



Salvado
Catholic College
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Pre-Kindergarten Parent Information



2021

WELCOME TO PRE-KINDERGARTEN @ SALVADO CATHOLIC COLLEGE

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to all students and families to the community of Salvado Catholic College in 2021. We look forward to an enjoyable year as we work in collaboration with you to facilitate and support your child's learning journey and provide them with the opportunity to learn, grow and flourish within our safe and nurturing environment.

OUR VISION

Our vision for Salvado Catholic College is to promote a welcoming Catholic community where students come to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

We strive to promote excellence and develop confident, creative and successful learners who are active and informed citizens in the world in which we live.

We nourish the learning journey of each individual child in a safe environment to help them reach their full potential as engaged learners, developing the skills to work collaboratively and be life long learners.

At Salvado Catholic College we show respect for ourselves and respect for others.

We relate to others in a compassionate way and promote peace and justice in all that we say and do each day.

COLLEGE PRAYER

God, our Father

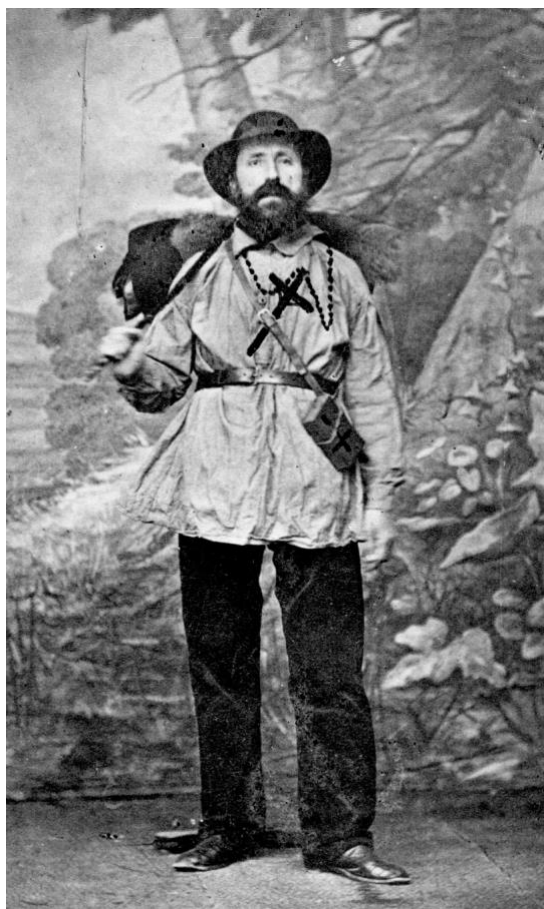
We thank you for the life of Bishop Salvado the missionary.
As a teacher, explorer, author, musician, farmer and builder,
he is an inspiration to all.

May we use our talents to enrich the lives of others.

Teach us to respect all cultures as he did.

Help us to care for our land,
live in peace, act justly and show compassion in all that we say and do.

Amen



PRE-KINDERGARTEN STAFF

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH LIFE

As children participate in early years learning at Salvado Catholic College, they will experience a growing sense of belonging and community. In Pre-Kindergarten, Religious Education aims to help the children know of God's great love and presence. An environment is created in which 'God Talk' is a natural part of everyday. The children listen to Bible stories, sing songs, participate in prayers and reflections as they develop their relationship with God and wonder about the world around them. Children are also led to develop a growing awareness of and relationship with Jesus Christ.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Pre-Kindergarten program, is based on the Early Years Learning Framework (EYLF) which provides educators with a framework to assist them in providing opportunities for young children to maximise their potential and develop a foundation for future learning success.

The Early Years Learning Framework has five main outcomes:

1. Children have a strong sense of identity.
2. Children are connected with and contribute to their world.
3. Children have a strong sense of wellbeing.
4. Children are confident and involved learners.
5. Children are effective communicators.

Pre-Kindergarten at Salvado Catholic College is play-based and student-centred. We recognise that it is through play that young children learn in a social context. Play opportunities based around the children's interests, provide the children with opportunities to explore, discover, imagine and engage in purposeful and meaningful experiences whilst interacting with their peers. Educators make use of spontaneous 'teachable moments' to scaffold children's learning, knowing that children are competent and capable learners.

Embedded into our learning experiences is Nature Play. Central to this is our belief that Nature Play allows children to:

- Test their physical and emotional boundaries by engaging in riskful learning within a safe and secure environment
- Bring nature into the classroom and make links between the natural world and their learning
- Develop a sense of wonder and awe about the natural world around them

Pre-Kindergarten Grey attend Salvado Catholic College on Thursdays.

