



# St Joseph's School, Chelsea

Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Chelsea 1924-2024

**Sunday 28th July 11-12pm Mass, 12-4pm  
School open for tours, memorabilia  
displayed, food, music etc**

**Term 2, Week 2 Wednesday 24th April**



Dear Families,

Thank you to all for your donations to the RSL when you purchased your Anzac badge yesterday. Tomorrow the dawn service will be held at 6.00am at the Centrepath. At 9.30am the march from the corner of Swanpool Avenue and Station street to the Chelsea Centrepath will commence. Please gather at Swanpool Avenue at 9.00am if you wish to participate.

See the newsletter below for the Mothers Day breakfast flyer. The breakfast will be held on Friday 10th May from 7.30 to 8.30am. An Operoo form will come home over the weekend seeking attendances. Please complete by Friday 2nd May for catering purposes.

We are in the search for the oldest living ex student from St Joseph's Chelsea as part of our preparation for our 100 year Celebration on Sunday 28th July. We currently have Val Hambridge at 91 years old. **The next meeting is Wednesday 29th May at 6.00pm in the staffroom.**

**At the last 100th Anniversary meeting** we discussed lots. We are looking for stories to be shared by past and present students.

Please see the flyer further in the newsletter.

When: Sunday 28th July 2024

Where: St Joseph's Primary School

Time: 11am Mass followed at 12 noon by activities and whole school open 12-4pm.

**School Advisory Council**

We are looking for some parent reps to be part of the important School Advisory Council that supports the school. If you are interested in applying to be on the board please feel free to contact me. A new date for the AGM will be scheduled sometime in June.

Regards

Gavan.

## **Memories from the past and present students....**

We are wanting to create some video snippets from our past and present students. If you would like to create a video of 30 seconds and send it to [events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](mailto:events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au) we will put together a slide show to run throughout the day. If you have any queries please email the school.

Memories from the past – A short 30 second video – favourite teacher, favourite memory, favourite subject, a funny story and the year you attended are just some things to talk about. Please share this information with other past members of our school.

Save the date....



HELP  
CELEBRATE  
ST. JOSEPH'S

100 years

Date: Sunday 28th July

Mass: 11am-12pm

School Open: 12pm-4pm

Join us for a fun day with food, musicians, tours  
and formalities including the inauguration of  
Pauline's Patch!

If you have any school memorabilia we  
could borrow to display on the day  
please email  
[events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](mailto:events@sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)

*Celebrating 100 years of Catholic Education in Chelsea  
1924 - 2024*

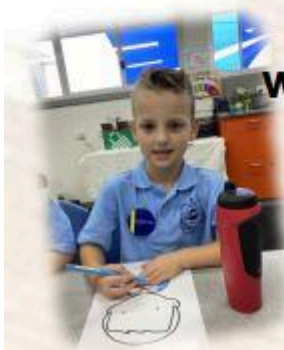
## **Current Families with children commencing Foundation 2025....**

For current families with children starting in Foundation in 2025 please log on to our website and under Enrolments please fill in the online enrolment form. We require this as soon as possible please.

# 2025 Enrolments

## St Joseph's School

*Enrolments at St Joseph's Parish School for children entering Foundation in 2025 are now open.*



**Book a tour online at**  
**[www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au](http://www.sjchelsea.catholic.edu.au)**  
**Or call 8773 1111**

School Tours run for 45 minutes  
Led by our Year 6s  
**Tours are run at**  
**9.30 and 12.30pm**



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**of CATHOLIC EDUCATION**  
**IN CHELSEA**  
**1924-2024**



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**SAFETY**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**RESPECT**



# Our phones are wrecking us!

In all, researchers coded more than 7,000 hours of audio to calculate the amount of screen time children were exposed to as opposed to other electronic noises.

What they found:

Increases in screen time were associated with decreases in measures of parent-child talk. The largest decreases were seen at 36 months, when an additional minute of screen time was associated with a reduction of 6.6 adult words, 4.9 child vocalisations, and 1.1 conversational turns.

Extrapolate this across the day, and we're looking at the average 3-year-old missing out on:

- more than 1,100 adult words,
- more than 840 vocalisations and
- more than 190 conversational turns per day.

Stretch it across a month, and we're up to the loss of 33,000 words, 25,200 vocalisations, and 5,820 conversational turns. And across a year, the numbers are staggering.

Similar studies have looked at kids who are read to versus those who aren't, and we're talking about millions of words per year that the non-reading families' kids are missing out on.

