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Mass Times:
Tuesday – Friday: 9am (English)
Saturday: 5pm (English)
7:30pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday: 8:45am, 10.00am, 6pm (English)
12pm (Vietnamese)

Prep: Juliana Bizjak, Lorna Naidu & Christopher O'Reilly
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Grade 2: Joseph Adams, Mary James & Thilini Nanayakkara
Grade 3: Allana Curmi, Angela Lopez-Dee & Dion Xuereb
Grade 4: Jo Dragovic, Zachary Gordon & Tommy Lee
Grade 5: Jacelle Cablao, Jacqueline David, Richard Hoult & Julie Murnane
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Learning & Teaching Leader: Erin McNally
Literacy Leader/Intervention: Jane Hurren
Literacy Intervention: Claudia Zuniga,
Maths Leader P-6: Erin McNally
Maths Intervention: Maryanne Camilleri
Learning Diversity Leader/ Intervention: Julie Semcesen
Family & Community Engagement/ Wellbeing Leader: Crystal Carmuciano
Mental Health in Primary Schools Leader (MHiPS) / School Counsellor: Edward Faraci
Speech Pathologist: Claire Huntington
Performing Arts: TBA
STEM: Di Woodburn
Visual Arts: Stefany Nemet
Physical Education: Jake Franze
Visual Arts/Physical Education: CB
LOTE: Christine Saunders P-2, Simona Grippi 3-6
EAL/New Arrival: Irene Jurista
Relieving Teacher: Tania Gatt
Library: Jenny Bistricki
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Cleaners: June Balatbat & Maria Attard



Remembrance Day - 11th day of November.



A Prayer for Remembrance

Ever-living God.
We remember those whom you have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of your presence;
May that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.
You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.



Dear Holy Eucharist Community,
November brings us into a season of reflection, remembrance and new beginnings. It is a time to honour the Saints and remember our loved ones who have passed away. During this month of remembrance, we hold in our prayers all the priests, sisters and staff of Holy Eucharist Parish and School who have gone before us. We remember them with love and gratitude, trusting in faith that they now share in the eternal joy of God as part of the great communion of saints. May this special time of remembrance encourage us to cherish the lives of those who have touched our hearts, celebrate the gift of their presence in our lives and hold firmly to the hope and promise of eternal life.
Last Wednesday, we observed Remembrance Day (Armistice Day) by pausing for a minute of silence at 11 am to honour those who sacrificed their lives in war. November 11 holds special significance as it marks the end of World War I, when, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, the fighting ceased. This solemn tradition reminds us of the sacrifices made for the peace and freedoms we enjoy today.
We have had a busy and exciting start to November here at Holy Eucharist School. Last week, we celebrated Socktober, raising money to support the missions, and our Prep students enjoyed an excursion to Werribee Open Range Zoo. We also welcomed our 2027 Prep students onsite for their first Pre-Prep session, where they had the opportunity to meet their future classmates and teachers, while families connected with our staff. This program plays an important role in helping us understand each child's individual strengths and needs, allowing our teachers to plan and prepare learning experiences that best support each child as they begin their educational journey with us. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Mrs Crystal Carmuciano, our Administration Team and our dedicated teaching staff for their efforts in making this program such a success.
Next Tuesday, 17 November, we will hold our final School Advisory Council meeting for the year at 7 pm. I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to all our Council members for their time, commitment and valuable contributions. Their support, guidance and thoughtful input play an important role in the decisions that continue to strengthen and support our school community.
God bless.

Michael Bonnici.

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SCHOOL FEES IN 2027

As communicated in previous school newsletters, schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese of Catholic Schools (MACS) continue to face increasing financial pressures. Like many schools, we are experiencing rising operational costs, broader economic challenges, funding constraints and the anticipated financial impact of the new Enterprise Bargaining Agreement for our staff. These additional expenses have placed further pressure on school budgets.

It is important to emphasise that these challenges are being experienced across the MACS system and are not the result of local financial management. In fact, the improved financial position of our school has placed us in a stronger position to navigate these challenging circumstances.

At Holy Eucharist School we are committed to helping every child flourish by fostering intellectual curiosity, strengthening character, and supporting wellbeing within a nurturing Catholic community.
In planning for 2027, our focus has been to ensure we can continue to provide the high-quality learning opportunities, care and support that families value, while keeping costs as affordable as possible.
As part of this commitment, Holy Eucharist School will be transitioning from our traditional flat fee to a tiered family fee structure in 2027.

Why we are moving to tiered family fees

Under a flat fee model, a family pays one set tuition fee regardless of whether they have one child or four children enrolled. Under our new tiered model, fees are set with an upfront fee for the first child and smaller, stepped amounts for additional siblings.

