



Holy Eucharist School

St Albans South

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Holy Eucharist Parish

Parish Priest

Fr. Vincent Long Pham CSsR

Community Leader:

Fr Peter Ly Trong Danh CSsR

Assistant Priest:

Fr Vincensius Lolo CSsR

Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

Fr Christoforus Matutina CSsR
(P) 9366 1310

Mass Times

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm

Vietnamese Mass at 12pm

Learning & Teaching

Michael Bonnici

Education in Faith:

Vanessa Shaw

Prep:

Sharon Bonnici,
Mary James, Shalini Dos Santos
& Bianca Gomez.

Grade 1: Tania Pufek, Mikaela
Borg & Gwen Laughlin.

Grade 2 Julie Murnane, Jessica
Kerlin, Thy Tran & Vivian Faraj

Grade 3: Natalie Kranjec,

Angela Lopez-Dee/Hania

Borowik & Thilini Nanayakkara

Grade 4: Jacelle Cabla, Jennifer
Khong & Kathryn Barrie

Grade 5: Bruno Pellaschi, Clare

Christie & Adam Nicholl

Grade 6: Wally Antonowicz,

Vanessa Shaw/Erin McNally &
Tamara Patel

Learning Diversity/Wellbeing:

Julie Semcesen.

Family School Partnership

/Wellbeing: Jo Dragovic

School Counsellor: Edward Faraci.

Library: Jenny Bistricki.

Digital Technology: Allison Borg.

Art: Shobha Hickey.

Music: Damian O'Bree.

Literacy Leader: Charise Gibbs

Intervention Leader: Hannah Power

Literacy Intervention: Jackie Dabal

Reading Recovery: Karen Colman

Maths Intervention: Anne Ablinger

Maths Leader P-6: Erin McNally

EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista

Physical Ed: Harry Herrera

Education Support: Joe Sirianni

LOTE: Linda Hyunh & Miyi Sun

Business Manager: Sue Smart

Administration Staff:

Connie La Macchia, Mandy Huong &

Rosemarie Slater.

Community Hub: Adella Howard

Cleaner: June Balatbat & Maria Attard

Maintenance: Barry Lynch

OSHP: Register on Camp Aust website



Second Sunday of Advent – Year B

Isaiah 40:3-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

Prepare the way for the Lord.

A voice is shouting: Clear a path in the desert for the Lord.

Build a straight road there for our God.

Fill in the valleys and flatten the mountains and hills.

Level the rough and rugged ground.

Then the glory of the Lord will appear for all to see.

The Lord has promised this!

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Acting Principal's Message

Dear Holy Eucharist Community,

This year has gone by so quickly and is almost coming to an end. All staff have been busily working hard to ensure that things are in place for next year.

On Tuesday 1st December the students had Orientation Day. The students met their new class teacher and fellow classmates for 2021. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions, we were unable to invite our new Preps or any of our new students for 2021. However, we have made other arrangements for our new students and families to meet their new teachers. Next year we have a few new staff members working at our school. Ms Carla Lolicato and Ms Helen Kennedy will be joining our community from St George Precca and Mrs Rose Barnes will be coming from Caranballac College in Point Cook. Next year, Mrs Bernadette Parnis and Mrs Gabrielle Bright will be coming back to Holy Eucharist. Mrs Parnis will be joining us from St Catherine of Sienna to take on the role as Learning and Teaching/Literacy Leader and Mrs Bright will be returning after maternity leave. I would like to welcome them to our community and hope they find their new positions rewarding.

Sadly, at the end of this year, we will be saying goodbye to a few of our staff members who will begin a new chapter in their lives. Miss Sharon Bonnici who has been a part of Holy Eucharist for 36 years, will be leaving us to retire at the end of the year. We thank Miss Bonnici for teaching many generations of children in our community and we hope that she has a good rest! Mrs Anne Ablinger who has been part of Holy Eucharist for 26 years will be leaving us to work at St Oliver Plunkett Primary School. Mrs Hannah Power who has worked at the school for 5 years, will be taking up a new role at St Mary's in Williamstown. Tamara Patel, Gwenderlin Laughlin and Golda Villegas who have been at our school for the past 2 years will also be leaving us. On behalf of everyone here at Holy Eucharist, I would like to extend my thanks to these staff member for their commitment and dedication to Catholic education and for their hard work over the years. I would like to wish them the best of luck in their future endeavours.