But back to this study:

"We wanted to understand how much screen time children were exposed to during the early years and whether that interfered with the amount of language these kids heard and spoke in their home," Dr. Brushe, lead researcher on the study, said. "We know the amount of talk and interaction children experience is

critical for their early language development; this study highlights that screen time may be getting in the way of that.”

The study missed anything related to parental mobile phone usage, so this is likely an underestimate.

Technoference is real, and it's hammering our kids' development.

Incidentally, a study of Japanese 1-to 3-year-old children published at the end of 2023 showed something similar. Specifically, in this cohort study of 57,980 children, increased television/DVD screen time was negatively associated with developmental scores.

In other words, increased TV/DVD screen times at age 1 and 2 years correlated with lower developmental scores at age 2 and 3 years, respectively.

It's like a seesaw—when one side goes up, the other comes down. So, if you want your little one to be a chatterbox instead of a screen surfer, it looks like laying the groundwork early might just do the trick.

What does this mean in practice?

At the risk of being blunt and offending, parents have got to stop seeing the screen as a pacifier or babysitter. It's just not good for the kids. Period.

We've got to work extra hard to offset the impact of screens by seeking more opportunities to talk with our kids at every opportunity.

Parents have to put their phones down. These unhappiness machines are killing our connections.

The evidence is there. And it carries right up the age-stack, from our toddlers to our teens and on to all of us grown-ups.

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## ST JOSEPH'S KITCHEN GARDEN

We would like to say a big thankyou to all our families who came along to school last Saturday morning and helped out at the working bee. At our working bee many families join alongside the staff in caring for our school. Jobs that were completed included:

- Weeding our sustainable garden
- Turning the soil
- Cleaning drains
- Trimming hedges around the school
- Cleaning up our Woodbine area
- Repairing items around the classrooms and school yard
- And more

We hold a Working Bee each term and we rely on the generous support of our parents and community members. The Working Bees are well attended and purely voluntary providing a great opportunity to foster friendships and a strong sense of our school community. Do not forget you get one of Mr O'Donnell's famous BBQ sausages at the end!

We look forward to seeing you at the next term's working bee!





We would like to say a huge thank you to Peter, Kaye, Georgia and staff from Scotsburn Nursery in Keysborough for donating trays of seedlings for our Sustainable garden! Even through remote learning we are still taking care of our garden. Peter has been a big supporter of our school and we really appreciate his generosity each year. Scotsburn Nurseries supplies Melbourne and Victoria's best independent retail nurseries. They are proud of their long-standing reputation as a producer of quality flowers, vegetables and herbs. Thank you so much Peter and we would love you to come and visit St Joseph's Kitchen garden. [Scotsburn Nursery](#)





## Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and (insert school name) is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 6 September 2024.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

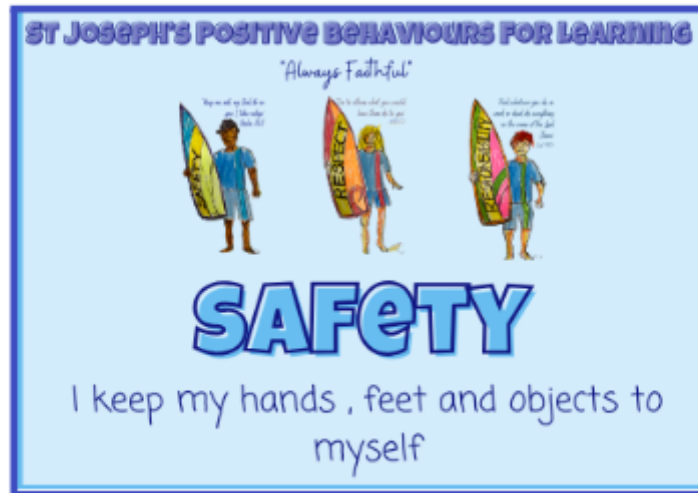
To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>

## Our PBL School Expectations

**SAFETY**

**RESPONSIBILITY**

**RESPECT**



## Positive Behaviours for Learning (PBL)

At St Joseph's, we continue to learn and bring together the whole school to develop a positive, safe and supportive learning culture.