This model is already used successfully across Catholic secondary colleges and over 60% of Catholic primary schools. Transitioning now addresses three practical realities:

- **Fairness for all families:** Under a flat fee, families with one child contribute the exact same amount as larger families, even though every child uses classrooms, teachers, specialists, and resources equally. A tiered structure shares costs more fairly across the whole community, while still providing significant discounts for siblings.
- **Matching how our school is funded:** Commonwealth and state grants are calculated strictly on a per-child basis. Government funding formulas assume our school collects a fee contribution for each enrolled student. Under a flat family fee, our school foregoes critical operating revenue that the government expects us to receive. A tiered fee closes this gap.
- **Protecting our classrooms:** A flat fee model establishes a predictable, dependable financial baseline to retain great teachers, maintain supportive class sizes, and keep classroom resources up to date.

2027 Tiered Fee Schedule

Beginning in the 2027 school year, our annual tuition fee structure will be:

Enrolled children:	Total annual family tuition fee:
1 child	$1,260
2 children	$1,325
3 children	$1,390
4+ children	$1,460

We know that family budgets are under real pressure, and we never make fee decisions lightly. While our fees will naturally need to reflect normal cost-of-living movements over time, taking these adjustments ensures a stable, dependable operational foundation for our school. Most importantly, it ensures our classrooms remain focused on delivering the personal care, quality teaching, and attention your child deserves.

Curriculum, Excursion and Camp Levy

The Curriculum and Excursion Levy is a single fee that covers the educational costs associated with your child's learning and their respective year level. The levy is consistent across all year levels, with adjustments made only to account for additional costs associated with camping experiences.
In accordance with our School Camp Policy, a separate Camp Levy applies to students in Years 5 and 6.

	Curriculum Levy	Excursion Levy	Camp Levy
Prep to Year 4	$150	$35	-
Year 5	$150	$35	$130
Year 6	$150	$35	$150

M Bonnici – Principal

Capital Levy
In 2026, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) introduced a Capital Levy to help schools maintain and improve their facilities, ensuring safe, welcoming and high-quality learning environments for all students.

The Holy Eucharist School, Capital Levy for 2027:
$50 per family

Pastoral care and financial support
In keeping with our Catholic ethos, financial hardship should never be a barrier to accessing an education at Holy Eucharist School. We continue to offer flexible payment options, including fortnightly, monthly and term payments, as well as confidential fee relief and support for families holding a Health Care Card or experiencing changes in their financial circumstances.

If you have questions about the new fee structure or wish to discuss support options in complete confidence, please contact me directly.
Thank you for your ongoing partnership, trust, and shared commitment to our school community.

Michael Bonnici
Principal,

RE-ENROLMENT

We would like to remind all families that many students have not yet submitted their re-enrolment documents for the 2027 school year. These are now overdue.
We are currently working to finalise class numbers and placements for 2027, and we have students on our waiting list awaiting places. Your prompt submission of the required re-enrolment documents will assist us in confirming enrolments and planning classes for the coming year.
To complete your child's re-enrolment for 2027, please ensure the following requirements are met:

- Signed Re-Enrolment Form
- Signed 2027 Medical Survey
- $100 re-enrolment fee per family

We kindly ask families who have not yet submitted their documents to do so as soon as possible to avoid delays in finalising enrolments and class placements for 2027.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter and for your continued cooperation and support.

PREP 2027

All Prep 2027 families will be receiving information from the school office regarding the Pre-Prep Program and Orientation Day. This letter will provide you with crucial details about your child's scheduled Pre-Prep sessions, as well as information about the whole school Orientation Day. We understand that a smooth transition into the new school year is of utmost importance, and therefore, we kindly request that your child attends all Pre-Prep sessions and the Orientation Day.

PRE-PREP 2027

The Pre-Prep Program will span two weeks; however, the students will be asked to attend one Pre-Prep session per week. We look forward to welcoming your child into Prep 2027. If, for any reason, your child cannot attend these sessions, please promptly inform the school office. Please see Pre-Prep Program dates below:

Monday 16th Nov	Thursday 19th Nov
9:30-11:00am, 11:30-1pm	**9:30-11:00am**

ORIENTATION DAY FOR 2027

The whole school Orientation Day (including Prep 2027) is scheduled for **Tuesday, 1st December 2026**, at 2 pm. This event plays a pivotal role in ensuring your child's familiarity with the school environment and would love to see all of our 2027 Preps there.



END OF YEAR SCHOOL PICNIC AND CAROLS

Once again, we are going to have family picnic and carols on the oval. This event will be held on **Wednesday 2nd December.** The picnic will commence at 5:00pm followed by carols at 6:30pm (weather permitting). We will also be fundraising on the day. We will be having a sausage sizzle stand and selling drinks. Our Christmas raffle will also be drawn on the night.
Our students will be performing on a large stage on the school oval. During the performance, the students will be sitting on the oval in their class groups. Parents/carers are asked to bring a picnic rug/picnic chairs. We look forward to seeing you all there!