Today our Grade 6 students had a "Graduation Fun Day" celebration. I hope that the students had an enjoyable day. The Grade 6s will also be having a virtual Liturgy and Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 8th December 2020. This will take place via Zoom at 6pm and will be led by Fr Vincent and the Grade 6 Leaders.

Please remember that your child has received their School Report and Assessment Portfolio today. If you wish to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to contact the school. All portfolios will need to be back at school by Wednesday 9th December.

Thank you for your continued patience and support throughout the year. Please remember,
Be good, be kind, stay safe and God Bless.

Mr Michael Bonnici
Acting Principal

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Administration News

IMPORTANT NEWS – FEES FOR 2021

After consultation and considering the extraordinary circumstances this year and the financial strains this has placed on some families, a decision has been made not to increase our Family Fees for the 2021 school year. The Family School Fee, Per capita and Excursion Levy for our school for 2021 will remain unchanged.

Mrs Sue Smart,
Business Manager

| Sat 5 th & Sun 6 th December | Mon 7 th Dec | Tues 8 th Dec | Wed 9 th Dec | Thurs 10 th Dec | Fri 11 th Dec | Sat 12 th & Sun 13 th Dec | Mon 14 th Dec |
|---|-------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 2 nd Sunday of Advent – Year B | | FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY Grade 6 Liturgy & Graduation Ceremony via Zoom at 6pm | Portfolios due back at School | Whole School Liturgy 9:20am 10th Dec WORLD HUMAN RIGHTS DAY | | 3 rd Sunday of Advent – Year B | |

ACTING PRINCIPAL/ LEARNING AND TEACHING

HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL IN 2021 – GRADE PREP

Next year we will have approximately 80 Preps attending Holy Eucharist school. In order to accommodate for all of these students and to cater to their individual needs, the new preps will commence the first couple of weeks of next year in the hall. This will enable the teachers to get to know the students and to evenly distribute students across the four grades according to their needs. By Friday 12th February 2021 Prep classlists should be ready and teachers will be able to advise parents as to who will be their child's grade prep teacher. All classes for Grade Prep, 2021 will commence at 8:55am in the school Hall. From Thursday 28th January until Friday 5th February all Prep students will finish school at 12:15pm and will be required to bring their lunch on these days. From Monday 8th February Prep students are at school from 8:55am until 3:15pm. Please drop off and pick up your prep child from the school Hall. **Please remember that the Prep students do not have school on Wednesday 3rd February. School hats are compulsory in Term 1 and Term 4.**

ORIENTATION DAY

Last Tuesday the students at Holy Eucharist school had met their new class teacher and fellow classmates for 2021. Unfortunately due to the restrictions, our new Preps and all new families for 2021 were not able to take part. Please find below details in regards to classes for next year. Next year we have a few new staff members joining our school. Ms Carla Lolicato and Ms Helen Kennedy has come to our school from St George Precca and Mrs Rose Barnes has come from Caranballac College in Point Cook. Mrs Bernadette Parnis has come back to Holy Eucharist from St Catherine of Sienna to take on the role as Learning and Teaching/Literacy Leader. I would like to welcome them to our community and hope they settle in well.

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CLASS TEACHERS IN 2021

| | <u>JUNIOR SCHOOL</u> | <u>MIDDLE SCHOOL</u> | <u>SENIOR SCHOOL</u> |
|-------------------|--|---|--|
| Grade Prep | -Mrs Mary James -Miss Mikaela Borg -Miss Bianca Gomez -Miss Shalini Dos Santos | Grade 3 -Miss Vivian Faraj -Ms Carla Lolicato -Miss Thilini Nanayakkara -Mrs Stephani Ognenovski | Grade 5 -Mr Bruno Pellaschiar -Mr Adam Nicholl -Miss Clare Christie/ Mrs Vanessa Shaw |
| Grade 1 | -Mrs Angela Lopez-Dee -Mrs Natalie Lucchiari -Miss Tania Pufek -Mrs Jo Dragovic | Grade 4 -Miss Jennifer Khong -Miss Kathryn Barrie -Mrs Hania Borowik/ Mrs Rose Barnes | Grade 6 -Mr Wally Antonowicz/ Ms Erin McNally -Miss Jacelle Cablao -Ms Helen Kennedy |
| Grade 2 | -Miss Julie Murnane -Miss Jessica Kerlin -Miss Thy Tran | | |

