

St Lawrence of Brindisi Catholic Primary School

2025 Parent Information



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School Vision

With Christ as our guide and in a spirit of authentic partnership,
St Lawrence of Brindisi Catholic Primary School
is committed to developing a culture of nurturing relationships and
dynamic learning, pursuing fullness of life for all.



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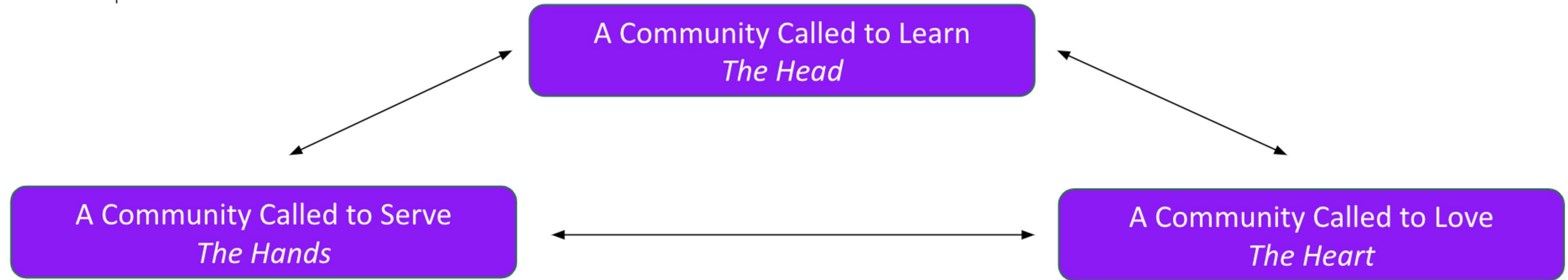
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Our Three Foundational Pillars

Guided by our Vision Statement, every decision at St Lawrence of Brindisi is guided by our three foundational pillars:



“Education is the kindling of a flame not the filling of a vessel.”
(Socrates)



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A Community of Learning

At St Lawrence of Brindisi Catholic Primary School, our students are supported to grow and flourish so that they can bring hope and make a difference in the world.

Our school is founded on a culture where:

- Difference and diversity are celebrated
- The learning environment is safe and supportive
- We focus on partnerships with families
- Our students are engaged in their learning
- Teachers understand their students and how they learn best
- Teaching pays attention to students' strengths and interests

"All children can learn and succeed, but not on the same day and in the same way."
(William Spady)



A Community of Service

At St Lawrence of Brindisi, we recognise that wellbeing is critical to children becoming successful learners:

- We are committed to building a school where children are nurtured and valued.
- We are committed to a partnership with parents and guardians.
- We are committed to being a school of service, one that celebrates the diversity of our community.

"It takes a village to raise a child."
(African proverb)



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A Community of Love

St Lawrence of Brindisi is a Catholic school and this plays a critical role in our school:

- Every child participates in Religious Education, liturgies, prayers and other Catholic celebrations.
- We teach stories from the Gospels, though, our focus is helping our children to apply these to their everyday lives.
- We teach our children the importance of sustainability and looking after the environment.
- We recognise and value other faiths and beliefs.



“Never be so busy as not to think of others.”

(Mother Teresa)



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A Typical School Day at St Lawrence's

- 8.30am: Gates opened
 - 8.50am: Lessons start
 - 8.50 - 10.50am: First Two Hour learning block
 - 10.50 - 11.30am: Recess 1
 - 11.30 - 11.40am: Eating Time 1
 - 11.40 - 1.40pm: Second Two Hour Learning block
 - 1.30 - 2.00pm: Recess 2
 - 2.00 - 2.10pm: Eating Time 2
 - 2.10 - 3.10pm: Third One Hour learning block
 - 3.10 - 3.30pm: Student collection
- Any students starting late, needs to be signed in at the office
 - Absences need to be communicated to the school
 - All students allocated to a collection point

All students must be collected from school by 3.30pm unless attending Kelly Club

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner
everywhere."
(Chinese proverb)



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A Typical School Week at St Lawrence's

At St Lawrence of Brindisi we recognise that a typical school week is a balance between routine and flexibility:

- Every child should engage in 10 hours of English learning (5 hours of reading and 5 hours of writing) and 5 hours of mathematics spread across the week
- Other learning areas are covered either as a specialist learning area, for example, Visual Arts, or in our Investigations time
- Religious Education is covered for 2 ½ hours a week. This will often be integrated with other learning areas
- Our language learning program is Auslan, which the children learn every day.
- All of our teachers engage in collaborative planning every week. This ensures that they are planning carefully to meet the needs of every child and provide targeted adjustments if required
- The children have two recess times, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The morning recess is followed by time to eat their lunch

"Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world."
(Nelson Mandela)



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Important Information - Parent & Guardian Partnerships

At St Lawrence of Brindisi, one of our core areas of focus is to act in a spirit of partnership with parents. There are many ways that parents and guardians can engage in the life of St Lawrence's and have an active voice in the ongoing development of our community:

- **School Advisory Council:** This group plays a critical role. While not a governing authority, the SAC provides advice and support to school leadership. This group includes members of the school leadership team, a parishioner and eight parents.
- Interested parents and guardians can make expressions of interest to be appointed to this group and serve for a term of three years with a maximum of three terms. The SAC usually meets twice a term, in Week Three and Seven). The SAC and this will be vital in the development of our new school community.
- **School Community Team:** Formerly called a P&F, the focus of this team is not simply fund-raising but more importantly, to build a strong sense of community between the parents and guardians and to build their partnership with the staff of St Lawrence of Brindisi.
- Parent volunteers.

"The most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."
(Jane Hull)



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Uniform

What to wear?
Summer/ Winter uniform
Sports uniform
Hats



Art smocks will be provided by the school

How to order?
Physical shop or online



**PLEASE LABEL
EVERYTHING!**

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Sun Smart Policy

Summer hat must be worn during Term One and Four.

Sunscreen is available for students to apply prior to going outside to play.

If your child has sensitive skin, you may provide them with a specific sunscreen, or apply this before starting school.



Books and School Materials

Books and classroom resources are provided by the school. These are included within the school fees.

There is no need to purchase these from an outside provider.



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Important Information

- St Lawrence has been designated as bushfire school. On days designated CATASTROPHIC, we are required to close the school.
- Any parent seeking to volunteer at school during school hours will need to complete a simple induction process and hold a valid Working with Children Card.



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2025 Start of Year Dates

Thursday, January 30:

First day of school Exploration (Preps) only. 8.50am - 12.30pm. Testing Day for Grade 1-6

Friday, January 31 - Monday, February 3:

Whole School Testing Days: Exploration to Grade 6

Appointment times only - School Administration Team will provide details

Tuesday, February 4:

First Day: Grade 1 - 6 only. Testing Day for Exploration (Preps)

Wednesday, February 5

Prep Rest Day. G1 - 6 at school

Thursday, February 6:

First full school day: Prep to Grade 6



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Communication with the School

At St Lawrence of Brindisi we recognise that communication and partnership is critical:

-Parents and guardians are encouraged to talk with teachers if they have a concern or question about their child's learning or progress.

-We report twice a year and communicate on a child's progress at a parent-teacher meeting. At St Lawrence's, this involves a conversation between the parent, teacher and child.

-It is critical parents provide us with all information relevant to their child, for example, any health concerns, changes of address and emergency contact details.



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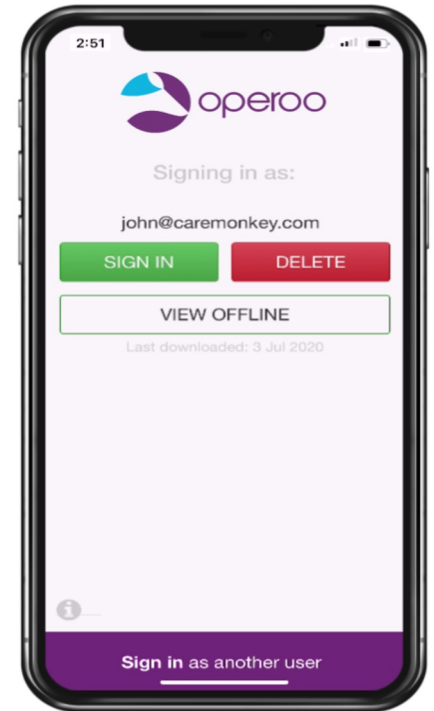


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Communication with the School

- In the event of an emergency parents will be notified but must not come to school to collect their children until we have communicated with you that it is safe to do so.
- Parents and guardians must complete all necessary documents sent via **Operoo**, prior to any excursion or camp. We cannot take children from the school grounds without parent permission.