GRADE 6 GRADUATION

The Grade 6 Graduation Ceremony will take place in the church, on **Monday 7th December 2026**, at 6pm. The Graduation Ceremony will begin with Mass followed by presentations.
It's a wonderful opportunity for parents, guardians and families to join with the Holy Eucharist teachers and staff to celebrate the students' wonderful achievements. More information will be sent to families in the coming weeks.



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HAY FEVER SEASON

With hay fever season upon us, we noticing an increase in students visiting the sick bay due to symptoms such as sneezing, itchy eyes and runny noses throughout the school day.
If your child is prone to hay fever, we kindly ask that you consider giving their usual hay fever medication before school, where appropriate and in accordance with the medication instructions. This can help manage their symptoms and keep them comfortable and focused on their learning.
If your child requires medication during school hours, please contact the school office to discuss the appropriate arrangements, including completing the necessary medication forms and organising a medication pack to be kept at school.

SCHOOL HATS IN TERM 4



It's that time of the year when students and staff need to remember to **wear a hat when outdoors in the yard.**
In Australia, we have one of the highest rates of melanoma diagnoses in the world, with two in three Australians expected to be diagnosed with skin cancer by the age of 70 (SunSmart, 2019). The good news is that almost all skin cancers are preventable.
SunSmart recommends using a combination of sun protection measures when the UV Index is 3 or above**,** which in Victoria is generally from mid-August through to the end of April. These measures include:

- Wearing a sun-safe hat.
- Applying sunscreen.
- Wearing appropriate protective clothing.
- Seeking shade where possible.
- Wearing sunglasses when outdoors.
- Avoiding deliberate and extended exposure to the sun.

During **Term 1 and Term 4**, all students and staff are required to **wear a hat when outside during break times and during PE**.
It is an expectation, and part of our school policy, that all students wear their **school hat and correct school uniform at all times**.
Please support and remind students of our **"No hat… No play!"** expectation when they are outside.

SUMMER SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we are now in Term 4, all students are required to be in their full school summer uniform. It is an expectation that all students are always wearing the correct school uniform. If students are not wearing the correct uniform, they are required to have a written letter from their parent/carer explaining why they are out of uniform. Please visit our school website to view our school uniform policy or click on the following link to access PSW Uniforms ***https://psw.com.au/collections/holy-eucharist-school-st-albans***

Girls - Summer:
Maroon Check Dress
White socks / Black shoes – **no runners**
Woollen jumper with school logo – **not the PE tracksuit top**
School Hat – In Term 1 and Term 4

Boys - Summer
Grey Shorts or grey pants
Gold polo shirt with school logo
Grey socks / Black shoes - **no runners**
Woollen jumper with school logo - **not the PE tracksuit top**
School Hat – In Term 1 and Term 4

Girls – Sport (Only on Sport Days)
Maroon shorts or Maroon skirt/skort
Maroon tracksuit with school logo on top
Gold polo shirt with school logo
White socks and runners

Boys - Sport
Maroon shorts
Maroon tracksuit with school logo on top
Gold polo shirt with school logo
White socks and runners

HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL St Albans South



VERY IMPORTANT

NEW ENROLMENTS FOR 2027

We have commenced interviewing new families who have enrolled their child to begin at Holy Eucharist School next year. To support our planning and preparation, we ask current parents who wish to enrol their child for Prep 2027 to please contact the office as soon as possible.

EXISTING FAMILIES….

Have you enrolled your child for Prep next year?

⏰ Time is running out….

Enrolments for 2027 will be closing soon!

CAMP AUSTRALIA – Out of Hours Care

If you need to go to work or have other commitments before 8:30am, then your child/ren will need to go to **Before School Care**. Camp Australia is contracted by the school to provide this service from 7am each day until 8:30am. **After School Care** is also available from 3:10am until 6pm. Parents/Carers will **need to enrol their child prior to their child attending the service,** which will incur a fee (*Please note, you may be eligible to receive subsidies of up to 90% on Your OSHC fees with the Child Care Subsidy (CCS). We strongly recommend you apply for the CCS to determine your eligibility).*
For more information regarding Out of Hours Care (Camp Australia), please visit our school website for more information ***https://www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au/school-community/before-and-after-school-care/***

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BREAKFAST CLUB



Our Breakfast Club operates in the McAuley Building every Monday to Friday from 8:30am to 8:45am. Breakfast is available for all students who may not have had the chance to eat before coming to school. We offer toast with butter, jam, or Vegemite to help students start their day with energy and focus. All students are welcome.

LOST PROPERTY ITEMS



We have accumulated a number of lost property items at the office that are not labelled with names. This includes jackets, jumpers, beanies, water bottles and lunch boxes.
We kindly remind you to ensure that your child's name is clearly labelled on all items. Often, we find articles of clothing with names that are so faded they are hard to read, making it difficult to return them to their owners. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us keep track of our students' belongings.