Doors open at 8:55am

Please wait outside the black gate until we invite you in. Please quickly settle your child and then leave through the black pool gate.

Pick up is at 2:45pm

Please ensure that you arrive promptly at 2:45pm to limit distress for your child. In the event of a delay please call the College Administration on 9526 4500.

If someone other than the parent/carer is picking your child up at the end of the day, please notify us as we will not release your child to an unauthorised person without written or verbal permission from their parent/carer.

Please note:

We ask that you are vigilant in ensuring that children (including siblings) refrain from playing on the equipment both before and after school. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

What to Bring Each Day

- **A HEALTHY MORNING TEA** – e.g. fruit (please cut grapes in half/quarters vertically), vegetable sticks, fruit muffins, crackers, cheese etc.. Please do not send chocolates, chips or lollies – these are to be a treat at home.
- **A HEALTHY SUBSTANTIAL LUNCH** – e.g. sandwich, wrap, quiche etc. We do check the children's lunchboxes before they are dismissed to play and we do encourage them to eat the majority of their food. Please provide your child with healthy foods they like to eat so we can avoid children getting upset or going hungry.
- Please ensure both morning tea and lunch are packed in a lunchbox which can easily be opened by your child and an 'Ice Brick' is advised to ensure food stays fresh.
- Please limit 'packaging' in lunchboxes. We will be introducing the children to all things 'ENVIRONMENTAL' this year and we hope we have your support in making a difference to our College community.

Please note: Whole nuts, nut spreads and nut bars are not permitted as these contain potential allergens for some children.

- **A change of underwear/clothes** in case of a toileting or water/messy play accident.
- **A wide-brimmed hat** labelled with your child's name. This will be left at the College.
- A clearly labelled **drink bottle** containing only water.
- **A small cushion (20cmx20cm or smaller)** for quiet time. This will be left at the College.
- If your child has an allergy to **sunscreen**, please supply your own which can be left at the College otherwise we have sunscreen in the Learning Space which will be applied to your child.

ATTENDANCE

We encourage all children to attend Pre-Kindergarten regularly. Please notify the College Administration on 9526 4500, by 9:00am, if your child is going to be absent for any reason.

COMMUNICATION

We will be using the Seesaw App to share photos and videos as well as information about what's happening in our Learning Space. Further information regarding downloading and passwords will be given to you in the first few weeks of Term One.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We encourage parents/carers to communicate with staff as any issue is best discussed sooner rather than later, however, it may be hard to catch us before school. As you can appreciate it is very hectic in the mornings and we want to give you our full attention. If you need to give us a simple message, a written note would be helpful. Any information you think may affect your child at Pre-Kindergarten is very important to us, so please do not hesitate to tell us immediately of any concerns. If you would like to meet with the teacher in regard to an issue which may be more involved, please make an appointment either in person, via email or via the College Administration.

PARENTS/CARER INVOLVEMENT

Parent/Carer involvement in the Learning Space is always appreciated. There will be opportunities for parents/carers to provide support in a variety of ways throughout the year pending ongoing restrictions. Further information regarding parent/carer involvement in Pre-Kindergarten will be shared in due course.

PERSONAL TOYS

Personal toys are not to be brought to Pre-Kindergarten as loss or accidental damage and sharing amongst other children can be upsetting for everyone.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT PLAN

In an Early Childhood setting, we encourage and support the children as they learn to self-regulate. This means we are explicit in our expectations of their behaviour and we encourage them to be responsible for their choices and actions. Through our program, we assist the children in developing strategies to recognise and verbalise their feelings and emotions and help them to express them in appropriate ways.

TOILETING

Toileting accidents may occur from time to time. Please talk to your child about going to the toilet and explain that the staff are there to help. If an accident occurs, your child will be changed discreetly and wet clothes will be put in a bag for you to wash at the end of the day.

If your child is not yet completely toilet trained, we ask that they wear 'Pull-Ups' as this makes toilet training easier and encourages independence. Also, should wipes and nappy bags be required, parents/carers are to supply these items and they can be left at the College.

USEFUL ITEMS

Pre-Kindergarten is a very busy place and the children are always making and creating. At times, we will request certain loose parts and household items such as cardboard boxes, gladwrap rolls and plastic containers to come into school. We will let you know when we require these. Please note that for hygiene reasons we are unable to accept cardboard toilet rolls.

WHAT TO WEAR

Children should come dressed in comfortable, casual clothes that enable them to participate fully in both indoor and outdoor activities with relative ease and safety. Clothes should also enable children to use the bathroom independently throughout the day. Please ensure your child wears shoes they can easily manage such as slip-ons or those with Velcro Straps.