**This week the focus has been on our expectation: "Safety: I keep my hands, feet and objects to myself."**

**WALT:** keep my hands, feet and objects to ourselves

**Success Criteria: I can:**

- use safe hands
- use safe feet
- use objects for their intended purpose
- keep hands and feet to myself
- stay out of other people's personal space (do not be a space invader)
- stop and take a deep breath if I am having big feelings
- walk away

- ask a trusted adult for help
- do not hit or make contact with a person using my hands or another object

### WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- To keep everyone safe
- Students need to demonstrate understanding of personal space
- For students to be able to use their words to express their feelings
- For students to demonstrate respect for their teachers and classmates
- So that students learn to manage emotions, empathy and establish and maintain positive relationships
- To find other ways to handle conflict or big emotions

## LUNCH TIME CLUBS

Do not forget our lunchtime clubs that run throughout the week.

Lunchtime Clubs At St Joseph's		
Day	Activity Prep -Year 6	Where
Monday	Drawing	Discovery Centre
	Choir	Performing Arts Room
Tuesday	LEGO, mindful colouring, card games, reading, drawing	Wellbeing Hub
	Garden/chickens	Sustainable Garden
Wednesday	Reading, Drawing Club, Script writing group	Library
	Garden/chickens	Sustainable Garden
Thursday	LEGO, mindful colouring, card games, reading, drawing	Wellbeing Hub

## PROTECT

Everyone has the right to be safe and be protected from abuse. No one should behave in a way that makes you feel unsafe or afraid, including anyone in your family, anyone at school or anywhere else in the community. Tell a teacher or any adult at your school if you feel unsafe.



It's everyone's responsibility. Adults at school must listen and respond to concerns about child abuse. If you suspect abuse of any child or young person, you have a responsibility to report it, even if you are not sure.

Further information & resources  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/protect](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/protect)



# Child Safety Update - PROTECT

St Joseph's, Chelsea is committed to providing a safe environment for all students and young people and will take active steps to protect them against abuse.

St Joseph's promotes the inherent dignity of children and young people and their fundamental right to be respected and nurtured in a safe school environment. This is particularly so for the most vulnerable children, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and/or linguistically diverse backgrounds, and children with disabilities.

When allegations of abuse concerning children and young people are raised, St Joseph's will take prompt action to have these appropriately referred and investigated. The fundamental issues of understanding effective practices in child safety and identifying and responding to child harm are paramount for our school. We will strive for continual improvement that is responsive to emerging thinking, evidence and practice, so as to eliminate the possibility of abuse occurring in the first place.

Creating a child-safe school environment is a dynamic process that involves active participation and responsibility by the school, our families and our community. It is marked by collaboration, vigilance and proactive approaches across policies, procedures, curriculum, and practices.

Every person involved at St Joseph's has a responsibility to understand the important and specific role they play individually and collectively to ensure that the wellbeing and safety of all children and young people are at the forefront of all we do and every decision we make.

In accordance with requirements of the Victorian Government's Ministerial Order No 1359, St Joseph's, Chelsea maintains a culture of 'no tolerance' to child abuse.

You will find our policies and procedures related to the eleven standards on our website. We welcome and encourage continued discussion and collaboration from our families to support the young people in our care.

## 2024 School Fees

Fee statements are emailed each month to your nominated email address. Payments may be made weekly, fortnightly, monthly or over 3 terms. We accept cash, credit card (office or over phone), Bpay and direct deposit. If you have not received your statement please contact the office. If you have no other payment arrangements in place and have not made a payment this year your account is now overdue. We ask that a minimum of 3 payments are made throughout the year with all fee accounts to be finalised by the end of Term 3. If you wish to set up a payment arrangement please download the direct debit (cheque or savings account) or credit authority form (see the links below) and submit to the office.

### **Camps, Sports and Excursions Funding**

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

If you meet the above criteria please contact the school office for the application form. Applications close June 2024.

### **St Joseph's Concessional Fee Policy**

Please read the new Concessional fact sheet information for those families who qualify and meet the criteria. It offers significant savings to families.

Concessional School Fees are available to any family that meets the below eligibility criteria:

- of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage
- holding an HCC (Dept of Health Concession Card) and eligible for CSEF (The card must be issued in the name of the fee payer and list the students for whom the concession is to be applied).
- experiencing severe financial hardship
- holding a DVA Gold Card (Dept of Veterans Affairs Health Card)
- identified as refugees and holding an ImmiCard is strongly encouraged to apply for concessional school fees.

To see St Joseph's School Fees Concession policy please click on the link below.

Students of eligible families are entitled to concessional school fees.

