

MEET THE TEAM

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LEARNING ADJUSTMENTS TEAM

The Learning Adjustment Coaches in the Middle Community for 2026 are Alex Doran (Tues-Thurs), Suzie Grosz (Mon-Wed) and Rachel Callea (Tues, Wed, Fri)

We will work closely with class teachers to support students with their social, emotional and academic learning needs.



Just a reminder Program Support Group (PSG) meetings will generally be held for students on a Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) during weeks 8 & 9 of each term for relevant families to review student goals and progress. If your child requires a PSG meeting for the term, you will be sent a booking invite via 'School Interviews'

ALLIED HEALTH @ STELLA

This year the Learning Adjustments Coaches will continue to be working in consultation with Nathan and Bahar in their roles as Psychologist and Speech Pathologist. Their expert knowledge will support us to make adjustments so that our students continue to flourish. If you wish to enquire about how our Allied Health staff can support your family, please contact your Community Learning Adjustment Coach.



Nathan Missen
PSYCHOLOGIST



Bahar Yildirim
**SPEECH
PATHOLOGIST**

MEET THE COACH

My name is Leah Seychell and I am the Middle Community coach for 2026 once again. I've been a teacher at Stella Maris for nine years across the Senior and Middle communities. I hope that we can journey together through your child's education in the Middle Community. If you would like to volunteer, make time to talk about your child or to simply give some feedback; please don't hesitate to email or dojo me.



DOJO

If you haven't already, please sign up for Class Dojo as we find it a really effective communication tool between teachers and parents here in the Middle Community. Your child's teacher will be more than happy to help with setting this up if required.

This year there will be also be a Middle Community page on Dojo. This is where whole community reminders will be posted.



HATS

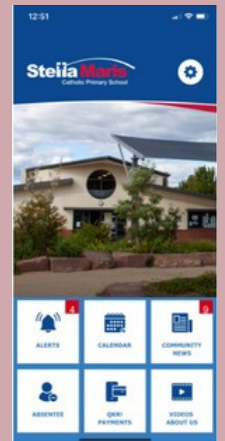


It's Term 1, which means we need to wear hats during play time. Please help your child remember to bring their hat everyday. If your child has lost their hat or needs to purchase a new one, this can be done at the front office.

'STELLA MARIS SCHOOL APP

For all calendar events, don't forget to download the new school app.

Username: stellamaris
Password: Reimagine!



'SMART WATCHES



A reminder that SMART Watches are allowed at school but students must comply with our Stella Maris Catholic Primary School Technology Acceptable User Agreement. SMART Watches **MUST** be on '**school mode**'. See video below on how to enable school mode for these devices.

Any contact you need to make with your child during school hours must be made via the school office.

[Video: How to enable School Mode?](#)

'BRAIN FOOD

Brain food is encouraged each day during the morning block. Students will not have a planned break, but are able to eat it at any time in the morning. We ask that you pack either fruit or vegetables in a separate container so that the students aren't bringing their whole lunch box to their tables.



HEADPHONES

A reminder to please label headphones. Students will need to use headphones throughout each term as part of many different learning opportunities. Year 3's will also require headphones for NAPLAN.



GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Each class has an active Google Classroom which will be used throughout the year to support students learning at school and at home. This can be easily accessed through each student's account.



Google Classroom

PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEW STUDENTS AND FAMILIES TO STELLA MARIS:

Parandapalli Karthic Family

Freeman Family

Deshapriya Family

Peri Family

Lawuharja Family

Ratemo Family

Ma Family

Doo Family

Escober Family

Bhoraniya Family

Rajdev Family

LEARNING PORTFOLIOS

Each fortnight, students will be adding to their learning portfolios. These can be easily accessed through each student's account. Our Stella Maris Learning Portfolios document significant learning achievements throughout the year. It is intended to be a 'snapshot' of students' growth and development. Over time, the snapshots give a picture of the journey each student has made in their learning.

Questions you might ask:

- What did you learn?
- What did you enjoy learning the most?
- What was challenging to you?
- How did you overcome a challenge?

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICES

(BYOD)

We offer a BYOD program. This is where students can use their own devices within certain lessons to help with their learning. It also gives more access to school owned devices for those who do not have their own. You can sign up your child with their device on the BYOD form. Please ask your child's class teacher for a copy. Devices should be clearly labelled with your child's name and should come to school charged and ready for use.



GENERAL INFORMATION

School Rules

- Follow Instructions
- Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself
- Speak Appropriately
- Listen to the speaker
- Move Safely
- Take care of all property

Lost Property

A clothes rack is placed within the community. Please check it if you notice your child has misplaced any items. To ensure hats, jumpers, drink bottles, lunch boxes are returned to their rightful owner, please label all items clearly.

Gospel Values

These are the Gospel Values that guide us and link to our Catholic Identity at Stella Maris

Commitment

Empathy

Enthusiasm

Creativity

Cooperation

integrity

Respect

Independence

8:50am Prayer Begins

The school day begins with prayer at 8:50am every morning and is an important part of our morning routine. Therefore, it is essential that children be at school on time ready to participate in prayer each day.

