUMMER CLINICS 2025** **FREE SOCCER BALL FOR EACH PARTICIPANT!**

Saturday morning clinics begin on the 8th of February and involve 55 minutes of personalized tuition. There is an age and skill appropriate curriculum focus on the fundamentals of Soccer as well as an encouragement of social interaction to build skill levels and grow self esteem. Clinics begin on Saturday the 8th of February 2025

SESSION TIME & LOCATION:
9:00AM to 10:00AM at Strathmore Secondary College, Pascoe Vale Rd, Strathmore.

TERM 1 CLINICS BEGIN 9AM SAT. FEB 8th 2025

METHOD OF PAYMENT
Payment on first day of clinic 8/2/2025
Cheque or Cash \$150
Please register by Friday 7/2 to secure your child's place in the clinic.

TOTAL AMOUNT \$
Please make all cheques payable to Vic Cric and fill out participant/s information:
Name(s) : _____ DOB: _____
Clinics previously completed: _____ Phone: _____
Parent/Guardian Name/s: _____
Email: _____
Current Primary School: _____

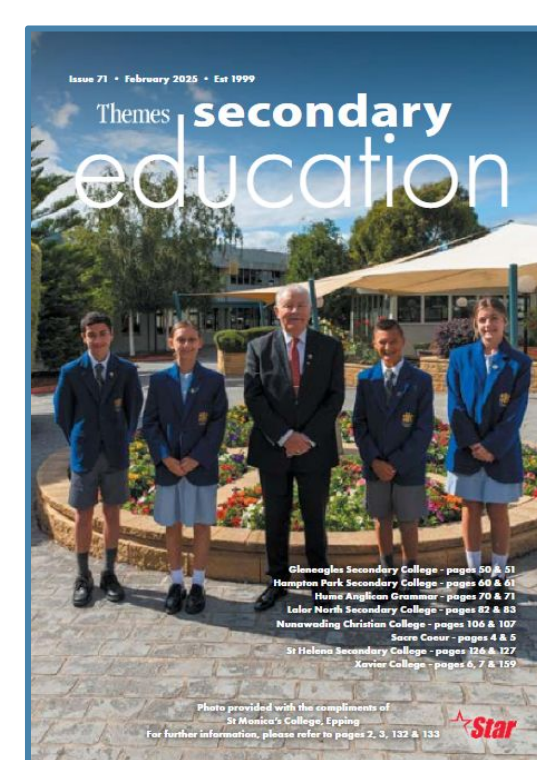
YOUR FREE GIFT IS A SOCCER BALL!
I do do not give permission for my child to be photographed and for photos to appear on Vic Cric Social Media.
Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

For more information, call Mike on 0418303432 or email us at: viccric.northwest@gmail.com
Family discounts apply. Ask VIC CRIC team for more information. Disclaimer: Children play at their own risk. Vic Cric Pty Ltd accepts no liability.

Victoria School Guide

To assist your decision making in relation to your child's education for 2026 and beyond, please find below a link to the 2025 edition of the Enrolments Guide.

CLICK HERE:
<https://victoriaschoolguides.starcommunity.com.au/secondary-education-february/>



2025 Booklist - Items from Home

The 2025 booklist items have been purchased in bulk by the school from Campion Education. Please see the list below for items to be purchased by families or retained from the previous year. These items are to be brought to school on the first day of school next year.

| Year Level | Items to bring from home |
|--------------|--|
| Prep, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterproof art smock (labelled) • 1 soft pencil case (labelled) • (Library bags will be provided by the school) |
| Year 1, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 large pencil case • Blue folder (retain from previous year) • Headphones (retain from previous year) • Art smock (retain from previous year) • Library bag (retain from previous year) |
| Year 2, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 large pencil case • Blue folder (retain from previous year) • Headphones (retain from previous year) • Art smock (retain from previous year) • Library bag (retain from previous year) |
| Year 3, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 large pencil case • Blue folder (retain from last year) • Headphones (retain from last year) • Art smock (retain from previous year) • Library bag (retain from previous year) |
| Year 4, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 large pencil case • Headphones (retain from last year) • Art smock (retain from previous year) • Library bag (retain from previous year) • Australian Children's Mass book (retain from previous year) |
| Year 5, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 large pencil case • Headphones (retain from previous year) • Art smock (retain from previous year) • Library bag (retain from previous year) • Australian Children's Mass book (retain from previous year) |
| Year 6, 2025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 large pencil case • Headphones (retain from previous year) • Art smock (retain from previous year) • Australian Children's Mass Book (retain from previous year) |

Important Dates

JANUARY 2025

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--------|---------|--|---|--|----------|---------------------|
| | | 1 New Years Day | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 Australia Day |
| 27 | 28 | 29 Preps only begin school Yr1-Yr6 - Testing Day | 30 Preps only at school Yr1-Yr6 - Testing Day | 31 Yr 1-Yr 6 begin school All students at school | | |

FEBRUARY 2025

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--------|--------------------------------|-----------|---|------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Opening School Mass 10am | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 School Advisory Council Meeting | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Year 3 Reconciliation Info Evening 7pm | 21 | 22 Yr 3 Family Mass 6pm | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Prep/Year 6 BBQ 6-8pm | 26 | 27 Whole School Swimming Sports | 28 Gala Day 1 | | |

MARCH 2025

| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY | SUNDAY |
|--------------------------|--|---|---|---|----------|--------|
| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 School Closure Day | 4 Walk to School begins Yr 3 Reconciliation 3:45-5:00pm | 5 Ash Wednesday | 6 Yr 3 Reconciliation 3:45-5:00pm | 7 Gala Day 2 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 Labour Day Holiday | 11 Yr 6 Camp | 12 Yr 6 Camp NAPLAN (Yr 3 & Yr 5) | 13 Yr 6 Camp NAPLAN (Yr 3 & Yr 5) | 14 Yr 6 Camp NAPLAN (Yr 3 & Yr 5) | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 | 19 School Photo Day | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 | 26 Year 6 Mass 10am | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | | | | | | |



HOLIDAY PROGRAM

We would like to welcome all the children back to school and looking forward to meeting our new families. We hope that you all enjoyed the holidays.

Our first holiday program at St Vincent's was a great success where the children enjoyed going to the movies, Super Duper Park, Archery, Bounce and a tour of the M.C.G. We received amazing feedback from parents and the children that attended the holiday program. We are now planning for our term 1 holiday program and looking forward to another 2 weeks of fun.

BOOKINGS

A friendly reminder that bookings for B.S.C and A.S.C MUST be made 48 hours in advance. As numbers will no doubt increase dramatically, this will help us with staffing and prevent a late booking fee. Please be aware that if we are at capacity, we cannot accept children that are not booked for the session. In case of an emergency that you require care please call us 7.00am-9.00am or at 2.30pm on 0474 007 664 or alternatively you can call our head office during business hours on 1300 072 410.

CANCELLATIONS

If you have a booking and pick up your child or your child will be absent from the session, we kindly ask that you please call or leave a text message before 3.00pm.

SUNSMART

All children that attend the program MUST have a hat for outdoor play. We ask that you provide a wide brim hat to keep at the service (it does not have to be a school hat).

Looking forward to an exciting and fun term 1.

Lisa - coordinator

Tulay - educator