STAFF IN 2021

Learning Support Officers

-Mrs Adella Howard (Hub)
-Ms Catherine Hoang
-Ms Chau Nguyen
-Mrs Dianne Punicki
-Ms Frances Wulf
-Mrs Jenny Bistricki (Library)
-Mrs Juliet Nakhla
-Miss Kelly Triantafillidis
-Ms Kerri Puccio
-Mrs Mary Xuereb
-Miss Mostoyka Tran
-Mrs Nirmen Beshara
-Ms Nu Cuai
-Mrs Priya Rajasekhar
-Ms Rosemarie Slater
-Mrs Thi Pham
-Mrs Trang Nguyen
-Mrs Rita Zammit

Specialist Teachers

Music -Mr Damian O'Bree

Visual Arts -Mrs Shobha Hickey

Physical Education -Mr Harry Herrera

LOTE: -Miss Miyi Sun [P/T]

-Mrs Linda Huynh [P/T]

Religious Education -Mrs Vanessa Shaw

Literacy/Learning and Teaching Leader

-Mrs Bernadette Parnis

Learning Diversity /Wellbeing

-Mrs Julie Semcesen

Family School Partnerships/Wellbeing

Support: -Miss Clare Christie

School Counsellor/Chaplaincy

-Mr Edward Faraci

Reading Recovery Teacher

-Mrs Karen Colman

-TBA

Literacy Intervention:

-Mrs Charise Gibbs [P/T]

-Mrs Jackie Dabal [P/T]

Support Staff -Mr Joe Sirianni [P/T]

Refugee/English Proficiency (EAL)

-Mrs Irene Jurista [P/T]

EAL Teacher - Mrs Gabrielle Bright [P/T]

Numeracy Leader - Ms Erin McNally

Numeracy Intervention - TBA

Digital Technologies / ICT

-Miss Allison Borg

Administration

-Mrs Sue Smart
-Mrs Connie La Macchia
-Mrs Mandy Huong

Deputy Principal

-TBA

Principal

-Mr Michael Bonnici

Parish Priest:

-Fr. Vincent Long Pham CSsR

Community Leader:

-Fr Peter Ly Trong Danh CSsR

Assistant Priest:

-Fr Vincensius Lolo CSsR

-Fr Patrick Corbett CSsR

-Fr Christoforus Matutina CSsR

Cleaners

-Mrs Maria Attard

-Mr June Balatbat

GRADUATION

The Grade 6s will be having a virtual Liturgy and Graduation Ceremony on Tuesday 8th December, 2020. This will take place via Zoom at 6pm and will be led by Fr Vincent and the Grade 6 Leaders. It's a wonderful opportunity for parents, guardians and families to join with the Holy Eucharist teachers and staff to reflect on and celebrate the students' wonderful achievements.



ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING – SEMESTER 2

On Friday 4th December 2020 parents/carers will receive their child's formal report as well as their child's Assessment Portfolio. The work samples inside the portfolio are collected by the teacher as evidence of what has been taught during the term. These samples support what has been documented in the topic outline and should be looked at in conjunction with your child's report.

Assessment Portfolios will need to be signed and returned to school by Wednesday 9th December. The classroom teacher will pass these folders onto next year's teacher. All work samples collected during the year will be placed inside a Holy Eucharist Assessment envelope and given to you to keep.



HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL IN 2020 AND 2021

The last day for Term 4, 2020 will be on Tuesday 15th December 2020, at 2pm. School will resume for Term 1 in 2021, on Thursday 28th January 2021. As of next year, our starting times and finishing times will return to normal, however, students will still be required to enter via the designated gates. Please see below:

- 8:30am Gates open
- 8:45am Students enter the classroom
- 8:55am Classes begin
- 3:15pm School finishes

Students from each grade level will still need to enter via the designated gates around the school when entering/leaving the premises. The gates for each level are as follows:

- Gate 1 (Next to the hall) – Grade Prep and Grade 3
- Gate 2 (Next to the church) – Grade 1 and Grade 4
- Gate 3 (Admin gate) – Grades 6
- Gate 4 (O'Brien Drive) - Grade 2 and Grade 5

STUDENTS WHO ARE UNWELL

Please remember that if your child is feeling unwell, please keep them at home. Students will be sent home if they present with symptoms such as a sore throat, temperature, tiredness, loss of taste or smell, tummy pains or shortness of breath. It is important that your emergency contact is available, particularly, if you are unable to pick up your child when we ring you. **The constant message is for all of us to be responsible in the actions we take.** By keeping yourself safe, you are keeping your families, your colleagues and your friends safe.

SCHOOL HATS IN TERM 4

There are still quite a number of students at our school who do not have a school hat. In Australia we have "one of the highest rates of melanoma diagnoses in the world...two in three Australians will be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70" (SunSmart, 2019). The good news is that almost all skin cancers are preventable. In Term 4 all students and teachers are required to wear a hat when they are outside. It is an expectation and school policy that all students **wear their school hat and their correct school uniform at all times**. If students are not wearing the correct uniform they are required to have a written letter from their parents explaining why they are out of uniform. Please note: If students are **not wearing the correct school uniform, a note will be sent home** informing the parent/guardian. This note will need to be signed by the parent/guardian and the **name of the student will be recorded at the school office**.

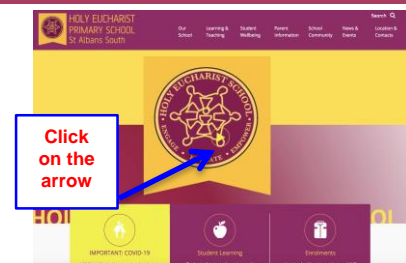


VIRTUAL TOUR OF HOLY EUCHARIST SCHOOL

During these uncertain times of COVID-19, school life has been interrupted. At the moment, it is not possible for families to see our amazing school. Therefore, we invite you to take a brief tour of our school by visiting our school website or by clicking on the following link;

<https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/#home-video>

We hope that this presentation will provide you with some insight into this vibrant school at a time when you cannot visit. If you would like further information, please call our school office on 8312 0900 or please email principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au



Mr Michael Bonnici

Acting Principal/Learning and Teaching

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Religious Education News

Key Dates in the Catholic Liturgical Church Calendar:

- Thursday 3rd December: Feast Day of Saint Francis Xavier
- Sunday 6th December: Second Sunday of Advent
- Monday 7th December: Feast Day of Saint Ambrose
- Tuesday 8th December: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sunday 13th December: Third Sunday of Advent
- Monday 14th December: Feast Day of St John of the Cross



Sacrament Dates for 2021

Thank you to Holy Eucharist families for your patience and understanding regarding the postponement of sacraments this year, due to the pandemic. Holy Eucharist Parish has finalised dates for sacraments which will take place in 2021. Letters went out to families this week of students from Years 2 to 6 and you are asked to complete the return slip by **Monday 7 December 2020** to your child's current classroom teacher.

