



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT – November 18th

Parent Contributions for 2022

Our parent contributions for 2022 have been approved by school council. Details of the Prep to year 6 Curriculum Contributions and Excursions and Visiting Groups Payments have been posted on our website. We are changing the payment process and we will not be accepting payments for 2022 until January next year. Further information will be sent out at a later date.

Enrolments

We continue to receive enrolments of siblings for prep next year. If you are yet to enrol a younger sibling, please do so tomorrow, as we must know numbers when planning for classes in 2022. Enrolment forms can be found [here](#).

State Primary and Secondary Schools

Last year, and again this year, we have lost many students to private schools, not just at the end of Year 6, but since the pandemic, often at the end of Year 4. It is quite usual to find that those students are frequently some of our highest performing students; it is rare that private schools take students who are struggling academically.

Since those students who have been offered positions at private schools arrived at Birralelee in prep, our teaching and learning practices, together with our high expectations on students and teachers, has enabled these students to do extremely well academically. Disappointingly, we will no longer have their high performance reflected in our year 5 & 6 results, but the private schools will.

I am sure most parents will have read about Victoria's standing academically compared to the other states and territories. Victoria has held the top spot as the highest-performing jurisdiction on seven out of ten measures in the primary school years. Our Year 3 and Year 5 numeracy results were the highest in the country. When we investigate the Victorian results, the highest performing government jurisdictions are Manningham, Monash and Boroondara. This means our students are in the highest performing schools in the country!

Birralelee, once again, has performed at an extremely high level, as it has for many years – outperforming many elite private schools (at a fraction of the cost).

I am a fiercely proud proponent of the Victorian state education system. I am proud that the *Education Act of 1872* made Victoria the first Australian colony (and one of the first jurisdictions in the world) to offer free, secular, and compulsory education to its children.

I am equally proud that our state education system does not discriminate against anyone: we take all students, regardless of academic ability, whether or not there is social disadvantage, whether rich or poor, regardless of race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity etc. Our students work, learn, and play with others from across a broad section of society, not just a select group. It is my belief that this assists them to understand different backgrounds, customs, and beliefs; helps them to develop empathy for others who may not be as fortunate; fosters the development of compassion and understanding. Their surroundings, teachers and classmates reflect society.

I often have parents ask me about which secondary school to send their child. I always answer, “Why would you not send your child to one of our local state secondary colleges, when the teaching, learning and opportunities are such high standard?” The state secondary colleges in our vicinity are exceptionally good and offer top quality teaching and learning, reflected in student achievement in NAPLAN and VCE results. Remember, these schools are in the top-ranking government jurisdictions in Victoria, which is in itself, the top ranked state or territory in Australia.

There are many, many students from our local state secondary colleges each year who finish with ATAR scores in the high 90s – this proves that opportunity, teaching, and learning is alive and well in these government schools. Why not choose one of our marvellous state secondary colleges for your child in Year 7?

Traffic – New Restrictions and Signs.

There are new traffic signs and restrictions in place in the streets around the school. Please pay special attention to the signage, as the restrictions in area in which you normally park may have changed. Manningham Council is trying to improve the flow of traffic as well as making a safer environment for our students.

Although the speed limit is permanently 40km per hour in Heyington Avenue, there are times in the morning and afternoon with many students and parents present on the roads and footpaths, when even this speed is too fast.

When a car travels past at 40km per hour it is almost impossible to stop quickly enough to avoid an open door or, heaven forbid, a child darting across the road – and children do make mistakes such as this.

Please don't drive-in, or back-in to driveways across a footpath, or make U-turns at drop off and pick up times – they are dangerous practices around children. Drive ahead and go around the block.

Please travel slowly at drop off and pick up times. Our children are a community responsibility – we need to take care of them together.

Ashley Ryan,
Principal

Quote of the Week

“Your children need your presence more than your presents.” Jesse Jackson

“Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago.” Warren Buffett

“Children have never been very good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.”

James Baldwin

Word of the Week

Restaurateur (noun): a person who owns and manages a restaurant.

Note: When William the Conqueror defeated King Harold in 1066, becoming King William I of England, French became the official language of the English court for about 300 years from 1066 till 1362. Many French words became part of the English language. The word restaurateur is simply French for a person who owns or runs a restaurant. Because English speakers are so familiar with the word restaurant, some people assume that the ‘eur’ is a suffix tacked onto restaurant.

... It didn't take very long for misguided English speakers to start sneaking an n into the word restaurateur once it entered the English lexicon, but the correct spelling and pronunciation is restaurateur.