CATHOLIC DEVELOPMENT FUND (CDF)



This year, the Catholic Development Fund (CDF) is contributing $500, which will be awarded to a student at the Year 6 Graduation.
The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) is a not-for-profit financial institution established to support the mission of the Catholic Church. Over many years, CDF has provided loans to Catholic schools and parishes, including Holy Eucharist.
Anyone can open an account with CDF. Opening an account with the CDF Community Fund not only provides a financial return but also supports and helps grow existing and new services within the Catholic community, making a positive difference to millions of lives every day.
A **Mission Saver Student Account** is available to anyone up to the age of 25. For accounts opened on behalf of a person under 18 years of age, a parent or legal guardian must be nominated as an account holder.
For more information including current interest rates, please visit the CDF website: https://www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/

SUNSHINE LIONS CLUB – CHRISTMAS CAKES

LIONS CLUB OF SUNSHINE Inc
We Serve



Sunshine Lions has been supporting the Sunshine community for over 50 years. Each year, Sunshine Lions donate $200 scholarships to various schools in Sunshine, Albion, Ardeer and St Albans. We are very grateful to the Lions Club for supporting our school's graduation program over the years. This year, we will be able to award 2x $100 scholarship to two deserving, graduating students.
Once again, we will be supporting the Lions Club by selling their annual Christmas cakes and puddings through the school office.

- Lion's 1kg Christmas Cakes and puddings are $17.
- Lion's 1.5kg Christmas Cakes are $21.

Please support this worthy cause.
The Lions Club will also be selling Christmas trees at Bunnings Sunshine on the first two weekends in December.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS

Class teachers will select one student per week to receive the "Student of the Week" award. The names of these students (first name only) will be published in our newsletter. This week we congratulate the following students:

Prep JB	Prep LN	Prep CO'R	
Week 05: Liam **Week 06:** Emily	**Week 05:** Sunny **Week 06:** Lincoln	**Week 05:** Sally **Week 06:** Andrew	
Year 1 SG	**Year 1 RH**	**Year 1 TP**	
Week 05: Lucy **Week 06:** Dang	**Week 05:** Jakob **Week 06:** Kayden	**Week 05:** Celine **Week 06:** Eiden	
Year 2 JA	**Year 2 MJ**	**Year 2 TN**	
Week 05: Anna **Week 06:** Marcus	**Week 05:** Mysa **Week 06:** Lucia	**Week 05:** Grace **Week 06:** Akuek	
Year 3 AC	**Year 3 AL**	**Year 3 DX**	
Week 05: William **Week 06:** Sophie	**Week 05:** Joanna **Week 04:** Miriam	**Week 05:** Sophie **Week 06:** Stella	
Year 4 JD	**Year 4 ZG**	**Year 4 TL**	
Week 05: Nathan **Week 06:** Sherman	**Week 05:** Dorian **Week 06:** Laura	**Week 05:** Kaitlyn **Week 06:** Leopold	
Year 5 JC	**Year 5 JD**	**Year 5 RH**	**Year 5 JM**
Week 05: Rebel **Week 06:** Delina	**Week 05:** Xin **Week 06:** Ayom	**Week 05:** Cavin **Week 06:** Celina	**Week 05:** Sophie **Week 06:** Tony D
Year 6 AD/MH	**Year 6 KB**	**Year 6 ML**	**Year 6 RMc**
Week 05: Isaac **Week 06:** Rianna	**Week 05:** San **Week 06:** Jennifer	**Week 05:** Bawi Tha (Hnem) **Week 06:** Jasmine	**Week 05:** Celine **Week 06:** Mamith



M Bonnici – Principal

HEADLICE

Please check your children's hair thoroughly and regularly, and treat it if you find any evidence of head lice. We can only eradicate this problem with everyone's co-operation. Getting into the habit of checking and combing as part of your regular routine is the only way to achieve this.
If your child has head lice, please let the school know so that we can take appropriate steps to prevent it from spreading further.
Hair which is shoulder-length or longer should be tied back while at school to help prevent the spread of head lice.





GLENNEN BUILDING – CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS UPDATE

I am pleased to share an update on the progress of the Glennen Building project. Construction continues to progress well, with several key milestones achieved as the building takes shape.

Current Progress

Structural steel installation is now 100% complete, marking an important milestone for the project. Wall framing and roofing works are progressing, while mechanical, electrical and data rough-in works have commenced. The supply and installation of sliding door tracks has also been undertaken, and masonry works continue to progress.

Works Anticipated Over the Next Fortnight

Over the coming fortnight, roofing and wall framing works will continue, alongside ongoing mechanical and electrical rough-in activities. Security rough-in works are scheduled to commence, together with louvre and hydraulic rough-in works. The installation of windows, including subheads and subsills, is also expected to begin, as will the external eaves soffit installation.

Looking Ahead

The project is tracking towards an exciting milestone, with construction anticipated to reach 45% completion by the end of October**.** We look forward to sharing further updates as the Glennen Building continues to take shape and moves closer to becoming a valuable addition to our school community.