Important Information School Structure

Parish Priest: Fr. Alex Clemente

Principal: Bill Hill

Deputy Principal: Caroline Madigan

Learning Diversity Leader: Lorraine Stevenson

Religious Education Leader: Jamien Russell

Wellbeing Leader: Courtney Daly

Literacy Leader: Helen Saunders

Digital Education Leader: Thomas Punzalan

Languages Leader: Natalie Bruzzese

Exploration LC (Prep)

Discovery LC (Grade 1 and Grade 2)

Curiosity LC (Grade 3 and Grade 4)

Challenge LC (Grade 5-6)

Specialist LC: PE, STEM, Visual Arts, Performing Arts

Intervention: Nicky Gauci

Language: Auslan

Administration: Emma Daniels, Helen Cohen, Julie Atanasovski, Kristy Valle

-Our school structures are based on a flexible learning philosophy not open plan learning

-Our Learning Communities work collaboratively to support, monitor and guide the learning of every child



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Lunches - What to Pack

- We strongly encourage parents **not** to send nut-based foods to school as this helps to keep all our children safe
- Brain food break. Healthy food choice. Fruit or vegetables.



When Your Child is Unwell

You can:

Fill this information in on the **Operoo** app

or

Contact the office directly

If your child is ill at school the school will contact you with the details on your enrolment form.

It is vital that these details are continuously kept up to date for this reason. Please notify the school of any changes to your contact or emergency contact details.



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2024 School Fees

School Fees:	per family	\$1 390
Curriculum (stationery) Levy	per student	\$360
Excursion Levy	per student	\$150
Capital Levy	per family	\$250
Technology Levy	per student	\$85
TOTAL PAYABLE (for a one child family)		\$2 235

Curiosity LC (Grade 3&4) Camp	\$275	A two-day, one-night camp
Challenge LC (Grade 5/6) Camp	\$400	A three-day, two-night camp

- Families with a Health Care Card can claim a rebate on fees
- Forms must be completed by the due date indicated by the school bursar (form inclosed)
- Further information can be provided by Emma in the admin office

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Important Information: OSHC

Before and After school care, and vacation care is provided on-site by KellyClub. This is a paid service and is not run by the school.

Costs:	Before School: 6.30 - 8.30am Days	After School: 3.10 - 6.30pm	Vacation Care: (9 weeks)+ Student Free
<i>Permanent:</i> \$21		<i>Permanent:</i> \$29	\$65 per day
<i>Casual:</i> \$23		<i>Casual:</i> \$31	

Contact:

Puneet Dhillon
Tel: 0421 834 994
stlawrence@kellycluboshc.com.au



Child Care Subsidy (if eligible) is available

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PROGRAMME
INFORMATION FOR SCHOOLS

03 9384 2204
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Kelly Sports multi-sport programmes take place once a week at the children's school, so they don't need to travel to their activity.

Kelly Sport programmes allow children to participate in:

- | | | |
|--------------|---------------|-------------------|
| ✓ Soccer | ✓ Cricket | ✓ Gymnastics |
| ✓ AFL | ✓ Touch rugby | ✓ Handball |
| ✓ Basketball | ✓ Athletics | ✓ Ultimate Frisby |
| ✓ Netball | ✓ Volleyball | ✓ Golf |
| ✓ T-ball | ✓ Dodgeball | ✓ Tennis |
| ✓ Hockey | ✓ Circus | |

Our programmes teach children the essentials in a fun and enjoyable environment, improving their motor skills and coordination. Kids develop an enthusiasm for sport which gives them the confidence to join sports clubs and teams in the future.

This programme is best suited for Prep – Year 4 students.

Specific term-time sports can also be facilitated for Year 4-6 students to complement existing team sports.

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DANCE
PROGRAMME

Kelly Sports Dance programmes take place once a week at the children's school.

Students will have a fantastic time learning new moves in our high-intensity, excitement-filled dance environment. Our experienced coaches incorporate lots of fun through dance-related games and activities.