CSEF Applications 2022

If you have a current healthcare card and are eligible for CSEF (Camp, Sports and Excursion Funding) please complete the form and submit to the office. The form and eligibility criteria can be found [here](#).

Calendar

November

Friday 19th	Grade 4 Excursion
Monday 22nd	Prep Athletic Day
Thursday 25th—Fri 26th	Grade 3 on site Camp Days
Thursday 25th	Prep 2022 Transition
	Grade 2 Athletics Day
Friday 26th	Grade 6 Activity Fit
	Grade 2 Excursion
Monday 29th	Grade 2 Excursion
Tuesday 30th	Fun Day

December

Wednesday 1st	Prep 100 Day Celebration
Thursday 2nd—Friday 3rd	Grade 4 on site Camp Days
Thursday 2nd	Prep 2022 Transition
Friday 3rd	Grade 6 Excursion
Tuesday 7th	Year 7 Orientation Day/ Whole School Transition Day
Friday 10th	Grade 6 Transition Night
Monday 13th	School Council Meeting (6:30pm)
	Grade 6 Excursion
Tuesday 14th	Whole School Transition Day 2
Thurs 16th—Fri 17th	Grade 6 Camp
Friday 17th	End of Term 4 (1:30pm dismissal)

2022

January

Friday 28th	All staff return for start of Term 1
Monday 31st	Students return for start of Term 1

April

Friday 8th	End of Term 1 (2:30pm dismissal)
Tuesday 26th	Start of Term 2

June

Friday 24th	End of Term 2 (2:30pm dismissal)
Monday 11th	Start of Term 3

Extracurricular Activities

We have various tutors and organisations who provide private tuition and programs before, during or after school. New programs are advertised via flyers or in the community news section of the newsletter. Enrolment forms are available at the office or directly from the program organiser.

Name	Program	Contact
Lala Music	Music lessons and band for grade 3 - 6	Olivia 0419 131 868 lalamusic2@yahoo.com.au
Jill Scholfield	Piano	Jill 0401 972 664
Violin Program	Violin	Trent 0413 207 689 trentbunston@gmail.com
Guitar Stars	Guitar	Gerome 0433 994 112 guitarstars@outlook.com
Chess-ed	Chess	Nick Speck 9387 4503 info@chesseducation.com.au www.chesseducation.com.au
Bricks 4 kidz	Coding using Lego bricks	Derick Chong 0402 945 599 hychong@bricks4kidz.com
Digimaker	Computer Coding Club	info@digimaker.com.au http://www.digimaker.com.au
Kelly Sports	Multi-Sports & Basketball	Gary Hoskin gary@kellysports.com.au kellysports.com.au/events
Slamin Tennis	Tennis	0403 129 648 Vicky https://slamin.com.au/
Sporty Stars	Dance, Soccer, Basketball	0422 043 853 info@sportystars.com.au
Team Kids	Out of school hours care	1300 035 000 https://teamkids.com.au/

Choir

- **Junior Choir** (Prep—Grade 2) meet in the music room at lunch time on Thursday
- **Senior Choir** (Grade 3—6) meet at lunch time on Monday

2nd Hand Uniforms

Contact Ida on 0402 091 010 to arrange an appointment.

Canteen

Lunch orders are available Wednesday to Friday. Orders can be placed in advance and need to be in by 9:00am for same day processing. To place an order download the Qkr! App. [Click here for instructions on how to download and use Qkr!](#)

Community News

We are fundraising with
 **Entertainment**

Support us, purchase
an Entertainment
Membership &

Get a BONUS

\$40

or

\$20

eGift Card*

SUPPORT US & BUY NOW



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[here](#)

Savvy savings for longer!

PLUS get ONE extra month
Membership FREE* & go into the
draw to WIN incredible prizes!*

**EXTRA
MONTH
+ WIN!**

The savvy way to give!

Buy today and 20% of the
purchase goes directly to
our fundraising cause.

SUPPORT US & BUY NOW

The savvy way to win!

Join today and go into the draw for a chance to WIN!



**Win a 3-night Quantum
of the Seas Cruise**

Win a 3 night Royal Caribbean cruise for
2 people. Sail in a balcony cabin onboard
Quantum of the Seas. Valued at AUD \$1,559.

Win 3 nights at a TFE hotel

2 x 3 night certificates to give away, includes
Adina Apartment Hotels, Vibe Hotels,
Travelodge Hotels and Rendezvous Hotels.



WIN a \$200 dining Voucher!

The chance to win a weekly \$200
dining voucher for your favourite
Entertainment venue.

PLUS, bonus offer!

Laithwaites Wine People

You'll receive \$50 off sitewide with free
delivery when you order 12 or more bottles*
from Laithwaites Wine People. T&C apply.