Thank you to our school community for your continued support and patience throughout the construction process.











SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

"The School Advisory Council is a living expression of the principle of subsidiarity in action and is informed by the theology and vision articulated in the MACS Statement of Mission and Working Together in Mission charter. In this light, School Advisory Councils play such a crucial role in the governance framework of MACS…"

The parish priest and school principal hold distinctive roles of leadership in their parish and school communities, and therefore it is essential that they work collaboratively to ensure that the relationship between parish and school is central to providing the religious leadership necessary for the success of the mission (Working Together in Mission, p. 1).

Holy Eucharist School's School Advisory Council is currently seeking council members from the school/parish community for 2027. No expertise is required, just a desire to represent and give voice to the school/parish body in advising the principal about important matters particularly related to the school's ongoing desire to provide the best possible education for our children.

If you are a member of the parish and/or have children in the school and wish to be part of the School Advisory Council, we welcome your application in writing to Mr Michael Bonnici (*Principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au*)

Our last meeting for 2026 is on Tuesday 17th November at 7pm.

Mr Michael Bonnici
Principal
principal@hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

Message from Dr Edward Simons

Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools

A special message from Dr Edward Simons
Executive Director, Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS)

As schools communicate their fees for the coming year, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support of Catholic education and to reaffirm our commitment to keeping Catholic schooling accessible and affordable for families.

Thank you for choosing to be part of our Catholic education community of more than 120,000 young people across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Today, one in five Victorian families choose a Catholic education, and in the past year alone almost 2,000 additional students have enrolled in a MACS school. Together, we share a commitment to providing an education grounded in faith, where every child is known, valued and inspired to flourish.

I would also like to acknowledge the significant work undertaken by principals and school leadership teams across MACS as they finalise plans and budgets for the year ahead. Their careful stewardship helps ensure our schools continue to provide outstanding learning opportunities, strong wellbeing support and vibrant faith communities for every student.

Like many families, our schools continue to face rising costs. We know that cost-of-living pressures continue to place strain on household budgets, and we remain committed to keeping school fees as affordable as possible. At the same time, we have a responsibility to attract, support and fairly reward the teachers and staff who make such a profound difference in the lives of our students each day, including maintaining pay parity with their colleagues in government schools.

Across MACS, we continue to review the way we operate, seeking efficiencies and making thoughtful decisions so that resources are directed where they matter most: teaching and learning, student wellbeing and the faith formation of young people.

Thank you for the trust you place in your school and in Catholic education. The continued growth in enrolments across our system is a sign of the confidence families place in Catholic education and the outstanding work of our principals, teachers and staff. As we continue to grow, our focus will remain on responsible stewardship, strong partnerships with families and a shared commitment to excellence. In doing so, we can ensure that Catholic education remains strong, sustainable and accessible, offering thriving communities of faith and learning for generations to come.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

SOCKTOBER DAY 2026

Last Thursday 5th of October we celebrated Socktober to raise awareness and money for the important work of Catholic Mission. The students dressed up for the occasion in some very impressive crazy socks too!

In the afternoon, the Grade 6 leaders ran a prayer service dedicated to the Catholic Mission work in Malawi. This was followed by our Socktober Soccer Competition. Mr Franze nominated a boy and girl from each year level and we had a Junior, Middle and Senior soccer shootout.

Congratulations to our winners who took home a new PARK soccer ball:

- Junior- Ayden 2MJ
- Middle- Maria 4ZG
- Senior- Cavin 5RH

Well done to all students who competed and to all our students who cheered them on!

Thank you to Deacon Faris for being a fantastic goal keeper and to Mr Franze for supporting the students to compete.

It was a great way to come together as a School and Parish community and close out Mission Month.

Clare Christie
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MACS CARE

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Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools

Working together for Child Safety

Child Safe Standard 9

"Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed."

As Catholic educators, we have a moral, mission-driven, and legal responsibility to ensure the safety and wellbeing of every student entrusted to our care.

Our commitment to child safety includes creating and maintaining safe physical spaces and responsible online environments where children can learn, play, and connect with confidence. This means thoughtfully designing school spaces, supervising activities, and using digital technologies in ways that protect children's dignity, privacy, and wellbeing.

By actively identifying and reducing risks in both physical and online settings, our schools foster environments where children feel safe, supported, and able to thrive. Child safety is not only reflected in policies, but in everyday practices, supervision, and decision-making across the school community.

This newsletter series provides an overview of what the Child Safe Standards are, how they help keep children and young people safe, and how schools governed by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) are prioritising and achieving this.

Overview of the Child Safe Standards:

The Victorian Child Safe Standards are a set of 11 minimum requirements that all organisations working with children must adhere to.

These standards are designed to:

- Promote the participation and empowerment of children, young people and their families
- Prevent harm and abuse of children and young people
- Ensure child safety is a shared responsibility
- Support the wellbeing of all children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children with disabilities

These standards apply to all school staff, volunteers, contractors, and anyone working with children in schools.