HOME LEARNING

The purpose of Home Learning at Stella Maris is:

- To instill a positive approach and attitude to home learning.
- To encourage 'real life' application of Home Learning through the involvement of family and every day events.
- To assist student learning and the establishment of good Home Learning patterns
- To provide opportunities for students to develop Self Directed Learning skills of:
 - Self managing,
 - Self monitoring and
 - Self modifying
- To increase parent awareness and encourage family based opportunities for participation in the social, emotional, physical, academic and spiritual development of their child

We encourage your child to be reading approximately 20 minutes each day. Epic is the resource we have at Stella Maris that the students are able to access for reading each day. We also encourage students to be reading their class novel at home.

Essential Assessment is a resource we have at Stella Maris. Students can access it at home to work on their maths and english skills. This program allows students to access My Numeracy and My Literacy activities that develop their skills at their current point of need.

The School Code for their Essential Assessment login is: VIC637004

Students' logins and passwords are the same as their school logins and passwords.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM @ STELLA MARIS


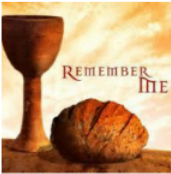

Sacraments are an important part of our Catholic Faith and tradition. We value the partnership between Parish, home and school in developing your child's spirituality as they continue their journey of faith that began at Baptism. If your child is baptised Catholic (or in the process of being baptised) they have the opportunity to receive one of three sacraments according to their year level as part of their sacramental journey.

Confirm that you want your child to receive their sacrament this year by completing this Google Form: Expression of Interest

If you have further questions, please email Nella Garrasi (Discovery & Encounter Coach) ngarrasi@stellamaris.catholic.edu.au

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Sacrament	Year Level	Dates
<p>Sacramental Parent Night - parent night only and part of the sacramental program preparation</p> <p>Provides families with the opportunity to support their children in developing an understanding of our Catholic Identity and an understanding of the purpose of sacraments in today's context. How can we live sacramentally, understanding God, Jesus and prayer? Sam O'Dwyer will present the information evening</p> <p>Each year, there is a different focus, presenter and presentation</p>	Year 3, 4 & 6 parents attend (not child)	<p>Two dates - option to attend one</p> <p>Monday 16th March - Sacramental Parent Evening @ Stella Maris Mass Centre 7 pm - 8 pm</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Tuesday 24th March - Sacramental Parent Evening @ Queen of Peace Church 7 pm - 8 pm</p>
<p>Sacrament of Reconciliation</p> <p>Reconciliation teaches the importance of forgiveness and a process for healing. Builds relationship with self, God and others.</p> 	Year 3	Term 4 - Friday 23rd October 10 am @ Stella Maris (Hall) Mass Centre - parents invited
<p>Sacrament of Eucharist</p> <p>Eucharist is the sacrament that completes the process of initiation by receiving Holy Communion (bread and wine). The Eucharist is at the heart of our faith. Students are encouraged to live 'sacramentally' through the Eucharist, and it is the most powerful way we encounter the real presence of Jesus Christ in our lives.</p> 	Year 4	Term 2 - Sunday 31st May t - 9 am or 11 am @ Stella Maris (Hall) Mass Centre
<p>Sacrament of Confirmation</p> <p>Confirmation is an invitation for students to renew their baptismal promises, which were first made by their parents and godparents at their baptism. Students select a Saint name and a sponsor, who is a role model they connect with.</p> 	Year 6	Term 3 - 21st August - 6 pm @ Emmanuel College Hall

NAPLAN

In March, students nationwide, in Years 3 will complete four tests covering Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Numeracy between 11th-16th of March 2026.

Parents are encouraged to reassure their children through calm conversation and simple advice, including:

- These are not pass or fail tests
- Be positive
- Challenge yourself to do your best
- There is nothing new to study. Tests are based on the curriculum expectations
- Keep normal routines - eat, exercise, socialise and sleep well

It is important to understand that NAPLAN is only a snapshot assessment of one day in one year of your child's ongoing education.

While NAPLAN aims to measure educational outcomes and create data for parents, school and government policy makers, there are many other important attributes that standardised tests cannot assess. It can not measure a student's engagement with a deep concept, that ability to collaborate, communicate constructively and generate solutions let alone real-world attributes or Gospel Values, Leadership, Respect and Kindness.

Year 3 students have been, and will be, experiencing different types of questions that they will be expected to answer during NAPLAN.

We ask that, where possible, Year 3 students attend school on these days. If you have any concerns about your child sitting for these tests please speak to your child's classroom teacher or one of the learning adjustment coaches.

INFORM AND EMPOWER

Parent info from Inform & Empower – Raising Kids in a Digital World Webinar

Parent webinar session 19th February 2026 7:30pm.
Here is the link for parents to register for the webinar :
bit.ly/19febwebinar

You are to register with an email address and name. You will then be emailed a link to the webinar. You will receive reminder emails. The following day, you will receive a link to access the replay. Therefore, we recommend that even if you are unable to attend the live webinar, you register to ensure you can access the replay which will be available for 30 days.

Parent seminar/webinar:
<https://vimeo.com/1034366431?share=copy#t=0>

RAISING KIDS IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Cyber Safety Webinar for Parents & Carers

Presented by Martin McGauran, primary school teacher and eSafety educator and Carley McGauran, psychologist and mum.

Social Media	Online gaming	Explicit/adult content	Artificial Intelligence
Cyberbullying	Managing devices	Impacts of screen time	Strengthening family communication

Stella Maris Catholic Primary School Thursday 19 February
7.30 - 9.00 pm

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