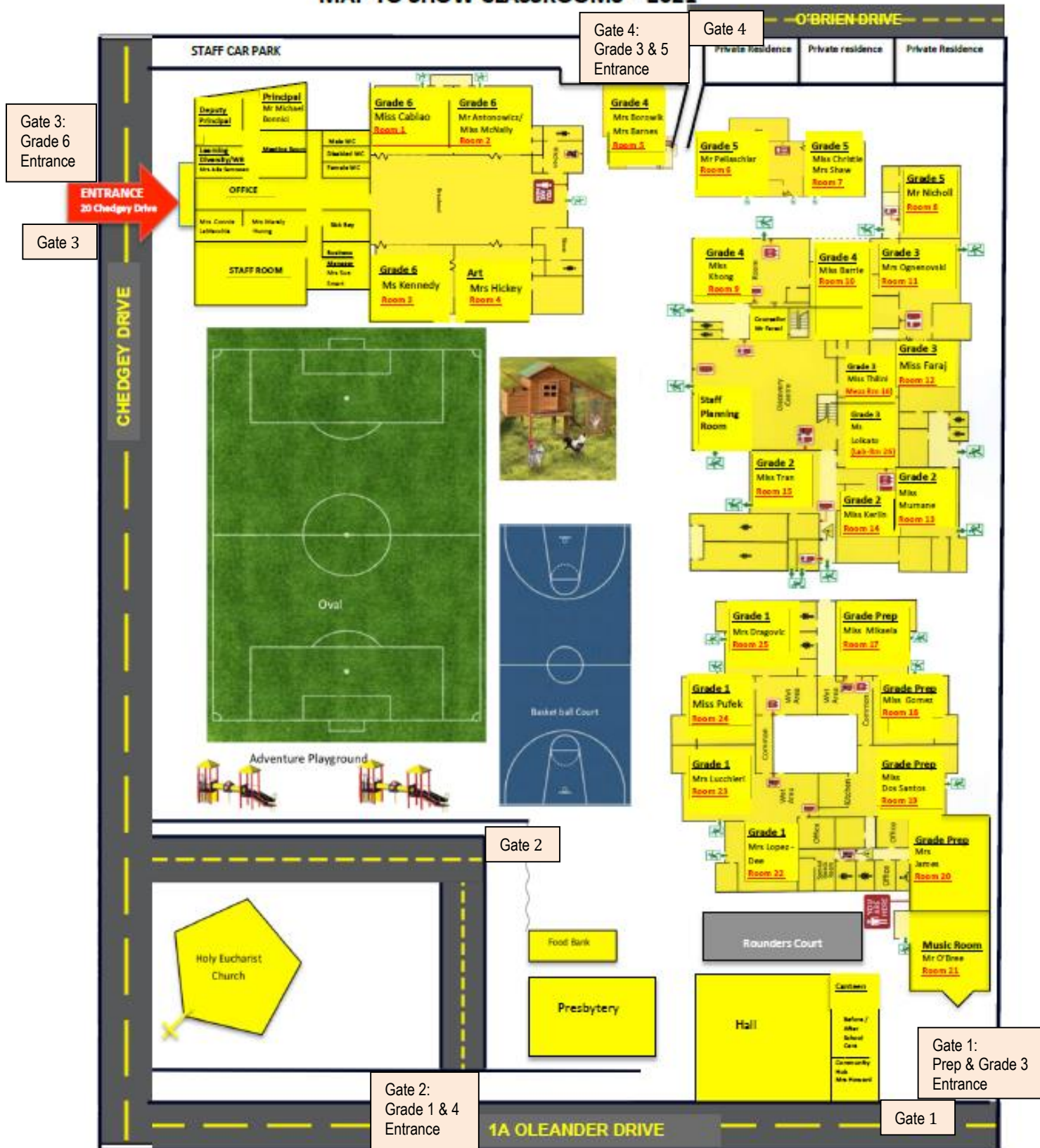
| Date (2021) | Time | Sacrament of: | Grades |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--|
| Tuesday 16th March | 7.00pm | Penance (Reconciliation) | Grade 4, 2021 candidates |
| Tuesday 23rd March | 7.00pm | Penance (Reconciliation) | Grade 3, 2021 candidates |
| Saturday 5th June | 6.00pm Mass | First Holy Communion | Year 4, 2021 candidates Year 5, 2021 candidates |
| Sunday 6th June | 10.30am Mass | First Holy Communion | Year 4, 2021 candidates Year 5, 2021 candidates |
| Saturday 19th June | 2.00pm | Confirmation | Grade 6, 2020 candidates Grade 6, 2021 candidates |

Vanessa Shaw

Religious Education Leader

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MAP TO SHOW CLASSROOMS – 2021



Transition News

Important information for families of students commencing Year 5 in 2021 who are interested in applying to attend a Catholic Secondary School commencing in 2023.



The key application and enrolment dates for students enrolled in Year 5 in 2021 who will be starting Year 7 in 2023 are as follows:

- 27 January 2021: Applications will open for Year students starting Year 7 in 2023.
- 20 August 2021: Applications will close.
- 22 October 2021: Offers will be posted to prospective Year 7 applicants.
- 12 November 2021: Final date for parents/carers to accept offer made by school

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. The Holy Eucharist Commitment to Child Safety and Reporting Process are on display in the Administration foyer of the School and School Policies are available on the website at www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au