As Pope Francis reminds us, "Safeguarding minors and vulnerable persons must be a priority for everyone in the Church" (May 5, 2023). Child Safe Standard 9 reflects this call by emphasising that children are safest when the environments around them, both physical and online, are intentionally designed to protect and support them. Grounded in our Catholic mission, this standard invites us to act with care, vigilance, and responsibility, so that every child experiences school as a place of safety, dignity, and belonging.

Why are safe physical and online environments important?

Children spend a significant part of their lives at school and online. When school spaces, and digital platforms, are well designed, appropriately supervised, and used responsibly, risks are reduced and wellbeing is strengthened.

Safe environments help prevent harm before it occurs and ensure children feel secure, respected, and confident to participate fully in learning and relationships. This includes balancing safety with children's rights to privacy, access to information, social connection, and learning opportunities.

Reviewed: June 2026

Why is it important to identify and manage risks?

Proactively identifying and managing risks helps schools respond early to potential concerns and prevent unsafe situations from developing. When risks are recognised and addressed thoughtfully, children are better protected and supported, and families can trust that safety is a priority.

Spotlight on Child Safe Standard 9

"Physical and online environments promote safety and wellbeing while minimising the opportunity for children and young people to be harmed."

Child Safe Standard 9 focuses on how school environments; classrooms, playgrounds, excursions, camps, and digital spaces - are designed, supervised, and used. When schools take a proactive approach to safety in all environments, children feel secure, confident, and supported to learn and grow.

What does this look like?

- **Safe physical spaces:** School buildings, playgrounds and facilities are designed and maintained to reduce risks and promote wellbeing.
- **Appropriate supervision:** Staff actively supervise students during school activities, breaks, excursions and events.
- **Responsible use of technology:** Clear expectations guide the safe and respectful use of online platforms and digital tools.
- **Risk management planning:** Schools identify and manage risks linked to activities, settings and environments.
- **Working with others safely:** When schools engage third-party providers or facilities, child safety is prioritised through clear procurement and safety requirements.

How Parents, Carers and Guardians can get involved:

Child Safe Standard 9 works best when schools, families, and staff work together to ensure children's safety. Families can help by:

- **Talking with your child**: Encourage conversations about school, friendships, and online experiences.
- **Supporting safe online behaviour**: Discuss digital safety, privacy, and respectful online communication at home.
- **Raising concerns early**: Contact the school if you notice anything that may affect your child's safety or wellbeing.
- **Partnering with the school**: Work collaboratively with staff to support safe environments for all children.

Want to know more?

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about how we support child safety, please contact your school directly. More information about the Child Safe Standards is available through the Social Services Regulator

Additional Resources

The e-Safety Commission has a huge amount of resources designed to support and assist parents with issues related to online safety, including Webinars, toolkits, FAQs about social media, Gaming and many more, these can be found here:
e-Safety Commission - Parents Resources

The Australian Government Signals Directorate also provides a significant amount of information and guidance for parents regarding cyber safety; these resources can be found here:
ASD: Protect your Family

Working together for Child Safety

Reviewed: June 2026

HOLY EUCHARIST PRIMARY SCHOOL

20 CHEDGEY DRIVE, ST ALBANS VIC 3021





ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2028

- Celebrate Diversity
- Strong NAPLAN growth
- Specialist programs include: Physical Education, STEM, Performing Arts, Visual Arts and AUSLAN language

8 fully refurbished junior classrooms opening in 2027!

Scan to enrol or book a tour

MORE INFORMATION

Principal: Mr Michael Bonnici

8312 0900

www.hestalbanssth.catholic.edu.au

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Ready to try something new?

Join Scouts

St Albans Scout Group is welcoming new members to unlock adventure and start their Scouting journey!

Our Section meeting nights are
Joeys | ages 5-8 | Thursday 5pm - 6pm
Cubs | ages 8-11 | Thursday 6:30pm - 8pm

We meet at Errington Reserve, Percy Street, St Albans

For more information or to join, scan the QR code
gl.stalbans@scoutsvictoria.com.au

St Albans
Scout Group

1800 SCOUTS
scoutsvictoria.com.au

IMPORTANT DATES – 2026

TERM 4, 2026

Monday 9th November	- The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Monday 9th – 13th November	- Smile Squad Dentist onsite
Wednesday 11th November	- Remembrance Day
Monday 16th November	-Grade 4 – Aust Sports Museum/State Library
	-Pre Prep 9:30am and 11:30am
Tuesday 17th November	-School Advisory Council 7pm (Staffroom)
Wednesday 18th November	- Grade 2 Lunch and Celebration Day
	- Loreto Mandeville Orchestral Performance
Thursday 19th November	- Pre Prep 9:30am
Friday 20th November	- Yr 5 Student Leadership 2027 applications due
Sunday 22nd November	- Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday 23rd November	- Grade 3 – Aust Sports Museum/State Library
	- Grades Prep, 1 & 2: Athletics Carnival onsite
Wednesday 25th November	- Grade 4 Big Day Out
Friday 27th November	- Grade 6 Excursion to CERES
Monday 30th November	-Saint Andrew, Apostle
Tuesday 1st December	-Orientation Day from 2pm – 3pm
Wednesday 2nd December	- Family Picnic at 5pm/School Carols 6:30pm
Monday 7th December	- Grade 6 Graduation Mass at 6:30pm
Tuesday 15th December	- Last Day for Students (2:30pm finish)
Wednesday 16th December	- School Closure– Last day for staff

