



Learning
& Growing
at
St. Brigid's



A modern, forward-looking school steeped in history



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It is a joy and privilege to be Principal at St Brigid's Gisborne, a warm welcoming learning community. Together with the child, parents and community, we strive to ignite learning passion in each of our students. We focus on nurturing faith-filled, curious, creative and resilient learners through thought-provoking, interactive, purposeful experiences.

At St Brigid's we aspire to develop courageous, confident leaders, ready to explore the world and make changes while achieving goals and having fun!”

Maree Morris - Principal



Founded in 1853, St Brigid's Primary School has a long and proud history. Located on Aitken Street we have been running for over 165 years. Over time, new facilities have been built and refurbished to enhance the learning and teaching environment.

Our school operates within the St Brigid's Parish Community where we place an emphasis on the whole student and their wellbeing. Our students are also privileged to participate in church celebrations on-site.



St Brigid's classrooms have been designed to maximise learning for our students. We pride ourselves on our contemporary approach to education with flexible learning spaces which are vibrant, engaging and cater for the needs of each individual.

We have crafted a nurturing atmosphere and a safe and welcoming environment. We have a range of outdoor learning and play areas that complement our indoor spaces, and we continue to improve and evolve our facilities to meet our students' needs.

We put people first



Capped at 220 children, St Brigid's has a small community atmosphere with a close-knit family of students, teachers and parents who genuinely care for the wellbeing and growth of your child.

Our students are happy to be at school, are engaged in the learning environment and enjoy being a part of the broader Gisborne community. Parents feel welcomed, love the friendly and warm spirit of the school, and appreciate the helpful and caring approach of the teachers.

The school community places emphasis on building positive relationships based on Catholic values. We help bring these values to life through our charity involvement and student-led social justice groups. Together we deliver faith-led, resilient, creative, life-long learners through meaningful and innovative learning experiences.

Inspired by Brigid's faith, strength and courage we strive to ignite the passion to grow and learn.

- Our Vision



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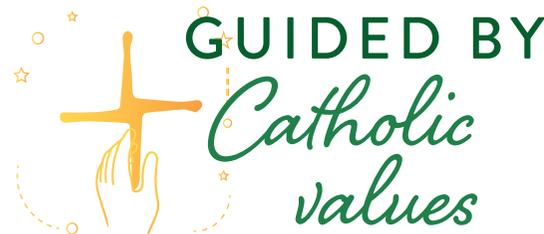
I was recently appointed at St Brigid's Parish and feel very blessed to have been placed in such a welcoming and supportive school community.

I look forward to my time at St Brigid's and inspiring others with my faith.

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Fr. Vinoth Santiago

Parish Priest





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I have two children that attend St Brigid's and both are really happy to go to school each day. We love seeing our children being excited about their learning and personal development.

In our experience, the teachers and staff have been really supportive and have a caring approach. I love being involved with the school, as it provides our family with a sense of place in an amazing school community.

Kelly du Kamp - Parent

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Dedicated to our students and the local community



We are all unique and we all learn in different ways. That is why we focus on the individual, in collaboration with parents, to create happy and well adjusted students.

Our teaching staff, including the principal, know each child by name and care for and accept them for who they are. We challenge ourselves to become familiar with each student's strengths and needs so we can tailor our learning methods to have the most positive impact. We place a strong emphasis on individual welfare, administer a consistent approach to behavioural management, and have a student wellbeing team that meets regularly.



We welcome and encourage parent involvement in our school. Whether in the classroom, on school excursions, special days or activity nights, involvement is highly valued. Research tells us that parent involvement improves students academic, social and emotional wellbeing. At St Brigid's, parents are partners and regularly connect face to face and via our SeeSaw platform.

We also have strong connections with the Gisborne community and local secondary schools. Being close to the township, we provide many opportunities to broaden our students educational experiences through: tours of local businesses; local volunteer programs; nature and discovery walks; library visits and a swimming program. We also run a playgroup for our pre-schoolers.



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We love St. Brigid's because it is a safe and friendly community where everyone is welcome and everyone's needs are catered for. The teachers are always willing to listen and help you.

From our experience being a student at St. Brigid's we have learnt so much mentally and physically. St. Brigid's is such a great school and we are so grateful that we got the opportunity to go here.

Asha & Harvey

2021 school leaders”

Contemporary learning environment and approach



St Brigid's has open and adaptable flexible learning spaces that encourage critical thinking and collaborative learning. Students are able to gravitate towards areas and seating arrangements where they feel most comfortable. Our contemporary learning spaces are resource and technology rich. This, along with multi-age classes which enhance student cognitive and social growth, are representative of current and future work environments and are considered to better nurture creativity and entrepreneurship in students.



We develop in our students the capacity for self-management and learning how to learn. Rather than the old approach of lecturing to students, we emphasise teaching children through the Inquiry approach, which is student-driven learning. This encourages students to remain curious and be adaptable and flexible.

We prepare and empower students to master essential academic content; to think critically and solve real-world problems; to work collaboratively and communicate effectively; to be self-directed in their education; and to have a growth mindset in the face of adversity and challenge.



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St Brigid's is a caring, child-focused school that develops students at all levels of their education. With a focus on positive disposition, the students are encouraged to be curious, creative, collaborative, resilient, courageous, self-motivated and reflective learners.

With a Catholic focus, students seek out new opportunities to become involved in and to support the community around them. The students of St Brigid's are a part of a small tight-knit community, that nurtures and encourages them throughout their entire learning journey.”

Adam Bremner - Teacher

A rigorous and long-term focus on academic outcomes



St Brigid's has rigorous academic standards that are based on the Victorian Curriculum. Our dynamic staff are professional, passionate and hardworking. They continually challenge their teaching in order to achieve improved outcomes for all students.

A large proportion of past students have been awarded leadership roles, scholarships, or received academic awards at our secondary feeder schools. Thus demonstrating that their education at St Brigid's has assisted them in becoming well-rounded, inspired and motivated individuals.



At St Brigid's, it's all about the learning and development of the individual.

We view your child's education across a seven year continuum. We know students learn at different paces and therefore take a holistic view of their learning. With parent guidance, our teachers set short and long term goals with students for their individual learning journey.

We'd love to show you around

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From the moment you step inside our community, you become family. Our strong bonds are what make us special! We learn from and with one another.



Each child and family member is valued for their contribution to the rich fabric of St Brigid's. We support, inspire and nurture the growth in each other, developing and expressing our unique gifts and talents. Leadership, student voice and empowerment are actively encouraged from day one. Students' passions are explored and their ideas become reality. They are problem solvers and difference makers in our world.

You may find yourself thinking, 'I wish it was like that when I went to school'.

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Melanie Daly
Deputy Principal

To organise a tour or for enrolments,
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