

*Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.  
Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put  
before me.  
Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that  
this new school year brings.  
Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.  
Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies  
let me experience Your presence in my new friends.  
Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year  
Amen*



## **Welcome**

Welcome to 2021 - a year of hope, peace and joy.

I pray that everyone has had a relaxing and safe break and you are each feeling positive and excited for the coming year.

An extra special welcome to our new Preps and our new Prep families and to those who are joining us in other levels.

We also welcome our new staff members -

Lana Gusak (PE), Petrina O'Grady (Learning and Teaching Leader),

Karlisa Smy (Junior ESO), Isaac McKenzie (ESO), Teresa Pierobon (Administration). We also welcome back from leave Clare Shannon (Art) .

## **Drop off / Pick up**

All gates will be open daily for drop off and pick up . Please use the gate which best suits your family. Students are asked to enter and exit their Learning Areas via the external doors, except for preps who will enter via the administration area and be picked up at the fountain.

As an inclusive and welcoming Catholic school we extend a special blessing to all members of our community and to our wider community and pray that 2021 will be a healthy and happy year for all.

## **Coronavirus Adjustments**

We are regularly receiving updates and adjustments. We currently still have limits on numbers in enclosed spaces. You are permitted and welcome to enter the school however you must practice social distancing, carry a mask, wear the mask in congested areas, sanitise and sign in if you are on site for more than 15 minutes.

## **Swimming Sports**

We are permitted to run the swimming sports on February 5th and parents/family members are able to attend. Parents/ family members attending need to sanitise, practice social distancing, carry a mask and wear the mask in congested areas. Due to cleaning of the pool area after the event we must vacate the area at **3 pm**. Please ensure your child is collected promptly and **SIGNED** out with their class teacher. Preps are to be picked up at **1:30pm**. All other students at **3pm**. All details are via Operoo notes . Please sign the online Operoo permission note as soon as possible.

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### **Welcome BBQ and Footsteps Dance Presentation**

Due to COVID adjustments we are still waiting confirmation on this annual event - scheduled to take place 6pm to 8 pm on Thursday February 11th. I will let you know as soon as possible.

### **Beginning of the School Year Mass**

Due to COVID adjustments this mass will only involve students and staff members.

### **PFA**

We would love to hear from any volunteers who would be interested in organising and supporting our PFA. Please have a chat with Maree if you are interested.

### **Sunsmart Policy**

Please be mindful of our Sunsmart policy - all students and staff must wear a hat when outdoors between April and September. Students are expected to come to school with sunscreen applied. Sunscreen will be available at school for reapplication when necessary. If your child needs a particular sunscreen please label it and send it to school with them.

Please ensure your child's hat is clearly labelled and is at school every day.

Visit the sunsmart site for up to date information and UV ratings. [www.sunsmart.com.au](http://www.sunsmart.com.au) .

### **Notification of Chicken Pox**

Please be aware that we have recently been alerted to cases of Chicken Pox within the school community.

Blessings to all.

Maree



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# Prep Staggered Starts – 2021

## **Week 1**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January

Staff commence

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Preps commence 8.50am - 11.00am pickup  
All other staff in Professional development

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January

All students commence at 8.50am  
(Preps finish school at 1.30pm)

## **Week 2**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February

8.50am - 1.30pm

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February

8.50am - 1.30pm

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February

8.50am - 1.30pm

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February

8.50am - 1.30pm

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February

8.50am - 1.30pm  
(Whole school swimming carnival)

## **Week 3**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February

8.50am - 3.20pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February

8.50am - 3.20pm

**No school for Preps on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February

8.50am - 3.20pm (Welcome BBQ) TBC

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

8.50am - 3.20pm

## **Week 4**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February

8.50am - 3.20pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> February

8.50am - 3.20pm

**No school for Preps on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> February

8.50am - 3.20pm

Friday 19<sup>st</sup> February

8.50am - 3.20pm

## **Week 5**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

8.50am - 3.20pm

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

8.50am - 3.20pm

**No school for Preps on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February

8.50am - 3.20pm

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

8.50am - 3.20pm

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# Prep Staggered Starts (cont'd)

## **Week 6**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Preps commence full time school  
(8.50am – 3.20pm)

## **Week 7**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March

**Labour Day Holiday**

Preps at school full time  
(8.50am – 3.20pm)

## **Week 8**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Preps at school full time  
(8.50am – 3.20pm)

## **Week 9**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Preps at school full time  
(8.50am – 3.20pm)

## **Week 10**

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April

Preps at school full time  
(8.50am – 3.20pm)

**END OF TERM 1 – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2021**

**(Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April Good Friday)**

**TERM 2: STUDENTS COMMENCE MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2021.**

Pupil free days to be advised and will be recorded on Google calendar.



# Conveyance Allowance - Are you eligible??

The Conveyance Allowance is a form of financial assistance to help families in rural and regional Victoria with the cost of transporting their children to their nearest appropriate school/campus. The Conveyance Allowance is available to eligible students travelling by public transport, private car and private bus. The Conveyance Allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

## Eligibility criteria

The eligibility criteria varies depending on the type of school attended and where it is located.