TERM 1 2027

Tuesday 26th January	- Australia Day
Wednesday 27th January	- Teachers return
Thursday 28th January	- Students in Years 1 – 6 begin
Monday 1st February	- 2027 Preps begin
Wednesday 3rd February	- Preps have no school
Tuesday 9th February	- Family Picnic from 5-7pm (Shrove Tuesday)
Wednesday 10th February	- Ash Wednesday (School Mass Years 1-6 at 12
Wednesday 10th February	- Preps have no school
Wednesday 3rd March.	- Parent/Teacher Conversations Students finish school at 12pm

FREE DENTAL

COMING SOON TO THIS SCHOOL

The Smile Squad will soon visit this school to provide all students with free, high quality dental care.
www.smilesquad.vic.gov.au



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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

At Holy Eucharist School, we are honoured to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land, the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, the first and enduring caretakers of the land in which we work and live.

We pay our respects to the Traditional Elders, both past and present, who have walked this country for countless generations.

We value the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural heritages and recognise the impacts of colonisation and pledge our ongoing commitment to reconciliation.

CAMP AUSTRALIA – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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Child Care Subsidy for eligible families

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

Programs vary by location and are subject to change. Jump on our website to find out what's happening at your local Rocketeers.

*Please note the fees on the following pages are only of the maximum Child Care Subsidy (CCS) a family may be entitled to. To find out your eligibility, simply log into MyGov and complete your CCS Assessment.

FUN AWAITS!
YOUR SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM

ROCKETEERS
Extraordinary Holiday Adventures

Holy Eucharist School

Address: 1A Oleander Drive ST ALBANS VIC 3021

Phone: 0402 390 969 **Program Times:** 07:00 am - 06:00 pm

Wed 16 Dec — Operation: Summer Spectacular

Sunshine, smiles, and summer fun are here! Celebrate the start of an amazing season with games, creativity, laughter, and plenty of unforgettable moments.

Full Fee $91.50 | After Max. CCS* $9.15

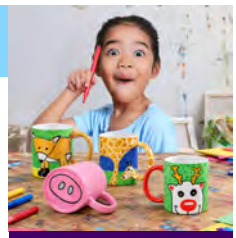


Base Camp Day

Thu 17 Dec — Project: Mug of Memories

Let your creativity pour out! Design a unique porcelain mug with colourful artwork and personal touches that make it truly special.

Full Fee $119.50 | After Max. CCS* $11.95



Project

Fri 18 Dec — Operation: Holiday Hijinks

Sunshine, laughter, and a little mischief are on the agenda! Join the fun as holiday cheer, silly surprises, and unforgettable moments come together.

Full Fee $91.50 | After Max. CCS* $9.15



Base Camp Day

Mon 21 Dec — Operation: Beat Brigade

Turn up the volume and join the band! Clap, stomp, shake, and groove your way through a day filled with rhythm, creativity, and musical fun.

Full Fee $91.50 | After Max. CCS* $9.15



Base Camp Day

Tue 22 Dec — Project: Rocketeers Space Academy

Report for Space Academy training! Build, create, play and explore through astronaut challenges, cosmic games, drama missions and a space-themed immersive art board. Train like a cadet and discover a universe of fun and imagination!

Full Fee $125.50 | After Max. CCS* $12.55



Project

Mon 04 Jan — Operation: Game On!

Ready, set, play! Sprint, jump, and challenge yourself in a day packed with active fun, team spirit, and exciting games from start to finish.

Full Fee $91.50 | After Max. CCS* $9.15



Base Camp Day

Tue 05 Jan — Special Event: Scrumptious Summer at Grill'd

Step behind the counter, unleash your inner chef and craft your very own delicious burger from bun to bite in this hands-on food experience packed with flavour and fun!

Full Fee $146.50 | After Max. CCS* $14.65



Excursion

Wed 06 Jan — Experience Takeover: Heroes & Legends

Choose your destiny! A special guest from Party Higher is bringing wireless headphones, music, dancing, puzzles and epic team missions in an immersive fairy tale adventure.