The school fees for eligible students are:

- 1 child: \$15 per child per week, direct debit (\$780 per annum or \$195 per term)
- 2 children: \$23 for the family per week, direct debit (\$1196 per annum, or \$299 per term)
- 3+ children: \$30 for the family per week. direct debit (\$1560 per annum, or \$390 per term)

If your family meets the criteria please click on the application form below and return the completed form to the school office.



# Before and After School Program

<https://www.kingston.vic.gov.au/services/families-and-children/before-and-after-school-care>

St Joseph's OSHC 2023

Name of Program: St Joseph's Catholic Primary School OSHC

If you wish your child to attend please book a place on 9581 4867. The sessions start from 6.45am and conclude at 6.00pm. Entry will be from Woodbine Grove gate each morning and afternoon.

The only children allowed onsite before 8.30am will be those booked into Before School Care.

*To enrol please click on the link above.*

Contact Our School hours Care for further information:

W: [kingston.vic.gov.au/beforeandafterschoolprogram](http://kingston.vic.gov.au/beforeandafterschoolprogram)

E: [beforeandafterschoolprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au](mailto:beforeandafterschoolprogram@kingston.vic.gov.au)

Ph: 9581 4867



## Canteen 2024

Please click on the download button for the Canteen lunch order price list for this year. The canteen will commence next Thursday 8th February.

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## School Uniform Price Update

Please see a new pricelist, effective 01 November 2023.

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## 2024 Fee Schedule

Please click on the link for the 2024 Fee Schedule

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## St Joseph's Concessional Fee Policy

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## Credit card authority form

Credit card authority form is for the payment of school fees. Please fill in and return to the school office if you wish for us to make the payment arrangement on your behalf

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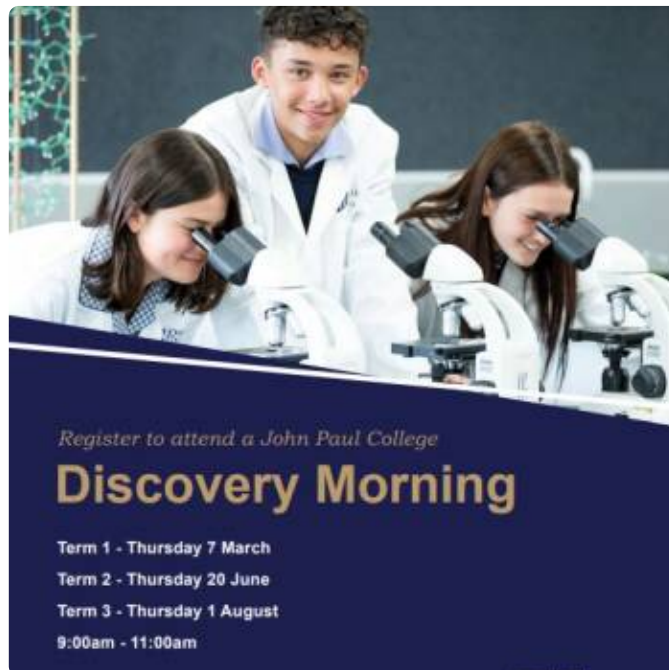


## Direct debit form

Direct debit form is for the electronic transfer of funds from your cheque or savings account for the payment of school fees

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## Community News



## 2024 Term Dates

Red indicates a change from last week

**2024**

**TERM 2:**

**Week 2**

Thur 25th Apr Anzac Day ceremony. Gather at corner Swanpool Avenue and Station Street from 9am for 9.30am march

Fri 26th Apr School Closure

### **Week 3**

Thur 2nd May 6.30pm Eucharist meeting-Parent and child (1st Communion Fri 31st May or Sat 1st June)

Fri 3rd May Yr 5/6 Sport vs Chelsea, 2.30pm assembly Yr 3/4 presenting

Sat 4th May Eucharist Mass 6pm

Sun 5th May Eucharist Mass 9 & 11am (11am Yr 3/4 Family Mass)

### **Week 4**

Thur 9th May Mothers Day stall

Fri 10th May Mother's Day Breakfast 7.30-8.30am, District Cross Country, No assembly

Sun 12th May Mothers Day

### **2024 TERM DATES**

**Term 1 - Tues 30th January - Thur 28th March**

**Term 2 - Mon 15th April - Fri 28th June**

**Term 3 - Mon 15th July - Fri 20th September**

**Term 4 - Mon 7th October - Tues 17th December**