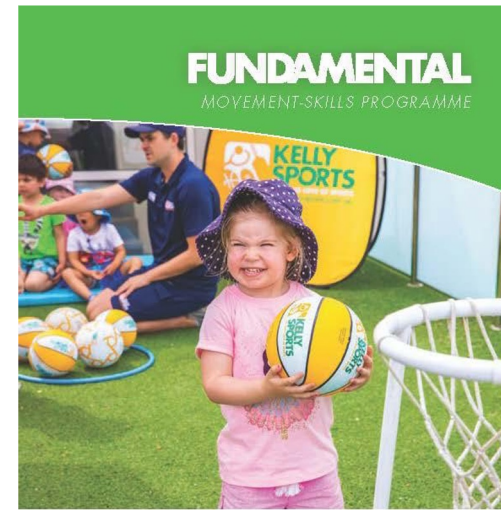
Styles of dance covered

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| ✓ Cheerleading | ✓ Jazz/Funk |
| ✓ Modern Contemporary | ✓ Hip Hop |

The programme aims to:

1. Increase the students' awareness of dance, creative movement and music.
2. Introduce them to different styles of traditional and modern dance.
3. Increase their flexibility, coordination, creativity and confidence.
4. Enable students to perform a choreographed dance and create their own routine.

KELLY



FUNDAMENTAL
MOVEMENT-SKILLS PROGRAMME

This Kelly Sports programme is designed to teach children the fundamentals of sport. It is all-inclusive with high participation.

We aim to develop and enhance the following skills: running, jumping, catching, throwing, skipping, kicking and striking.

Fundamental movement skills form an important part of a child's development and enable them to develop the specific skills required for sport, games and recreation, preparing them for a healthy, active life.

This programme recognises that children love to play games and learn best while actually doing, often without even realising that they are practising certain skills.

By playing games, we engage all children and ensure the sessions are positive, fun and encouraging.

The programme improves children's self-esteem, confidence, concentration, positive well-being and teaches social development skills like cooperation, communication, fair play and interaction.

KELLY

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COACHING & OFFICIALS



Kelly Sports can officiate or coach football, soccer, netball and basketball at your next inter-school competition. Just send us the draw, and we'll do the rest! We cover all your HR requirements and can tailor an induction for your school.

The Coaching & Officials programme covers the cost of:

- ✓ Uniforms as applicable
- ✓ Sourcing & recruitment of coaches and officials
- ✓ Allocation of coaches and officials to matches
- ✓ Insurance

“We engaged Kelly Sports to provide our umpires and we were really pleased with the quality of the officials they provided. They related to the kids with a professional approach and made good decisions. Kelly Sports were easy to work with. I just sent them the term's draw and they did the rest.”

Stef DeFran
Bialik College



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PRESCHOOL SPORTY SHORTIES PROGRAMME



Kelly Sports' preschool programme 'Sporty Shorties' is specially designed for preschool-aged children.

We've run sporting clinics in over 300 preschools and childcare centres around Australia, instilling a love of physical activity in young children. Each weekly session runs for 30 minutes and uses equipment suitable for 2.5 to 5-year-old children. All our coaches are rigorously screened and fully trained to run fun, engaging programmes in a safe and encouraging environment.

The Sporty Shorties programme includes all mainstream sports and helps preschool children improve their fine and gross motor skills, hand-eye coordination and foot-eye coordination. It also teaches social interaction, sharing and taking turns, concentration and listening, and empathy.

“It is a wonderfully inclusive programme, inspiring confidence in children of all abilities.”

Maria Tzavellas
Centre Director, Villa Bambini



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HOLIDAY PROGRAMME



Kelly Sports facilitate over 40 Holiday Programmes across Australia and New Zealand. We focus on giving children aged 5-12 the opportunity to do things they enjoy in a safe, supportive and encouraging environment.

These programmes are packed with variety to entertain and inspire children and are full of exciting activities to ensure every kid has a great time.

“Kelly Sports have been a wonderful partner with helping Racing Victoria set up our Saddle Up School Holiday Programme. I couldn't have been happier with their enthusiasm and can-do approach. Friendly, engaging, hardworking, well presented – all that we could ask for and more. I look forward to a long relationship with Kelly Sports and could not recommend them more highly.”

Nicole Coughlan
Marketing Manager, Community Racing Victoria

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We are Here

When in doubt, come and see us, we are here to help and want to support your child and family in the best way possible.

This is a partnership.

Thank you for coming

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