



St Cecilia's Catholic School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I warmly welcome back our children, staff and parents. I hope you had a safe, enjoyable holiday break and are re-energised for the start of the 2022 school year.

Our primary focus, at the moment, is doing everything we can to keep staff and children safe and healthy so that our school can stay open. While this is not going to be a normal start to the school year, we want to maintain high staffing levels on site as we know that being together in the classroom is the most effective way for children to learn and grow. Your child's relationship with their teacher is important, but as we manage potential disruptions to staffing due to COVID-19, they may get to meet more teachers than usual.

If and when it is needed, we will reinstate our online learning platforms, however, at present, online learning will not be delivered whilst children are currently sick at home or in isolation. Teachers are still setting up the online learning platforms and it would be unmanageable for staff to deliver two modes of learning. Should your child be in isolation for a seven day period, please prioritise letting your child rest and recover and not have to worry about school work if they are unwell. Though if your child is asymptomatic and in isolation, you can access some work via the [Learning packages for parents and carers \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.nsw.gov.au/learning-packages-for-parents-and-carers) from the Department of Education website.

We are being deliberate about taking a conservative approach to the guidelines that we are getting from the NSW Health and CSNSW and erring on the side of caution to mitigate potential risk where possible.

You can help us with this by:

- Remaining offsite, unless absolutely necessary. Should there be a matter of urgency to come into the office for something, you will need to wear a mask and scan in using the COVID QR code. It is preferable you always phone 4353 2922 or email at scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au if you need to get in touch. Teachers can be reached via the school email too.
- Administering your Rapid Antigen Tests Monday and Wednesday morning.
- Notifying the school of a positive RAT or PCR result via email at scw@dbb.catholic.edu.au
- Encouraging your child from grade 3 up to wear a mask indoors, if they wish to.
- Packing a water bottle for your child, as the bubblers will be off, however taps working for refills.
- Physically distancing when around other adults.
- Keeping your child at home if they have ANY COVID symptoms and get them tested.

Afternoon Pick Up Times

2:50pm - Kindergarten with siblings

2:55pm - Year 1 and 2 with siblings

3:00pm - Year 3 & 4 with siblings

3:05pm - Year 5 & 6 with siblings

Some reminders

- **Children with siblings** meet their parents at the **back of the school gate (near hall)**.
- **Children with no siblings at St Cecilia's** meet their parents at the **front gate**.
- We are trying to minimise gathering of parents in large groups. Please avoid coming earlier than your child's collection time. If you arrive early, please remain in your car till your child's pick up time.

Specialist Teacher Classes

Please find attached a schedule of what days each grade has their Specialist teacher classes this term. A reminder to please have your child come dressed in sport uniform on their sport and/or fitness days. On library days children are required to bring back their borrowed books from the week before (if finished) in their school library bag.

CLASS	SPORT	LIBRARY	MUSIC/DANCE DRAMA	JAPANESE
KINDY GOLD <i>Mrs Milne</i>	Thursday	Tuesday		
KINDY BLUE <i>Mrs Cattabriga</i>	Thursday	Tuesday		
ONE GOLD <i>Mrs Jones & Mrs Herd</i>	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday
ONE BLUE <i>Miss McEwan</i>	Thursday	Tuesday		
TWO GOLD <i>Mrs Scott & Mrs Callaghan</i>	Thursday	Thursday	Tuesday	Tuesday
TWO BLUE <i>Mrs Sheppeard</i>	Thursday	Tuesday		
THREE GOLD <i>Mr Murton</i>	Friday	Wednesday		
THREE BLUE <i>Mrs Adcock & Mrs Nash</i>	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Wednesday
FOUR GOLD <i>Mrs Jordan</i>	Sport - Friday Fitness - Wed	Wednesday		
FOUR BLUE <i>Mrs Harrison & Mrs Callaghan</i>	Sport - Friday Fitness - Wed	Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday
FIVE GOLD <i>Mrs Dowling & Mr Madigan</i>	Sport - Friday Fitness - Wed	Wednesday		
FIVE BLUE <i>Mrs Xuereb</i>	Sport (Friday) Fitness (Wed.)	Wednesday		
SIX BLUE <i>Mrs Clancy</i>	Fitness (Tuesday) Sport (Friday)	Tuesday		

Coding Grade 4-6

I am excited to announce that beginning next week, the children in grades 4-6 will engage in weekly, one hour Coding classes run by Sydney Programming School [CODE4FUN](#). The lessons delivered are part of the school curriculum delivered during school hours, with the possibility to occur as an extracurricular activity, in the future, outside of school hours.



Code 4 Fun programs are designed for students from Kindy to Y11: from Beginners and Intermediate through Advanced to Pro. They teach four programming languages: Scratch, Python, Java (using Processing library) and C# using Unity 3D.

Coding will help to enhance children's computational skills, it facilitates creativity and with continuing pervasiveness and importance of technology in our lives, an element of coding skills will be essential in many future careers, which your child may embark on.

I look forward to hearing from the children in how they're enjoying this new learning opportunity at St Cecilia's. Below are a few key facts about [CODE4FUN](#).

Welcome To Our New Flo

I'd like to share with you an introduction from our new Family Liaison Officer, Natasha Harman.

A light blue rectangular card with decorative elements. On the left, there is a cluster of small, colorful dots in shades of orange, red, and brown. On the right, there are stylized, light brown leaf-like shapes. In the center, there is a circular portrait of a woman with glasses and a smile. Below the portrait, the text reads: "My name is Natasha Harman (Tash) and I am the Family Liaison Officer (FLO) at St Cecelia's. Here to help support you with any issues relating to home, family and anything to do with you or your families wellbeing. I am available on Tuesdays and Thursdays for phone calls and face to face visits (restrictions permitting) and I can be contacted for a confidential chat via the school office on 4353 2922."/>

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Here to help support you with any issues relating to home, family and anything to do with you or your families wellbeing.