Full Fee $128.50 | After Max. CCS* $12.85

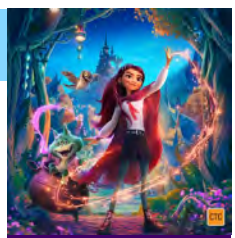


Experience Takeover

Thu 07 Jan — Adventure: Disney's Hexed

Unlock a world of magic in Disney's Hexed, where an impulsive and unconventional teenager named Billie discovers secret magical abilities which, once unleashed, hurtle her from suburbia into Hexe, a vast and spectacular witch realm.

Full Fee $148.30 | After Max. CCS* $14.83

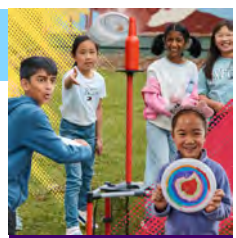


Excursion

Fri 08 Jan — Project: Disc Dash

Aim, throw, and score! Test your disc golf skills, then design your own awesome frisbee to take home and keep the fun flying.

Full Fee $121.50 | After Max. CCS* $12.15



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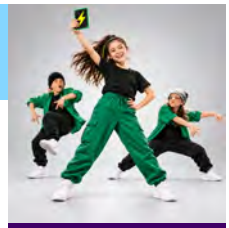
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Mon 11 Jan — Experience Takeover: K-Pop Power Crew Challenge

Form your crew and own the ring! A special guest from Star Time is coming with K-pop-inspired moves, power challenges and team missions as you prepare for an epic Crew Battle.

Full Fee $125.45 | After Max. CCS* $12.55



Experience Takeover

Tue 12 Jan — Adventure: Game On! At Zone Bowling

Roll for strikes, chase high scores and refuel with tasty chips in a fun-packed session filled with friendly competition, arcade excitement and big wins!

Full Fee $149.50 | After Max. CCS* $14.95

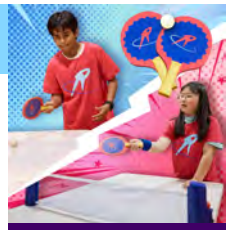


Excursion

Wed 13 Jan — Project: Table Tennis Titans

Serve, spin, and smash your way through exciting table tennis matches, then take home your very own table tennis set to keep the rallies going!

Full Fee $125.78 | After Max. CCS* $12.58



Project

Thu 14 Jan — Adventure: Defy Gravity! At Airborn Air Park

Jump into action at Airborn Air Park and defy gravity as you flip, jump and bounce on their huge range of trampolines!

Full Fee $153.00 | After Max. CCS* $15.30



Excursion

Fri 15 Jan — Operation: Summer Glow

Bright colours, bold ideas, and creative fun await! Step into a world of neon, imagination, and excitement as you make the most of the summer vibes.

Full Fee $91.50 | After Max. CCS* $9.15



Base Camp Day

Mon 18 Jan — Experience Takeover: Pop Art Legends

Shine like an artist! A special guest from Sossy & Canvas is coming to help you create a bold pop art masterpiece using colourful designs and dazzling foil effects.

Full Fee $124.50 | After Max. CCS* $12.45



Experience Takeover

Tue 19 Jan — Adventure: Treasure Tide Quest at Mini Boss

Set sail for an ocean-sized challenge! Explore the Beach Bonanza, tackle the Island Shipwreck and crack the Pirate's Treasure Mystery through teamwork, puzzles and adventure.

Full Fee $154.10 | After Max. CCS* $15.41

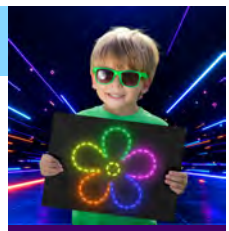


Experience Takeover

Wed 20 Jan — Project: Neon Dreams

Light up your creativity! Design and build your own neon light board, then watch your glowing masterpiece shine bright in a burst of colour.

Full Fee $118.50 | After Max. CCS* $11.85



Project

Thu 21 Jan — Adventure: The Angry Birds 3

Get ready for feathers flying, laughter soaring and plenty of pig-powered chaos as your favourite flock returns for another hilarious mission packed with action, surprises and fun in The Angry Birds Movie 3.

Full Fee $148.30 | After Max. CCS* $14.83



Excursion

Fri 22 Jan — Project: Tastes of Summer

Adventure awaits! Choose your own path through fun games, outdoor adventures, and creative activities. Then settle in for a relaxed picnic day, complete with delicious food made right here in your Base Camp.

Full Fee $119.50 | After Max. CCS* $11.95



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Mon 25 Jan — **Operation: Splash Squad**

Sunshine, splashes, and smiles are calling! Cool off with water-filled fun, take on refreshing challenges, and see who can make the biggest splash.

Full Fee $91.50 | After Max. CCS* $9.15



Base Camp Day

Wed 27 Jan — **Operation: The LEGO® 100 Challenge**

Are you up for the LEGO 100 Challenge? Grab your mates and take on all 100 build challenges. From easy through to the legendary expert builder challenges. Do you have what it takes? Plus, go back to school in style with your brand new LEGO pencil!

Full Fee $96.50 | After Max. CCS* $9.65



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