### Students attending a government or non-government school must:

- \* attend their nearest government or non-government school/campus appropriate to their year level at which admission is permissible
- \* be enrolled at a school/campus outside Melbourne's metropolitan conveyance boundary
- \* reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended or bus stop
- \* be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

### Students attending a government or non-government specialist school or Department-recognised special setting must:

- \* attend their nearest government or non-government specialist school or Department-recognised special setting
- \* reside 4.8km or more by the shortest practicable route from that school/campus attended or bus stop
- \* reside within the Designated Transport Area (DTA) for the government specialist school attended (applicable to government students only)
- be of school age (5 to 18 years old at time of application) and reside in Victoria.

## Payment amounts

Depending on how a student travels to school, an eligible student may be granted a conveyance allowance based on:

- \* the least expensive public transport fares; and/or
- \* a distance based allowance when travel is by private car and/or private bus.

**Application forms are available from the School Office.  
Applications close for Term 1 on Friday 5th March**



**ST BRIGID'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**UNIFORM SHOP PRICE LIST**  
**EFFECTIVE 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2020**

**GOODS CANNOT BE TAKEN UNLESS FULL PAYMENT IS MADE BY CASH, CHEQUE OR EFTPOS. *NO EXCEPTIONS.***

*PLEASE NOTE: MOST ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE AND IN STOCK HOWEVER CERTAIN SIZES MAY HAVE TO BE ORDERED DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY.*

**EFTPOS FACILITIES ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON SITE.**

**ORDERS CAN BE EMAILED AT ANYTIME TO [brigidsuniform@gmail.com](mailto:brigidsuniform@gmail.com)**

**BANK DETAILS FOR EMAIL ORDERS ARE:**  
**ST BRIGID'S UNIFORM SHOP - BSB 633-000 A/c No.1550 35405**

**PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE BEFORE GOODS ARE SENT HOME.**  
**(When making payment via EFT please ensure to include your family name as reference).**

<b>ART SMOCKS</b>		All Sizes	\$ 25.00
<b>SCHOOL BAG with school logo</b> (COMPULSORY – No other bags to be used)			\$ 55.00
<b>LIBRARY BAGS</b>	Satchel with School logo		\$ 10.00
<b>LUNCH BAG – INSULATED AND REUSABLE (with Velcro tab)</b> For lunches from home or the canteen			\$ 10.00
<b>HATS</b>	Bucket Hats	All Sizes	\$ 15.00
	Slouch/Cricket	All Sizes	\$ 15.00
<b>BOMBER JACKETS</b>		All Sizes	\$ 50.00
<b>DRESSES</b>		All Sizes	\$ 60.00
<b>BOX PLEAT TUNIC (Skirt with Bib)</b>		C 4 - 10	\$ 65.00
<b>BOX PLEAT SKIRT</b>		C 10 +	\$ 65.00
<b>POLO SHIRTS</b>	Short Sleeve	All Sizes	\$ 30.00
	Long Sleeve	All Sizes	\$ 35.00
<b>SHORTS</b>	GREY GREEN	Boys Boys/Girls	C 4 – 16, S-M-L C 4 – 16, S-M-L
			\$ 25.00
			\$ 25.00
<b>SOCKS</b>	WHITE/GREY (Red Robin)	9-12; 13-3; 2-8; 7-11 White Knee Hi's	(3 Pack) (Twin Pack)
			\$ 12.00
			\$ 12.00
<b>TIGHTS</b>	NAVY ONLY (Red Robin Brand)	4-6 years; 7-10 years; 11-14 years	\$ 12.00
<b>TRACKPANTS</b>	Reinforced Knee	C 4 - 16	\$ 25.00
	Loose Leg	C 4 - 16	\$ 25.00
	Stretch Bootleg	All Sizes	\$ 25.00
<b>TROUSERS</b>	GREY - Tailored / Button Front (Boys)	All Sizes	\$ 25.00
	GREY - Gabardine (Boys)	All Sizes	\$ 25.00
<b>WINDCHEATERS</b>	Poly / Cotton	All Sizes	\$ 30.00





**OUTDOORS  
NON-CONTACT**

# HAVE A BLAST!

**GET INTO WOOLWORTHS CRICKET BLAST. IT'S A FUN AND ACTIVE PROGRAM FOR KIDS OF ALL ABILITIES – WHETHER IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME WITH A BAT OR YOU'RE A BACKYARD CRICKET STAR!**

**Gisborne Cricket Club - Junior & Master Blasters Program**  
Starts Thursday 11 February, 5:00pm at Dixon Field  
Every Thursday until 1 April. \$99 for either program  
Register now: [www.playcricket.com.au/cricket-blast](http://www.playcricket.com.au/cricket-blast)  
Questions? Email: [Fraser.Cricketblast@gmail.com](mailto:Fraser.Cricketblast@gmail.com)



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