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For the past six years Tash has worked as the Family Support Worker at the Entrance Public School. She was the founder and CEO of *Safe Hands Family Services* and is a trained facilitator in several evidence-based parenting programs including:

- Circle of Security International Parenting Program
- 123 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parenting Program
- Rock and Water
- Caring Dads Program

Tash enjoys helping families to create safe, happy and healthy connections with their children and helps with issues at home so parents can enjoy the parenting journey and raise happy, well-adjusted children. Please say hi when you see Tash at the school gate on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

We are all excited to be back starting the new school year! It is an exciting time as our children begin or return to their school journey at St Cecilia's.

Please rest assured we are building on our experiences of the past two years and continuing to reflect and review current protocols and practices to help safeguard our school community while keeping our school open. Stay healthy and safe.

Peace and blessings

Marta Chylewska
PRINCIPAL

Canteen News

Dear Parents,

Fresh, fun, healthy and delicious food options that are good value for money with the added convenience of online ordering via Qkr! by Mastercard. That's what we offer here at St Cecilia's Catholic Primary School Canteen.

The canteen is managed by Mrs Catherine Berry and is school run. We rely on volunteers to operate the canteen and look forward to welcoming new families to our community when Covid restrictions ease. The canteen is a great way to be involved in your child's school in a social environment.

We are open for Lunch every Wednesday and Friday (commencing Week 3 this term (Wednesday 9th February 2022). Lunch orders are available online using Qkr! by Mastercard which offers a quick, secure and cashless method to organise your child's lunch. Please see "How to" instructions included in this newsletter.

Unfortunately, recess is not available currently due to Covid restrictions. Please supply recess from home. The lunch menu options are also reduced due to restrictions on parent helpers. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Please note some items have attracted a small price rise of between 5c and 20c due to supplier increased charges for wholesale items.

New Products!

Look out for new menu items like Healthy Nugget Meal and Mexican Meatball Salad Box plus Glee Sparkling Water. Chill J drinks will be discontinued when sold out.

Remember! Cut off time for lunch orders is strictly 8.30am Wednesday and Friday

Looking forward to serving your children this year,

Catherine Berry,
Canteen Manager



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From the REC

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to the 2022 school year! As we begin this exciting new school year we pray for the students and staff at St Cecilia's and for all the families in our school community.



*God of wisdom and might,
We praise you for the wonder of our being, for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin a new school year. Bless them; their families, teachers and staff. Give them strength and grace as their bodies grow; wisdom and knowledge to their minds as they search for understanding; and peace to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

2022 Opening School Mass

Father Raul will be celebrating our special Opening School Mass. During the Mass the school leader commissioning will take place and the blessing of Kindergarten students by their buddies.



*Please join us in prayer via
live streaming at our
Opening School Mass.
This will be celebrated on Wednesday,
the 9th of February, at 10:00am.
A secure link will be sent prior to the
Mass.*

God Bless

Jamie Dowling
Religious Education Coordinator



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Step 2 Register

Select your Country of Residence as 'Australia' and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school

Our school will appear in 'Nearby Locations' if you're within 10kms of the school, or search for our school by name.

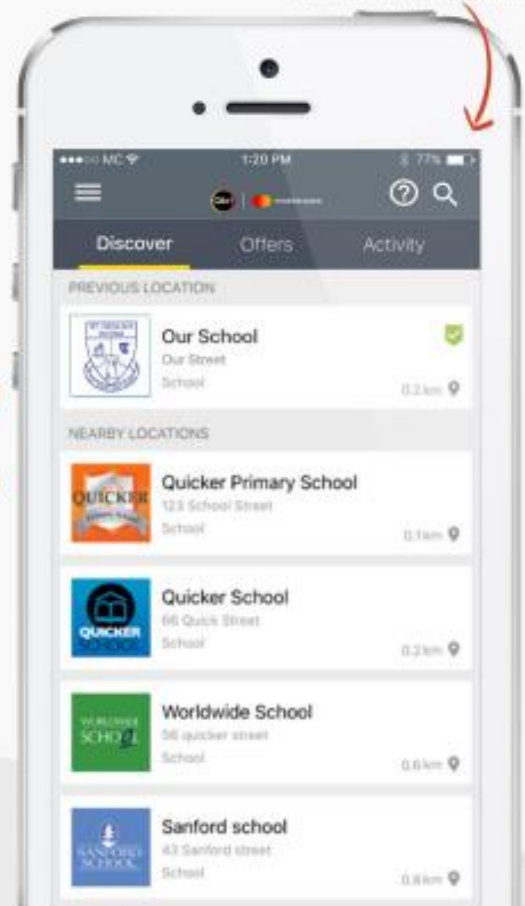
Step 4 Register your children

When first accessing our school you will be prompted to add a student profile for your child. This allows you to make orders and payments for them.

Search for our school name

If you have made a purchase you can select our school from 'Previous Location'

If you're within 10 kms of the school, you can select our school from 'Nearby Locations'





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Add your children's details in Student Profiles

Select
'Add student profile'



Add each
child's details



Manage each
child's details in
Student Profiles



Purchase school items

Select a menu
from our school



Select child
you are
ordering for



Select your items

Tap 'Checkout'
then confirm and pay



Making payments

Add up to 5 cards to your wallet



At checkout select which card to pay with.

Pay with any cards accepted by the school.

Once your payment is approved you can continue to the home page, or view your receipt.